

# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passiontide begins*

**Welcome** to everyone in church today and to those joining us on online for our services. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Hall. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of church before the service begins or use the QR code on each pew or use the card machine.

### Hymns

	St Thomas	St James
<b>Processional</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Before the Gospel</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>393</b>
<b>During Communion</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>55</b>

### The Week Ahead & Information

<b>Today</b>	12.30	Joint Wardens' Meeting <i>at St James'</i>
	3.30	Evening Prayer <i>at St Thomas'</i>
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	9am	Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
<b>Monday</b>	8.45	Tea, Toast & Tots <i>at St James'</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30	Thomas' Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i>
	10am	Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>
	7pm	Lent Course <i>at St James'</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	2pm	Lent Course <i>at 438 Holcombe Road</i>
	7pm	St James' Standing Committee
	7pm	Choir Practise <i>at St James'</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	11am	Standing Committee <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	11-1	Refectory Café open <i>at St Thomas'</i>
<b>Friday</b>	11am	Memorial Service for the late Sylvia Tiffany <i>at St Thomas'</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	10-1	Spring Coffee Morning <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i>

## **Next Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

- 8am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
- 9am Blessing of palms & procession *at Millennium Stone, Broadway*
- 9.15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
- 10.45 Blessing of palms & procession *at Salem St car park*  
followed by Parish Eucharist *at St James'*
- 2pm Interment of ashes *at St Thomas'*

## **Thank you**

Thanks to all who were able to support our successful Quiz Evening and Messy Church – especially planners, preparers, and putter-awayers.

Thanks also to volunteers who put up several nesting boxes at St Thomas' churchyard last week and to those who recently installed our greenhouse in the Hall grounds.

## **Palm Sunday Passion**

If you would like to read a part in the dramatic Gospel on Palm Sunday, please sign up at the back of church and take the appropriate reading. Don't forget to bring it back on Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Holy Week & Easter**

Please take on fliers with details of special services. If you can display a poster for others to see, please take on of those too. Bishop Philip is with us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. **Please** make it a priority to come to church, especially on these days!

## **Easter Flowers - donations welcomed!**

Please see Liz Smart (St Thomas') & Marjorie Charnley (St James').

## **From Fr Simon**

In the light of Father David's recent announcement, I have been asked by a number of people to confirm what my position will be during the vacancy. You might remember that I was appointed in April 2023 and that my licence expires in April 2025. That licence remains in the absence of Father David. In order to assist the smooth running of the parishes, Bishop Philip has indicated that once Fr David leaves I am to be established as "Curate in Charge". This will enable me to exercise leadership whilst the appointment process for a new incumbent is ongoing.

## **Spring Cleaning Day at St James', Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30-12.30**

We'd appreciate your help giving the church building a good going over. Come for an hour, or for longer. All help appreciated. Jobs for all ability levels!

**Thomas' Tots volunteer vacancy** each Tuesday morning in term time, for 45 minutes. Role includes being a welcomer, collecting money, checking children are registered with us, please take a role descriptor from the back of St Thomas' today. Have a word with Fr David or Lin Cutforth for more information.

## **St Thomas' Tower & Spire Project Survey**

If you haven't yet completed our survey, please have a go. It takes about 3 minutes and is very straightforward. 90 responses so far. You can find it on our Facebook page, website and by scanning the QR code here.



## **Fr David's departure**

Fr David's last Sunday in our parishes will be Sunday 7th April. There will be a joint service at 10am at St James'. Fr David's licensing date at Boston will be Monday 29th April at 7pm. It's a long way but anyone who'd like to attend would be **very** welcome. (Apparently 'The White Hart' in Boston is now fully booked with northerners!)

## **Eco Church update at St Thomas'**

The Eco Church display in the Church Hall has been updated with a focus on *nature*. Have a look at coffee time!

## **Mens' Sheds**

Rossendale men's shed are looking for people who would love to help out at a social group at Jubilee Court. They are also on the lookout for a retired joiner to join our shed team. Please contact Andy at the Haslingden Community Link, 07517 118526 for more information

## **Recycling at St Thomas'**

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

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

Please contact one of the clergy to include a name on the weekly prayer list.

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

## **For your prayers**

Sarah, Charley, Rachel, Quentin, John, Mother Mo, Sophie, Jean, Lizzie, Frances, Margaret, Adrienne, Kathleen, Vivienne, Alicia, Arnold, Edna, Sylvia.

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.*

*The funeral for Jean Papworth will take place on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12.30pm at St Thomas'*