

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

An Inclusive Church

Pew Sheet for Sunday 26th May 2024

SUNDAY 26th MAY—TRINITY SUNDAY

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings Romans 8: 12—17. John 3: 1—17.

Wednesday 29th May

09.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 30th May

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE —FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

10am Café Church 'A friendly, happy family' - the start of a series of Sunday themes looking at our new Vision and Values (see below).

Readings Psalm 133. Mark 2: 23—3: 6.

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

Opening Prayers

Prayer based on 'The Prayer of St Patrick', sometimes known as 'St Patrick's Breastplate'.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me and before me.
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in hearts of all who know me.
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger,
Christ in quiet and in roar.

Love, blessed Trinity of three,
Bound in unity
Who guides my journey.
I will arise with strength of heaven
Trusting in Your light
To guide my journey
Shine before me
Lead me home.

Power to guide me, might to hold me,
Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me.
Ear to hear me, hand to guard me,
Love to conquer every fear. **Amen.**

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Holy God, today I am thankful. I come in prayer, recognising and remembering this day that all I have received is grace, all is gift. I have received so much, and so often I take it for granted.

Today, I come with a thankful heart, knowing how richly blessed I am, and seeking to offer gratitude.

Thank you God. **Amen.**

At the end of the service

As I rise and head out into the world, I go to meet you, Lord God, To discover where you are already at work, And to get involved. Show me the way, I pray. **Amen**



Collect and Readings for Trinity Sunday

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Romans 8: 12—17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 3: 1—17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him,

‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

