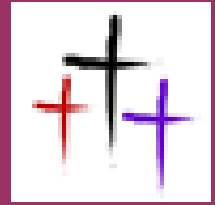


St Thomas Osbaldwick with St James Murton

Sunday
3rd
December
2023



All are
Welcome



Church Diary and Events

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER ADVENT SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's
10am Café Church

Monday 4th December

10am Church and Churchyard Cleaning
7pm Parochial Church Council at St Thomas's

Wednesday 6th December

09.30 Baby and Toddler Group.

Thursday 7th December

10am Coffee Drop-in
2pm Choir Practice.
7.00pm Autumn Reflections

Saturday 9th December

10.30am Baby and Toddler Group Christmas Party at St Thomas's—with special guest.

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER ADVENT 2

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's
4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Sunday Reflection Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. This week the Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean of York, reflects on Mark 13.24-37 for the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December. For the reflection please go to:

vimeo.com/dioceseforyork

Prayers

Today we begin the Advent journey of preparation and waiting,

Of anticipation and surprise,

Of encounter and transformation.

Come into this space. Immanuel God.

Light of the world, - This Advent season comes as an annual reminder that you are not a God of distance, of high heavens and of power.

Rather, you are a God of presence, of earthly-ordinariness and of poverty. - Prince of peace, In a world of much injustice, fighting, disaster and pain, bring your Christmas light. **Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

Lord Jesus, during this season of anticipation, I pause for a moment to remember those who are suffering and in need. To pray for the hungry, the homeless, and the marginalised. May I, as your hands and feet, reach out to offer comfort, sustenance, and hope to those who need it most.

Gracious God, I ask for your guidance and wisdom to be with our leaders and decision-makers around the world. May they make choices that promote justice, equality, and the well-being of all.

Grant them the courage to act in accordance with your divine will.

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, I pray for all those who are suffering from illness, grief, or despair. Bring your healing touch to their lives and comfort them in their times of need. May they find strength and hope in your presence.

As I embark on this Advent journey, may my prayers and actions reflect the love, hope, and peace that Christ brings to the world. In Jesus' holy name, I pray. **Amen.**



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FOR ALL

Christmas Carol Service 2023

York Minster Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 7.30pm
(Doors open at 7.00pm, please be seated by 7.20pm)

Preacher The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham
(Bishop of Ripon)

You are warmly invited to join the community of Archbishop Holgate's School for our annual Carol Service to be held in the Nave of York Minster.

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**Reflections
for Advent**

Thursdays at 4pm

In the Chapel of Archbishop Holgate's School

- ★ Thursday 30th November
- ★ Thursday 7th December
- ★ Thursday 14th December
- ★ Thursday 21st December

A short opportunity to be still, to reflect peacefully and to prepare for Christmas.

Followed by refreshments.

All welcome

Collect and Readings Advent Sunday

Collect (Prayer for the week)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who 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

Isaiah 64: 1—9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come
down,
so that the mountains would quake at your
presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 13: 24—37

Jesus said, 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be
darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great
power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his
elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of
heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass
away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will
pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for
you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on
a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the
master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday (Advent Sunday) Isaiah 40. 1—11: Mark 1. 1—8

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