

The Week Ahead & Information

Today	12.30	Joint Wardens' Meeting at <i>St James'</i>
	3.30	Evening Prayer at <i>St Thomas'</i>
Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on <i>St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
Monday	8.45	Tea, Toast & Tots at <i>St James'</i>
Tuesday	9.30	Thomas' Tots at <i>St Thomas' Hall</i>
	10am	Eucharist at <i>St James'</i>
	7pm	Lent Course at <i>St James'</i>
Wednesday	2pm	Lent Course at <i>438 Holcombe Road</i>
	7pm	St James' Standing Committee
	7pm	Choir Practise at <i>St James'</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
	11am	Standing Committee at <i>St Thomas'</i>
	11-1	Refectory Café open at <i>St Thomas'</i>
Friday	11am	Memorial Service for the late Sylvia Tiffany at <i>St Thomas'</i>
Saturday	10-1	Spring Coffee Morning at <i>St Thomas' Hall</i>
Next Sunday – 24th March – Palm Sunday		
	8am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
	9am	Blessing of palms & procession at <i>Millennium Stone, Broadway</i>
	9.15	Parish Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
	10.45	Blessing of palms & procession at <i>Salem St car park</i> followed by Parish Eucharist at <i>St James'</i>
	2pm	Interment of ashes at <i>St Thomas'</i>

Thank you

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

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, 24th 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 25th 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 2nd April at 12.30pm at St Thomas'*