

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 July 2025

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

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9—14. Luke 10: 25—37.

Wednesday 16th July

No Playgroup this week—back on 23rd July

Thursday 17th July

10am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's

Friday 18th July

10.30am Chairobics at St Thomas's

Saturday 19th July 2pm Summer Fayre on Osbaldwick Village Green. To be opened by the City of York Civic Party.

Sunday 20th July - Trinity 5 10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Reading: Mary and Martha

Advance notices

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 Newcastle:

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop Mark Wroe

Church of Norway:

Diocese of Møre, Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

South Africa Link: Archdeaconry of Breede Valley; Diocese of False Bay

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary



Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 14th July

- Find a moment where you can get sight of the sky. (It can be in real life or through an image you have) Let your mind wander and imagine who else might be looking up at the sky where they are. Consider the vast expanse of the sky. The many places it covers and the people who see it. Thank God for the gloriousness of the whole earth and all the people living under its sky.

Tuesday 15th July

- Since 2023, the 15th July has been marked by the EU as Victims of the Global Climate Crisis.
- Today, let us hold in our prayers all who are affected by the changing climate, recognising that most of the blame lies with wealthy countries whilst most of the effects are felt by those living in poverty.
- Bring hope, in the midst of this disaster, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday 16th July

- God of all grace,
Show me how to bring love into my community today. Show me how to be a person of safety, sanctuary and encouragement to those around me.
Come, by your Spirit, Amen.

Thursday 17th July

- Today is the saint day for Pope Leo IV, who was Pope in the ninth century, which offers us a reminder to pray for all our religious leaders today.
- For the current Pope, still early in his leadership, for senior leaders of all Christian denominations, for all who feel the responsibility of power and the calling of ministry and seek to find a balance between these often-opposing forces in our world.

Friday 18th July

- Pour yourself a glass of water. As you do so give thanks for its easy access, its cleanliness & its restoring properties. Pray for those where access to water is limited or impossible and feels like a luxury. Pay attention to what you might do in your life that might help those in places where water is a scarce commodity.

Saturday 19th July

- Attention to your hands:
- Spend a moment with your hands on your lap. Hold them open before God. Reflect on whose hands you have held in yours, the people you have shaken hands with, the gentle touch of friendship you have offered and received. Rest in the blessings of those encounters and give thanks.

Collect and Readings 4th Sunday of Trinity

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Collect and Prayer for the week

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:

increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 the NRSV

Deuteronomy 30: 9–14

⁹and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Luke 10: 25–37

²⁵ A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

³⁶ 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

Post Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

