

St Thomas's Osbaldwick and St James's Merton
Churches with a heart - at the heart of our communities

An Inclusive Church

Pew Sheet for Sunday 12th May 2024

SUNDAY 12th MAY 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings Acts 1: 15—17, 21—26. John 17: 6—9.

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Readings Isaiah 14: 3—15. Revelation 14: 1—13.

Monday 13th May

10am Church and Churchyard Cleaning at St Thomas's

7pm Parochial Church Council meets at St Thomas's

Prayer for our PCC:

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for wisdom and support for our PCC meeting this evening. May everything that they do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help.

We ask for guidance throughout the meeting that all thoughts and actions may reflect your Holy will.

May the PCC remember that all of their concerns are to be aimed at the spiritual transformation of our parish community.

We do ask you to grant us the grace to love you and our neighbours more perfectly. And to remind us that what we and our PCC do is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of you.

We ask all these things in your name. **Amen**

Wednesday 15th May

09.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 16th May

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

SUNDAY 19th MAY—PENTECOST

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings Acts 2: 1—21. John 15: 26—27, 16: 4b—15

Sunday Reflection Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. For this weeks reflection please go to: vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Prayer and pointers for the week

Monday 13th May

- Think about how God is at work in the lives of everyone. You can see God shining out from all people. Remember this with the next person you speak to, and give thanks for the glimpses of God you see in them.



Tuesday 14th May

- Make a cup or tea or coffee, or something else to drink. As you drink it, imagine all the places and people that are responsible for making it, from source to your lips.

Thank God for them, the source of all life.

Wednesday 15th May

- Today is the UN's International Day of Families, as designated by the UN.

- God my Father and God my Mother, I pray today for my own family, and the families known to me.

- I give thanks for all that is life giving, and hold before you all that is painful, when I think about family.

Show me how to be a force for love in my own family and in the families in the community around me. Amen.

Thursday 16th May

- Creator God, great shepherd of the sheep, fill me with your hope as I pray. Holy Spirit, give me the strength and courage for this day, fill me with the peace I need,

and the joy of being surrounded by your love. Help me to notice where your love is at work in the world, and to get involved where I can.

Lord of love, show me what is mine to do today. Amen.

Friday 17th May

Draw around the shape of your hand. Write on it the things that you're carrying that feel like burdens. Offer them to God in prayer, remembering that God carries your burdens with you.

Saturday 18th May

- God of all grace, thank you that you accept me, just as I am.

Help me to use my own skills and knowledge to help make the world a better place, to pass on the grace I have received. Show me what is mine to do, O God. Amen.

Collect and Readings for 7th Sunday of Easter

Collect and Prayer for the week

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph
to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 1: 15—17, 21—26

Peter stood up among the believers
(together the crowd numbered about one
hundred and twenty people) and
said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be
fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David
foretold concerning Judas, who became a
guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he
was numbered among us and was allotted
his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied
us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus
went in and out among us, beginning from
the baptism of John until the day when he
was taken up from us—one of these must
become a witness with us to his
resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called
Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus,
and Matthias. Then they prayed and said,
'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us
which one of these two you have chosen to
take the place in this ministry and
apostleship from which Judas turned aside
to go to his own place.' And they cast lots
for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he
was added to the eleven apostles.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 17: 6—19

Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed,
"Father, I have made your name known to
those whom you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to me,

and they have kept your word. Now they know that
everything you have given me is from you; for the
words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know in truth
that I came from you; and they have believed that
you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not
asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of
those whom you gave me, because they are
yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and
I have been glorified in them. And now I am no
longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I
am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in
your name that you have given me, so that they
may be one, as we are one. While I was with
them, I protected them in your name that you have
given me. I guarded them, and not one of them
was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that
the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am
coming to you, and I speak these things in the
world so that they may have my joy made
complete in themselves. I have given them your
word, and the world has hated them because they
do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong
to the world. I am not asking you to take them out
of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the
evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I
do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the
truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into
the world, so I have sent them into the world. And
for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also
may be sanctified in truth."
This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ
has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live
the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for use after the service and at the end of each time of prayer this week:

God is everywhere,

In this space and all spaces,

In this time and all times,

God is waiting to meet you and is ready to welcome you,

Just as it has been for all eternity.

So be still for a few moments. **Amen.**