

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 6th July 2025

Sunday 6th July - St Thomas the Apostle

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Morning Prayer at St Thomas's

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

Monday 7th July

10am Church and Churchyard cleaning at St Thomas's

7pm Parochial Church Council at St Thomas's

Wednesday 9th July

9.30am Playgroup — at St Thomas's

12.30pm Soup and Jacket Potato Lunch at St James's

7pm Murton Parish Council at St James's

Thursday 10th July

10am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's
Murton Neighbourhood Referendum in St James's

Friday 11th July

10.30am Chairobics at St Thomas's

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

Sunday 13th July - Trinity 4 (Sea Sunday and Disability Awareness Day)

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's *Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9—14. Luke 10: 25—37.*

Advance notices

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

Wednesday 23rd July 12.30pm Soup and Jacket Potato Lunch at St James's

Tuesday 29th July 2pm Parish Fellowship 'The Life of a District Nurse'

Saturday 23rd August 2.30pm Afternoon Tea at St James's in aid of the Church Restoration Fund

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

Church of England: Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Richard Atkinson, Bishop Jane Mainwaring

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Linköping, Bishop Marika Markovits

South Africa Link: Anglican Youth of Southern Africa (AYSA) AYSA is administered and coordinated by the Provincial Youth Council (PYC) who ensures that there is a vibrant and effective youth ministry in each Diocese.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 7th July

- Today is World Chocolate Day, did you know?
- Why not let yourself have a little treat today – nothing over indulgent, just something that brings you joy.
- Give thanks to God for the simple joys in our lives as you do so.

Tuesday 8th July

- Circle me, O God,
Circle me with justice and mercy,
Circle me with your wisdom and strength.
As you sit in the divine council and judge with righteousness,
Judge also in my heart, and make me ready to pray, to worship, to follow you. Amen.

Wednesday 9th July

- Take 5 small slips of paper.
- Imagine you are trying to explain to a small child what the nature of God is. Write a word or phrase that comes to mind on each of the 5 slips of paper.
- Now look back at your slips next to one another. Are there any other words you would use that you haven't already used here? How might you explain these to a small child?

Thursday 10th July

- Loving God,
I thank you for sharing your love with me:
send me out as your disciple to a world that needs to know your love, freely given.
- Let your spirit's blessings flow, I pray. Amen.

Friday 11th July

- Today is designated as World Population Day by the UN, which seems a good time for us to pray for all refugees and migrants who are living in places, countries and situations that they would not choose.
- Loving God, help us to be places and people of sanctuary and welcome, ensuring that all people come to see your love shining through us. Amen.

Saturday 12th July

- Think of someone you know that is in need or would benefit from some help.
- Commit to a small act of kindness for them today.
- As you carry this out, give thanks to God for them and pray for them.



Collect and Readings St Thomas the Apostle

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we
also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our
God;
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

Ephesians 2: 24—29

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

John 20: 24—29

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach

out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

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

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thomas

Thomas is mentioned among the number of the apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it is in John's gospel that his significance is revealed. First, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judea with Jesus; then, not knowing what Jesus meant when he talked about where he was to go elicited the answer that Jesus was himself the Way. But probably most famously he was the apostle notably unconvinced by reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Jesus to show him the marks in his hands and side. Thomas then acclaims the risen Christ with the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel: 'My Lord and my God!'

Prayer before you leave church

Go out in peace and seek the Lord,
Who is calling you into something new this day,
Something holy, something loving, something
peaceful.
Go out in peace.
Amen.