

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 13th April 2025

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's.

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Reading: Philippians 2: 5—11. Luke: 19: 28—40

Monday 14th April

7pm Holy Week Compline at St Thomas's

Tuesday 15th April

7pm Holy Week Compline at St Thomas's

Wednesday 16th April

9.30am Playgroup are back—at St Thomas's.

7pm Holy Week Compline at St Thomas's

Thursday 17th April Maundy Thursday

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

7pm Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Reading: Exodus 12: 1—14. John 13: 1—17, 31b—35

18th April Good Friday

11am Walk of Witness at St Aelred's RC Church

2pm Hour at the Cross at St Thomas's

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's.

4pm Holy Communion at St James's

Reading: Acts 10: 34—43. Luke 24: 1—12

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.

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

Church in England: Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton.

Church of Ireland: Diocese of Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aalborg, Bishop Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen.

South Africa Link: Archdeaconry of Blue Downs; Diocese of False Bay.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

Prayers

Today's opening prayers are based on Psalm 126, the set Psalm for today.

Loving God, you have brought me this far, restoring me when I have been broken, holding me when I have wept, healing me when I have been wounded.

Today I give you thanks and praise for your steadfast love. Today I see the great things you have done, the great love you have shared, and I am filled with joy.

As I mark out this time for intentional worship today, I know many people in our world, in my community and in my friendship and family circles are weeping, and in pain.

As I sing your praises today, I ask that you restore them, that you restore me.

May your grace, your love, flow like a healing stream this day, O God, and may all who are weeping find the courage to sing songs of joy.

Heal me, forgive me, accept me, and set me free, I pray, In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

When I hear stories of conflict and oppression,

When I do not know who I should support

May I know Christ and be found in him.

When I face difficult choices,

When I am confused by conflicting interests,

May I know Christ and be found in him.

When I am bombarded by opinions,

When I don't know what to follow or whom to believe,

May I know Christ and be found in him.

When I am tempted to be an oppressor,

When I take sides at the expense of the poorest,

May I know Christ and be found in him.

In all things and in all ways,

Even if it means changing my mind,

admitting I am wrong

or seeing my own mistakes

May I know Christ and be found in him. **Amen.**



Collect and Reading for Palm Sunday

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love
towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers
of his resurrection;
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

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Luke 19: 28—40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead,
going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and
Bethany, at the place called the Mount of

Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go
into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it
you will find tied there a colt that has never been
ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks
you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The
Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent depart-
ed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they
were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why
are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord
needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and af-
ter throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus
on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading
their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now ap-
proaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to
praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the
deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He an-
swered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones
would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of Christ:
Praise to Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a serv-
ant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salva-
tion:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

