

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 1st September 2024

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER — 14th SUNDAY OF TRINITY. Stewardship—Time & Talents

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Morning Prayer at St Thomas's

Readings. 1 Corinthians 12: 12—24. Matthew 25: 14—30

Monday 2nd September

From 9.30am St Thomas's Church and Churchyard cleaning. New volunteers welcome.

7pm Parochial Church Council at St Thomas's

Wednesday 4th August

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 5th August

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER — 15th SUNDAY OF TRINITY. Stewardship—Buildings & Money

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Readings. Exodus 35: 21—29. Matthew 26: 6—13

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. This week the Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean of York, reflects on Mark 7: 1—8, 14—15 for the Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity.

Find the video here, or at vimeo.com/dioceseofyork.

Diocesan Prayer diary—Join in Prayer with churches throughout our diocese:

Porvoo Communion:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Espoo, Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka

Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Edinburgh, Bishop John Armes

South Africa False Bay Link Officer, **the Revd Sue Binks**

Find reflections, daily prayers, and stories from across the diocese in the quarterly prayer diary: dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary.

www.osbaldwickandmurtonchurches.org.uk

Prayers and Pointers:

Monday 2nd September

Living, loving God, here at the start of a new school and church year, I offer you a time of fresh beginnings and new opportunities.

Come, Holy God, and show me how to walk in your way, to choose the path of love, grace, hope and healing, In Jesus' name, Amen.

Tuesday 3rd September

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.

Wednesday 4th September

Sit silently for ten minutes and let your mind wander. Offer any thoughts and feelings to God.

Thursday 5th September

Today is marked as the feast day of Mother Teresa and, today, we simply invite you and yours to spend a few minutes praying about the needs in your area. Teresa responded remarkable to the needs in Calcutta in her time, and helped to inspire millions around the world.

What does that look like for you today?

Friday 6th September

Loving, living God,

Thank you for all the ways in which you have forgiven me

Set me free. Enabled me to see something of your grace at work in our world.

Show me how to be an agent of that same grace in the relationships and friendships I hold in the world. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Saturday 7th September

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.

Collect and Readings for the 14th Sunday of Trinity

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 .

1 Corinthians 12: 12—24

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25: 14—30

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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." ²¹ 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." ²² 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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ 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; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.