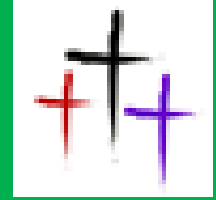


St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton

Sunday
19th
November
2023



All are
Welcome



Church Diary and Events

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2nd BEFORE ADVENT

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's.

Wednesday 22nd November

09.30 Baby and Toddler Group.

Thursday 23rd November

10am Coffee Drop-in

2pm Choir Practice.

7.30pm Autumn Reflections

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's.

Sunday Reflection Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. This week the Ven Dr Amanda Bloor, Archdeacon of Cleveland, reflects on Matthew 25.14-30 for the Second Sunday before Advent, 19th November.

For the reflection please go to:

vimeo.com/dioceseforyork



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DailyHOPE
A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Prayers and Prayer Pointers for the Week Ahead

Monday 20th November

God of love,
Show me something of the mystery of your
love for me this day, I pray.
Help me to learn more of you and your de-
signs for me and my life. Amen.



Tuesday 21st November

Why not spend some time in silent meditation today?
You could set an alarm – perhaps for 10-15 minutes, and
then finding somewhere comfortable, where you can sit and
empty your mind. If it helps, you could use the Headspace
app or website, or a similar service, to help
you focus on the meditation and get used to the idea of
sitting in silence for a length of time.
Is this a practice you could include in your daily spiritual
life?

Wednesday 22nd November

If you can, go on a prayer walk. Or ask someone to help
you make a journey around your neighbourhood – just the
few houses near you would be fine, or go on a longer
trip if you'd like to take in a whole estate or community. As
you travel past each house, pray for the people who live
there – just in your mind, or under your breath. Hold their
situations, whether you know them or not, in your heart.

Thursday 23rd November

As you travel through this day, look out for Christmas lights
and pray that people might experience something of the
light of Christ in their lives this day and over this
season.

Friday 24th November

God is everywhere, if only you could be still enough to
notice.
Today, your challenge is to notice.
Look for God in the sunrise, the birdsong, the taste of
pizza, the comfort of your sofa, the embrace of a loved one,
a text message that makes you smile...whatever it is.
Notice.

Saturday 25th November

Find a piece of music or music style that you find relaxing
or which helps invite you into a prayerful space.
Spend as long as you can just sitting, still, and listening. Let
the music wash over you, and listen for the still small voice
in the calm... **Amen.**

Pray each day

God of grace, Spirit of hope, Christ who transforms us –
send me out with your courage, your love, your peace into
a community and a world in need.

Collect and Readings 2nd before Advent

Collect (Prayer for the week)

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear
in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All readings are from Bible Gateway NRSV

1 Thessalonians 5. 1—11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:14—30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour
Amen.

Readings for next Sunday (2 before Advent) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 : Matthew 25:31-46

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