

St Thomas's Osbaldwick and St James's Murton

Churches with a heart - at the heart of our communities

Pew Sheet for Sunday 31st March 2024

Our Vision: We aim to be a friendly, inclusive, and happy church family in Osbaldwick, Murton and Derwenthorpe.

God's generous love inspires us to:

- serve our local community,
- be radically inclusive and welcome everyone,
- celebrate the history and care for the heritage of our ancient buildings,
- and through all this, to praise and worship Jesus Christ.

We invite you to journey with us and share in our life.

SUNDAY 31st MARCH EASTER SUNDAY

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

Readings *Isaiah 25: 6—9. St John 20: 1—18*

Wednesday 3rd April

No Baby and Baby and Toddler Group this week—back on 10th April.

Thursday 4th April

10am Coffee Drop-in

SUNDAY 7th APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Easter Praise Café Church

Monday 8th April

7pm in St Thomas's— Parochial Church Council meets.

Sunday Reflection Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. This week the Ven Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of York, reflects on Easter Day.

For the reflection please go to:
vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Prayers for the Week Ahead

Monday 1st April

Amongst the rhythms of today, find a way to notice. To notice something you might normally have missed or overlooked. To notice a flower, or a scent, or a turn of phrase a loved one uses. Notice something today, and take a moment to allow it to make you smile.

Thank God, in that moment, for the small things.

Tuesday 2nd April

Resurrection God,
Call my name in the garden,
That I might know you are close,
That I might know that you are calling me to follow you afresh, afresh, afresh. Amen.

Wednesday 3rd April

Today please pray for Haiti. You might like to look up on the news, to see what the latest news is. Almighty God, we weep with our Haitian brothers and sisters and pray for international partners who are supporting Haiti in seeking a peaceful, democratic transition of leadership. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thursday 4th April

Prayer can be enriched by a connection to nature – sometimes even a physical connection with nature. At some point today, hold some soil in your hand. You might like to go outside and find somewhere where you can sit on or near the floor, or you may get a pot-plant and dig out a handful of the soil. Feel the earth between your fingers, let it run through your hands, allow your hands to feel the dirt.

As you do so, pray this line from the Psalms: 'the earth is the Lord's and everything in it'.

You might like to repeat the line over and over again.

Friday 5th April

Loving God
This Easter Season, let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, The Prince of Peace. Let us share our celebration with loved ones, Let us hold onto one another on this joyous day and sing of the wonder of your love. Amen.

Saturday 6th April

God of resurrection and new life,
We are moved by the power of your love for us. That you would die for us,
So that we would be invited to dwell in your presence forever.

As we seek to honour the sacrifice of Jesus,
Give us wisdom and humility.
Send us out of this place,
With the joy of Easter on our tongue.

Let us worship your name,
So that all may hear.

Amen.



Collect and Readings for Easter Sunday

Collect and Prayer for the week

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of
your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

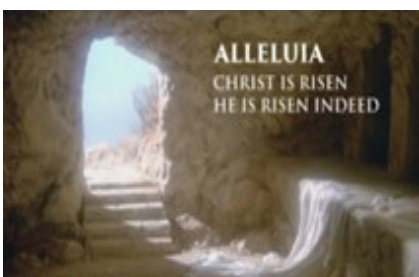
All readings are from Bible Gateway NRSV

Isaiah 25: 6—9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make
for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of
well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears
from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take
away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



John 20: 1—18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.