

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 4th May 2025

Sunday 4th May - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Morning Prayer at St Thomas's.

Readings: Acts 9: 1—6. John 21: 1—19

Wednesday 7th May

9.30am Playgroup — at St Thomas's.

Thursday 8th May

10.00am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's

Friday 9th May

10.30am Chairobics— at St Thomas's

Sunday 11th May - 4th Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's.

Readings: Acts 9: 36—43. John 10: 22—30

Advanced Notices

Monday 5th May— Please note that because this is a Bank Holiday — Church Cleaning and the PCC meeting will take place the following Monday **12th May**.

Wednesday 21st May— Please spread the word about an open meeting for anyone who would like to contribute to the textile parish map artwork? Jen Dring (artist) will be in St Thomas's at 7pm to present her plans and discuss how people can get involved. Please tell all your creative friends— All welcome.

Friday 23rd May— Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz, 7pm in St Thomas's. Bring your own drinks.

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.

dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary



Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 5th May

- Today is a bank holiday in parts of the UK. Can you use the opportunity to change the rhythms of a usual Monday to notice something that God is doing that is different from what 'normally' happens at the start of the week?

- Pray about anything you notice.

Tuesday 6th May

- Find a ribbon or a piece of string. Tie a knot in it, and think of a person you know who needs prayer.

Wednesday 7th May

- Light a candle. Jesus is the light of the world. Pray about the places you experience darkness in your life, that Jesus' light might shine there.

Thursday 8th May

- God of all grace,

Heal our wounds, we pray.

We carry scars from much that has happened to us here in this life. Show us what healing, wholeness and processing looks like, we ask you this day. Amen.

Friday 9th May

- Pour a glass of water. Think about the things you do that get in the way of your relationship with God. You might think it muddies the water of your life, but God forgives us for all these things, and offers us living water.

- Drink some of the water and give thanks for the way God reaches out to you with love and forgiveness.

Saturday 10th May

- Think about the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5: 22—23). Pick one of them that you don't feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work. Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.

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

Church of England: Diocese of Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop Alastair Cutting.

Church of Norway: Diocese of Bjørgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen.

South Africa Link: Green Anglicans: the Anglican Church of Southern Africa's Environmental Network.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

The Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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

Acts 9:1—6

Saul still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

John 21:1-119

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the

net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking
of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**