

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your
name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the
same; through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12–14; 2.18–23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
I, the Teacher, when king over
Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind
to seek and to search out by
wisdom all that is done under
heaven; it is an unhappy business
that God has given to human beings
to be busy with. I saw all the deeds
that are done under the sun; and
see, all is vanity and a chasing after
wind. I hated all my toil in which I
had toiled under the sun, seeing
that I must leave it to those who
come after me —and who knows
whether they will be wise or
foolish? Yet they will be master of
all for which I toiled and used my
wisdom under the sun. This also is
vanity. So I turned and gave my
heart up to despair concerning all
the toil of my labours under the
sun, because sometimes one who
has toiled with wisdom and
knowledge and skill must leave all
to be enjoyed by another who did
not toil for it. This also is vanity
and a great evil. What do mortals
get from all the toil and strain with
which they toil under the sun? For
all their days are full of pain, and
their work is a vexation; even at
night their minds do not rest. This
also is vanity.

PSALM Psalm 49.1–12

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all
you that dwell in the world, You of
low or high degree, both rich and
poor together. My mouth shall

speak of wisdom and my heart shall
meditate on understanding. **R**
I will incline my ear to a parable; I
will unfold my riddle with the lyre.
Why should I fear in evil
days, when the malice of my foes
surrounds me, such as trust in their
goods and glory in the abundance
of their riches? **R**

For no one can indeed ransom
another or pay to God the price of
deliverance. To ransom a soul is
too costly; there is no price one
could pay for it. **R**

So that they might live for ever, and
never see the grave. For we see
that the wise die also; with the
foolish and ignorant they perish and
leave their riches to others. **R**

Their tomb is their home
forever their dwelling through all
generations, though they call their
lands after their own names. Those
who have honour, but lack
understanding, are like the beasts
that perish. **R**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with
Christ, seek the things that are
above, where Christ is, seated at
the right hand of God. Set your
minds on things that are above, not
on things that are on earth, for you
have died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God. When Christ
who is your life is revealed, then
you also will be revealed with him
in glory. Put to death, therefore,
whatever in you is earthly:
fornication, impurity, passion, evil
desire, and greed (which is
idolatry). On account of these the
wrath of God is coming on those
who are disobedient. These are the
ways you also once followed, when
you were living that life. But now
you must get rid of all such
things—anger, wrath, malice,
slander, and abusive language from
your mouth. Do not lie to one
another, seeing that you have

stripped off the old self with its
practices and have clothed
yourselves with the new self, which
is being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of its
creator. In that renewal there is no
longer Greek and Jew, circumcised
and uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave and free; but Christ
is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him,
'Teacher, tell my brother to divide
the family inheritance with me.' But
he said to him, 'Friend, who set me
to be a judge or arbitrator over
you?' And he said to them, 'Take
care! Be on your guard against all
kinds of greed; for one's life does
not consist in the abundance of
possessions.' Then he told them a
parable: 'The land of a rich man
produced abundantly. And he
thought to himself, "What should I
do, for I have no place to store my
crops?" Then he said, "I will do
this: I will pull down my barns and
build larger ones, and there I will
store all my grain and my goods.
And I will say to my soul, Soul, you
have ample goods laid up for many
years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."
But God said to him, "You fool!
This very night your life is being
demanded of you. And the things
you have prepared, whose will they
be?" So it is with those who store
up treasures for themselves but are
not rich towards God.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true
vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world
may live: may we so receive within
ourselves the power of his death
and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be
made perfect in his love; for he is
alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THE PARISH OF STANNINGLEY
ST THOMAS' AND CHRIST THE SAVIOUR

Welcome to all who worship with us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Josephine Briggs, Terry Briggs, Lesley Duckworth, Clair Knox, Pat Shore, Joe Murphy.

Please pray for ...

Lillie Davison and Louie Joseph Middleton who are to be baptised on Sun 31st July.

Years Mind: We name in our hearts anyone known to us whose anniversary of death falls around this time. Especially we remember Jeffery Lewis and Doris Sandles, Margaret Green and Sheila Clark.

Coffee Morning at St Thomas' Hall

The next coffee morning at St Thomas' will be on Saturday 24th September.

Race afternoon at St Thomas'

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful way to fundraise on Saturday – great fun!

Chat And Craft (Wednesdays)

Please note that Chat and Craft which is run by Joan will be taking place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month but is not taking place in August.

'The Chosen'

We are showing the excellent video series - 'The Chosen' –on the life of Jesus and his followers. Our next gathering is on Wednesday 5th September.

Mother's Union Tea – Thank You!

Blanche Newton would like to thank everyone who supported the tea on Tuesday this last week - £232.20 was made from this event.

Friends of St Thomas'

Please consider joining the Friends of St Thomas' so that you can have your say about the way our local heritage is protected. Please pick up a leaflet in church or come along to a meeting in St Thomas' church at 7.30pm on 4th August.

Rector: Revd Richard Coutts –t 07736 180461

Churchwardens:

Beryl Green and Betty Butcher (St Thomas')
Diane Seary and Frank Willetts (Christ the Saviour)

HYMNS FOR TODAY

St Thomas'

6 All creatures of our God and King
67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
84 Breathe on me, Breath of God
45 As the deer pants for the water
54 At the name of Jesus

Christ the Saviour

21 All people that on earth do dwell
474 Now thank we all our God
509 O Lord all the world
659 There's a quiet understanding
20 All over the world

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 31th JULY

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

09.30 am Eucharist and Parade Service at St Thomas'
11.15 am Eucharist at Christ the Saviour

TUESDAY 2nd August

Please note that there are no Mothers Union or Tuesday group meetings in August

WEDNESDAY 3rd

10.00 am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

SUNDAY 7th August

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

09.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
11.15 am Eucharist at Christ the Saviour

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.