

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

An Inclusive Church — All are Welcome

Pew Sheet for Sunday 19th January 2025

Sunday 19th January - Epiphany 2

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Reading: Jesus goes to a wedding

6.30pm Churches together East York **joint service at St Hilda's for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

Monday 20th January

9.45 Rhythm time in St Thomas's

Tuesday 21st January

7pm Osbaldwick Parish Council at St Thomas's

Wednesday 22nd January

09.30am Playgroup - St Thomas's

Thursday 23rd January

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

Friday 24th January

10.30am Chairiobics - St Thomas's

Sunday 26th January - Epiphany 3

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Reading: Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10. Luke 4: 14-21.

4pm - St Thomas's

Our annual Ecumenical Service to celebration of the life and heritage of Mary Ward. This year's service will be attended by the City of York Civic Party and the preacher will be Mrs Jane Beever, Headteacher of Loreto Catholic Girls' Grammar School in Altrincham. Please put this date in your diary and come along to give a warm St Thomas's welcome to our guests for this service.



Looking ahead....

Sunday 2nd February at St Helen's Escrick

6pm Derwent Deanery—Candlemas Choral Evensong with the Choir of Queen Margaret's School.

World Day of Prayer Service Friday 7th March will be held at St Lawrence's Church this year. If anyone is interested in taking part please have a word with Julie as she is going to a meeting on Thursday.

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. Find the video at: vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Prayers

I am here – let me notice that you are here too.

I am here to worship you, I am here to listen to you, I am here, just as I am, Come into this space, in peace, and love, Motivate, challenge and inspire me to travel with you this week. I am here – help me to notice that you are too, O God. Come, by your Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all grace, I am thankful for the example of Jesus who showed each of us how we should all live in this world. Thank you that when I feel overwhelmed by all that life brings to each of us, you invite us to rest in you. I give thanks to you for your compassion and love to all who feel like sheep without a shepherd, and for whom the brunt of life's disappointments weighs heavy.

Help me too, so that I can offer compassion to others, as well as receive the same when offered. Bring healing and wholeness to me, and all around me, so that I may experience life in all its fullness.

Loving God, help me to know that I am loved, just as I am, by your grace and through your Spirit, no matter what choices we have made or mistakes we live with.

May I come to know more of your presence, here with me today, O God, **Amen.**

At the end of the service - As you leave this time of worship, may you go with the courage to live the Jesus manifesto, May you go united to and connected with a whole community of people who are seeking to know the nature of God who is Spirit, seeking peace in a divided world. Go, by the grace of God. **Amen.**

Diocesan Prayer diary—This week join in prayer with the church throughout our diocese for:

Church of England: Diocese of Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Matthew Porter, Bishop Mark Davies.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo.

South Africa— Diocese of Cape Town; for its diocesan office and staff: Prayers for the East Riding Archdeaconry as we look to deepen our links with Cape Town/Table Bay. We pray for Bishop Joshua Louw and his team and all those who work in the Diocese. May our mutual working develop and knowledge of each other's understanding of the Gospel, that we continue to grow and nurture the work with our young people in both places.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

Collect and Readings for Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Isaiah 62: 1—5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the
dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand
of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your
God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed
Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young
woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the
bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

John 2: 1—11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

