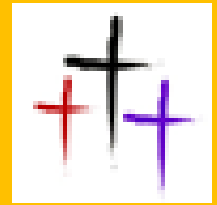


St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton

Sunday
8th May
2022



Church Diary and Events

May

SUNDAY 8th THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Worship at St James's

SUNDAY 15th THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Thursday 19th 10-12noon Coffee Drop In at St Thomas's

Saturday 21st 12.30pm Fundraising lunch at St James's

SUNDAY 22nd THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 29th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Holy Communion

Tuesday 31st 2pm Parish Fellowship in St Thomas's

Other readings for this Sunday:

Psalm 23
Revelation 7: 9-17

Readings for next Sunday 8th May 2022

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35



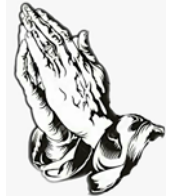
A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Sunday Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. This week The Revd Nick Morgan, Vicar of the Bramham Benefice reflects on John 10: 22-30 For the reflection this week please go to:

vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

God who is both good shepherd and almighty Creator,
God who is Father,
God who is Spirit and Christ,
Three in one,
I bring myself to meet with you in worship this day.
Show me how to walk in your way. **Amen.**



Lord, you are the good shepherd,
Caring for your flock with an abundance of love.
Today, I thank you for your tenderness;
For providing rest when needed,
Strength when called upon,
Resilience when pressed,
Compassion when moved,
Constant companionship whilst I navigate life,
Encouragement when disappointments arrive,
Direction when I stumble,
Hope when I despair,
Joy after grief,
Forgiveness and redemption.
You are the good shepherd,
Bringing your flock to safety.
Bringing me into relationship with you.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of our lives.
I press on with the hope of eternity with you.
Amen.

Prayer for the Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
Amen.

Collect and Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect (Prayer for the week)

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 9: 36—43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 10: 22—30

The time came for the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

All readings are taken from Bible Gateway NRSV

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Situations Vacant

After many years as editor of the Parish Link, Julie Wainwright will be hanging up her editor's visor from December 2022. We are therefore looking for a new editor, hopefully to work alongside Julie until the end of the year and then take the over from January 2023. If you are interested, please have a word with Julie or one of the Church Wardens

Confirmation If you are interested in offering yourself for Confirmation, please have a word with Julie Wainwright or Jack Booth. The Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday 19th June 2022 at 10am in St Thomas's Church.