

*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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

9.30am Playgroup —at St Thomas's.

7pm Holy Week Compline at St Thomas's

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Second Sunday of Easter**

10am Easter Praise at St Thomas's.

**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/dioceseofyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseofyork).

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

**Church in England:** Diocese of Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff, Bishop Joseph Kennedy.

**Scottish Episcopal Church:** Diocese of Brechin, Bishop Andrew Swift.

**The Lutheran Church in Great Britain :** Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman.

**South Africa Link:** Guild of Bernard Mizeki; Men's Guild for African lay men to promote and encourage the participation and nurturing of men's leadership in the life of the Church.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

[dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary](https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary)



**Prayers and Prayer Pointers**

**Monday 21st April**

- Today is Easter Monday, a bank holiday in many places, and a day to change the rhythm slightly from the typical 'Monday morning routine'.

- How will you live today differently?

- How could today be a day where you break out of any unhealthy, unhelpful or painful rhythms and routines?

- Pray about this and see if there is something you are being invited to change about your own life.

**Tuesday 22nd April**

- Do you have a body of water near you? - Can you get there today, or picture one in your mind and think about the ripples, the reflections, the soothing impact water has on the mind. - Pray for all who need to have their minds soothed from stress and anxiety today. If that is you, pray for yourself.

**Wednesday 23rd April**

- Living, loving God, the world is alive with potential and possibility, and yet everywhere greed and self-service get in the way of us fulfilling that potential.

- Come, by your grace, O God, and inspire actions of grace all over your world. Amen.

**Thursday 24th April**

- Today, may you give thanks for those in your community who provide food for the rest of us – for the farmers, the supermarket workers, the delivery drivers, the chefs and cooks, the person who takes responsibility for family tea-time.

- Thank you Lord, for the food we eat and the people who prepare it.

**Friday 25th April**

- Pause a moment. Create a specific time of prayerful stillness. Is God speaking to you in the quiet?

**Saturday 26th April**

- Holy God, it is almost a week now since Holy Week came to an end – thank you for the amazing story of the gospels, which continue to inspire actions of love, grace, peace and humility today.

- May I be inspired by those stories this weekend and beyond, to be an advocate of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all I say and do. Amen.

## ***Collect and Reading for Easter Day***

### **Collect and Prayer for the week**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection  
of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

*All readings are from Bible Gateway - NRSV*

### **Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak, "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God**



### **Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us  
from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

### **An Opening Prayer**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Happy Easter to all around you!

Today is the day Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection. The day we recognise the potential for new life,

The day we get to look for the miracle of God overcoming evil and darkness, In the Jesus story, but also in our own lives. May I use this time to turn aside and come to worship God. Amen.