

Diocesan Generosity Week 2021

A new diocesan wide event which allows us the opportunity to spend eight days collectively focusing on nurturing and encouraging generosity. The dates have been chosen to coincide with National Generosity Week which also takes place between Sunday 26 September to Sunday 3 October 2021.

The Diocese of York's Generosity Week gives us the chance to explore how we live out our refreshed diocesan vision, values and priorities. As we think about the new 'transforming' strand of our diocesan strategy (Living Christ's Story), being generous with God's transforming gifts is key on our journey of that transformation, as we seek to put mission at the centre of all that we do. In this Diocese of York Generosity Week, may we give time and space to inspire, encourage and celebrate how generous giving enables mission and ministry to flourish, deepen our understanding of God's generosity towards us, and explore how we can live more generously in our daily lives.

To read more about Generosity week take a look at the website: [Diocese of York / News & events / News](https://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news)



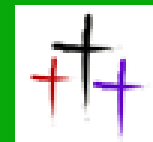
15th Sunday after Trinity Reflection

The Sunday Reflection this week is from The Rev Christian Selvaratnam, Director of Church Planting, St Hild College. **Find the video here at:**

vimeo.com/dioceseofyork.

St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton

Sunday 12th
September
2021



Church Diary and Events – September

SUNDAY 12th THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10am Holy Communion

4pm **Evening Worship at St James's**

Monday 13th

10am to 4pm Derwent Deanery Quiet Day at Thicket Priory—see back page for details.

7pm PCC meets - St Thomas's. Please remember the work of the PCC in your prayers.

Thursday 16th Coffee Drop In at St Thomas's from 10-12noon

SUNDAY 19th THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10am Holy Communion.

YCCN Relay Pilgrimage to COP26 – York Residency

Monday 20th 5.30pm Evening Prayer to welcome YCCN pilgrims in York Minster.

Tuesday 21st 7pm Friargate Theatre—A Passion for the Earth by Riding Lights.

Wednesday 22nd 6pm - Friargate Theatre Care for the Earth - a screening of the theatre production Baked Alaska* followed by 7pm - Sunset Vigil for life on Earth. Limited availability. More info

<https://ridinglights.org/fo-the-earth>

Thursday 23rd 1.30pm - online, hosted by University of York in partnership with Christian Aid - Panel discussion on the climate crisis with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and young people. Register to attend at: bit.ly/3APjnSa

Friday 24th (also Global Day of Climate Action) 12-4pm - York City Centre Origami boats & message-writing to MPs .

SUNDAY 25th THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10am Holy Communion.

Thursday 30th Coffee Drop In at St Thomas's from 10-12noon.

Collect and Readings for the 15th Sunday of Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. Amen.

St James 3: 1—12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

You may like to look at the other readings set for today:

Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7.26 - 8.1

St Mark 8: 27—38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**