

St Thomas's Osbaldwick and St James's Merton
Churches with a heart - at the heart of our communities

An Inclusive Church — All are Welcome

Pew Sheet for Sunday 27th July 2025

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings: Genesis 18: 20—32. Luke 11: 1—13

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

Wednesday 30th July

9.30am Playgroup

Thursday 31st July

10am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's

Friday 1st August YORKSHIRE DAY

Saturday 2nd August

12.30pm Wedding at St Thomas's

2.30pm Baptism Service

Sunday 3rd August - Trinity 7

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Café Church at St Thomas's

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12—14, 18—23. Luke 12: 13—21.

Advance notices

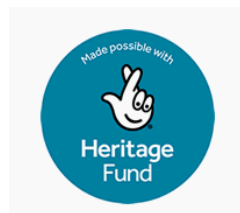
Saturday 23rd August 2.30pm Afternoon Tea at St James's in aid of the Church Restoration Fund

Emergency First Aid Training. The PCC are arranging a one day first aid course. This will enable us to have first aid cover at all church services and events. The course will probably take place on a Saturday in September. If you are interested please pass your name to David Jackson.

Work at St Thomas's

Over the next few weeks the following work will take place:

Installing a projector. This will enable pictures, words to songs etc to be displayed during services etc. The projector has been funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Fencing to the north-side of the churchyard will be erected. This will match the metal fence on the Osbaldwick Lane side of the churchyard. The fence was a requirement of our last Quinquennial Inspection. Funding for the fence was received from the City of York Council Ward Funding.



Opening Prayer

Take time to read this prayer:

God of all creation

I worship you.

You know me - what I need, what I rejoice in, what I'm nervous about.

You see me – as the unique individual you created with all my little habits and characteristics.

You hear me – when I pray aloud or silently.

You meet me – here and now and I am content.

God of all creation

I worship you. Amen.

Wonder to yourself if you are really able to say the words. Imagine what it would be like to hear someone else say them for you. Notice how you feel as you read them. Read them again if you'd like or if it might help.

Take time to tell God what you've discovered.

Then when you are ready and if you feel able say them again:

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

Church of Ireland: Diocese of Derry and Raphoe: Bishop Andrew Forster

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania: Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis

South Africa Link: Archdeaconry of Athlone, Diocese of Cape Town

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary



Collect and Readings 6th Sunday of Trinity

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect and Prayer for the week

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 the NRSV

Genesis 18: 20—32

²⁰Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

²²So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' ²⁶And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' ²⁷Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' ²⁹Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' ³⁰Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' ³¹He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' ³²Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more.

Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Luke 11: 1—13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of Christ:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**