

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## The Week Ahead & Information

<b>Today</b>	Fr David is covering at St Matthew's, Burnley, this morning 3.30 Evening Prayer (BCP) <i>at St Thomas'</i>
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	9am Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 Thomas' Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i> 10am Eucharist <i>at St James'</i> 12pm Eat & Meet Lunch <i>at St James'</i> 7pm PCC Meeting <i>at St James'</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	1-3 Halo Food Pantry training <i>at Haslingden Community Link</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10am Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
<b>Friday</b>	2pm Band rehearsal for Ecumenical event <i>at St James'</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	2pm 'Love Actually' ecumenical event <i>at Haslingden Community Link</i>

### Next Sunday – 28th January – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

8am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
9.15	Parish Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
10.45	Parish Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>
4.30	Evensong <i>at St Ambrose, Grindleton</i>

### Thank you!

Big thanks to everyone who was able to support St Thomas' Epiphany Lunch last weekend - to all who prepared, served, cleared away, donated and attended, helping to raise funds for the window repair project. Totals to follow!

Bishop Philip has written to all churches this week to say *thank you* to all who support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal which raised £30,000 to help Bishop Joseph Aba and the people of his diocese of Liwolo.

### Farwell Fairtrade (stall)

A huge thank you to Hazel and all who have support St Thomas' Fairtrade stall for many years. After today it will be no more as a result of increased costs and wider availability of products elsewhere. Please visit the stall today and see what's left to buy.

## **Halo Food Pantry**

Training was postponed due to bad weather but is re-scheduled for this coming Wednesday. Please turn up on if you've volunteered for training and helping, at the Community Link.

## **'Love actually', ecumenical event** *Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 2-4pm*

Please remember to come along to the Haslingden Community Link next Saturday. There'll be interaction, conversation, refreshments, singing, prayer, worship and exploration about what it means for us to live in love rather than difference. EVERYONE is invited!

## **Evensong** *next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 4.30pm*

The Blackburn Branch of the Prayer Book Society are sharing Evensong at St Ambrose, Grindleton and we're invited to join them too. Followed by refreshments.

## **Candlemass**

St Peter's church is holding a special service on Friday 2nd February, 7pm, to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, more commonly known as *Candlemass*. We're all invited, with the rest of the Deanery, to attend.

## **Thomas' Tots Coffee & Cake** *Saturday 10th February 10.30am- 12.30pm*

Cakes, preserves, knitted items, cards, pre-loved, toys, books, and clothes for sale. Raffle. Children's craft activities. Adults £3 children free. All welcome! Contributions for the stalls and raffle appreciated. Please speak to Lin Cutforth.

## **Weekly Prayer List for the sick**

Our current prayer list for the sick ends today. If you would like someone to be included, or re-included, please use a slip at the back of church and hand it to one of the clergy.

## **Fundraising**

St James' group will meet on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February after church, somewhere for lunch – details to follow – to talk and plan.

St Thomas' group will meet after the Eucharist on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at church.

## Lent Groups

Ash Wednesday is on 14<sup>th</sup> February this year and our Lent Group will begin on the following Tuesday evening at 7pm at St James' for 5 sessions as well as a daytime course. We will be following the diocesan course on Exodus which Bishop Philip has put together. Watch out for more details over the next couple of weeks.

## Recycling at St Thomas'

Please continue to deposit used printer cartridges and blister packs from tablets and pills at the back of church.

## Volunteer Time *One big last push! Please help if you can!*

- St James' – Parish Safeguarding Officer – to work with clergy and PCC to help ensure we keep everyone safe. Role descriptor at the back of church.
- St James' – leaders for Monday Tea, Toast & Tots to help ensure people are welcomed and safe at our drop-in event each week in turn time, working on a rota
- St Thomas' – Refectory –someone to prepare a *dish of the day* once or twice a month. All ingredients provided! **ONE MORE PERSON NEEDED!**

## Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

***Please also let us know when someone is unwell or goes in to hospital.***

### **For your prayers** *please see note above about renewing this list*

For the sick: Charley, Lizzie, Rachael, Quentin, John, Frances, Emma, Steven, Neil, Sophie, Sarah, Lindsay, Cynthia, Jean, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Edna, Brian, Emma, Mother Mo, Fr Croft

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*

*Please note that the funeral service for Kathleen Billington RIP will be at St Thomas' at 11am on Friday 2nd February.*