

**PARISH OF HUDDERSFIELD
ALL SAINTS AND ST THOMAS**

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 4 July 2010

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

THE MASS



The gathering

**Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer,
see the wounds in hand and side,
now behold the risen Saviour
who for thee hath bled and died,
and from death's dark pit arising,
lives in body glorified.**

**Here behold the love victorious,
over death triumphant now,
see the feet where nails were driven,
and thy faith in him avow:
for he lives, the world's redeemer,
unto whom all knees shall bow.**

**Thomas looked upon the master:
Was it then indeed the Lord?
Were those wounds no phantom tokens?
Did the sight with truth accord?
Scarce believing, joy unbounded,
leapt to greet the Saviour's word.**

**Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:
'O my Master, Lord and God.'
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour
who the path of suffering trod,
and, to ransom souls unnumbered,
broke in pieces Satan's rod.**

**Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,
faith within thy heart has stirred;
Blessed more those faithful servants,
trusting in the Saviour's word,
who though vision is denied them,
still believe, and own him Lord.**

**Grant, O Father, that among them
we thy servants may be known,
and the ground be ever fruitful
where the seed of faith was sown,
till at length in heaven's glory,
faith and vision are but one.**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

The Mass is introduced and we are invited to confess our sins.

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.

**Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God Lamb of God.

**Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy, mercy on us, **have mercy, mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right of the Father,
receive our prayer, **receive our prayer,**

**Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One: **Glory to God.**

You alone are the Lord: **Glory to God.**

You alone are most High: **Glory to God.**

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

Amen, amen. **Amen, amen.**

Amen, amen. **Amen, amen.**

Amen, amen. **Amen, amen.**

Amen, amen. **Amen, amen.**

The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
(2.1-4)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The response to the psalm:

**Go out to the whole world,
proclaim the Good News.**

A reading from St Paul to the Ephesians
(2. 19-22)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**When Thomas afterwards had heard
that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted if it were the Lord.**

**'Thomas, behold my side,' saith he,
'my hands, my feet, my body see;
and doubt not but believe in me.'**

**No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.**

**Blessed are they that have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
in life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
(20.24-29)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The homily

The Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended in to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Welcome all ye noble saints of old,
as now before your very eyes unfold
the wonders all so long ago foretold.
*God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.***

**Elders, martyrs, all are falling down,
prophets, patriarchs are gathering round;
what angels longed to see, now man has found.**

**Who is this who spreads the victory feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, risen Saviour, Prince of peace.**

**Beggars, lame and harlots also here;
repentant publicans are drawing near;
wayward sons come home without a fear.**

**Worship in the presence of the Lord
with joyful songs, and hearts in one accord,
and let our host at table be adored.**

**When at last this earth shall pass away,
when Jesus and his bride are one to stay,
the feast of love is just begun that day.**

Pray brethren, that my sacrifice
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his church.**

The prayer over the gifts

The eucharistic prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest continues the preface.

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
blessed is the one who comes to us in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Risen Jesus, risen Jesus,
by your dying you destroyed our death, O Jesus.
And we lift our hands before you
as we wait for your return,
risen Jesus, risen Jesus.**



Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

**Amen, amen, alleluia!
Amen, amen, alleluia!
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Amen, amen, alleluia!**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God,
bearer of our sins;

Jesus, Saviour:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
through this bread and wine we share
may we be your sign of peace everywhere.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
bearer of our pain;

Jesus, healer:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
broken as our bread,
here among us:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
poured out as our wine,
shared in gladness:

This is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those who receive Holy Communion receive communion now.
Others may wish to come forward for a blessing.*

**We walk by faith, and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.**

**We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
yet in his presence we rejoice,
and cry, 'my Lord and God.'**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found.**

**That when our life and faith is done
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light!

***Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness,***

Christ, be our light!

***Shine in your church
gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

**Longing for hope, many despair,
your word alone has power to save us.**

Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry;

longing for water, many still thirst.

**Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless;

longing for warmth, many are cold.

**Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

**Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Silent prayer

The prayer after communion

Sit for the notices

The dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

At St Thomas's, no collections are taken in church during services. If you missed the basket on your way in, you will find another basket on the way out! If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete the white gift aid envelope. This increases the value of your offering by 25% as the church is able to reclaim the income tax you have paid on your donation.

St Thomas's Day Appeal

By the time that you read this it is hoped that you will have already made your gift as part of this appeal. If you have not then please do so as soon as you are able. If you use a Gift Aid envelope with the letters **STDA**, your gift will be accounted for in the right way.

Statistics

At the end of June we are able to take a look at our attendance figures for the first six months of the year. We actually use the numbers receiving communion as the basis for comparison between years as actual attendance can fluctuate quite significantly.

Our figures for 2010 show a total of 2920 or an average of 112 per week. This is a very slight reduction on last year's figure of 2946. When we remember that this period includes much of the harshest winter weather for many years we can be quite confident that the figures are good news.

The figure is also 8.4% higher than the average for the last twenty five years. Over this period of time church attendance has declined in most Christian denominations and has certainly declined in the Church of England. The figure is actually the eighth highest figure in that period of twenty five years.

Another snapshot we take is the numbers from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. This figure shows a 4% rise over the figure for 2009.

Whilst we can take encouragement from these figures we must not be complacent. Looking back over twenty five years shows how easily and quickly numbers can fall away. We must continue to pray that God will continue to bless his church in this place and to be ready to respond positively to the demands made on us as disciples of Jesus.

PCC meeting

The PCC meeting scheduled for 19 July has been brought forward to 6 July. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Readings for next Sunday

Deuteronomy	30. 10-14
Colossians	1. 15-20
Luke	10. 25-37

<i>Dates for your diary</i>		
Friday 6 August	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Mass at 18.30
Sunday 15 August	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	Mass at 10.30

NOTICES

Sunday 4 July

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
PATRONAL FESTIVAL
APPEAL DAY**

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS followed by barbecue	10.30
ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY	14.00
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

Monday 5 July

S Anthony Mary Zaccaria

Morning Prayer	08.30
<i>KRAFT</i>	10.00 – 16.00
<i>AA</i>	12.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Tuesday 6 July

S Maria Goretti

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS	12.15
Evening Prayer	18.15
<i>AA</i>	19.30

Wednesday 7 July

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Huddersfield Peoples Choir</i>	19.00

Thursday 8 July

Morning Prayer	08.30
<i>KRAFT</i>	10.00-16.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Djembeat</i>	19.00

Friday 9 July

S Augustine Zhao Rong

Morning Prayer	08.30
<i>AA</i>	12.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Saturday 10 July

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 11 July

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

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