

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 29th June 2025

Sunday 29th June- St Peter and St Paul (Trinity 2)

10am Holy Communion with prayers for healing - (first Communion celebrated by the Rev Darius Traves). Followed by Parish Lunch.

Readings: Act 12: 1—11. Matthew 16: 13—19.

6.30pm Ecumenical Service at St Thomas's

Wednesday 2nd July

9.30am Playgroup — at St Thomas's

Thursday 3rd July

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

7pm Parish map artwork meeting

Friday 4th July

10.30am Chairobics at St Thomas's

Sunday 6th July - Trinity 3

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Morning Prayer at St Thomas's

Readings: Ephesians 2: 19—end. John 20 24—29.

Advance notices

Monday 7th July

10am Church and Churchyard cleaning at St Thomas's

7pm Parochial Church Council at St Thomas's

Thursday 10th July Murton Neighbourhood Referendum in St James's

Saturday 12th July 9.30am Inclusivity Training at St Thomas's. All Welcome

Saturday 19th July 2pm Summer Fayre on Osbaldwick Village Green

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

Church of England: Diocese of Lincoln, Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop David Court, Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Härnösand, Bishop Teresia Derlén Evangelical Lutheran

Church of Finland: Diocese of Lapua, Bishop Matti Salomäki

South Africa Link: Church Lads and Girls Brigades across Southern Africa: A musical congregation that celebrates the joy of faith, service, and the power of music, with a mission to create beautiful melodies that resonate with faith and uplift the spirits of those who listen

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary



Gospel Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!

*Shine in our hearts! Shine through the darkness!
Christ be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today!*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light!

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, still many thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light!

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light!

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)

Opening Prayers

Use the following words to help centre yourself in the moment. *Jesus, open my heart.*

Prepare yourself to hear God's word in a new way. *Jesus, open my heart.*

Listen for God's voice, calling you to serve others and love radically. *Jesus, open my heart.*

Hold the joys, regrets and frustrations from the week, and look ahead to the opportunities next week will bring. *Jesus, open my heart.*

Hold the people you share your life with, and the challenges that come with relationships and friendships. *Jesus, open my heart.*

Rest a moment in the quiet. *Jesus, open my heart.*

Collect and Readings

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect and Prayer for the week

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.

All readings are from Bible Gateway - NRSV

Acts 12: 1—11

12 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his

angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

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

Matthew 16: 13—19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

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

Prayer for Darius

Our Father God, we pray for your servant Darius. Guide him and direct him as he seeks to lead your people. Make him a wise and able teacher. Fill him with your love that he may tend the flock eagerly and willingly. Enable him to do the work of an evangelist, so that by all means he may save some. Keep him faithful in all times of testing, humble in times of success, and joy at all times in your service. **Amen**

Prayer before you leave church

Your love is in this place, O God,
And flowing ahead of me, out of the doors,
Onto the street, into the homes, businesses, and
gathering spaces of this community.
Show me how to offer something of your love this
day, I pray, O God. **Amen.**