

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 10th August 2025

Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8

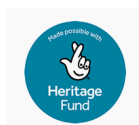
10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Readings: Isaiah 1: 1, 10—20. Luke 12: 32—40

Tuesday 12th August 7pm in St Thomas's.

**Oral History Project
Open Meeting**



We are still looking for volunteers to record their memories for the oral history project.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the celebration exhibition at the end of September.

If you are interested in helping with these projects please come along to our open meeting.

For both please contact

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Wednesday 13th August

9.30am Playgroup

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

7pm Murton Parish Council at St James's

Thursday 14th August

10am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's

Sunday 17th August - Trinity 9

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Theme: *When Jesus went on holidays.*

Advance notices

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

Saturday 4th October from 9.15am **Emergency First Aid Training**. We currently have 5 places remaining.

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

Church of England: Diocese of Portsmouth, Bishop Jonathan Frost

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Stockholm, Bishop Andreas Holmberg

South Africa Link: Bishop of Saldanha Bay, Bishop Raphael Hess

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

Prayers for the coming week

Monday 11th August

- Today is celebrated in some traditions as the Feast Day of Clare of Assisi, one of the first followers of Saint Francis of Assisi. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition and wrote their Rule of Life, the first set of monastic guidelines known to have been written by a woman.

- Today, let us pray for all who are in leadership positions but may not feel respected because of their gender, sexuality, ethnicity or other category. We pray for courage for them, and transformation of the systems of oppression that keep us divided.

Tuesday 12th August

- Today I pray for your church, across the world and for the church or churches in my community here.

- I pray that each of us would follow Jesus so closely and to trust him so completely, that we would listen and be guided by him, in order to devote our lives to serve God

— loving others as we love ourselves.

Wednesday 13th August

- Today is World Organ Donation Day, and we give thanks for all the medical professionals and the willing donors who make life-saving surgery a possibility.

- May it also be a day for reflecting on your own choices about blood donation and/or organ donation? How can your body be used to help others in need today, or in the future?

Thursday 14th August

- Today, seek an opportunity to be still, to find 10 mins totally to yourself, in quiet.

- Use the space simply to breathe, and to notice the rhythm of your breathing.

- Do you hear or sense the presence of God in the stillness?

Friday 15th August

- In giving thanks for the beauty of the created world, Today I lament all the exploitation of the earth, especially where I have been a part of that.

- I pray for those who are most vulnerable to the effects of increased droughts and floods, whose homes and communities are at risk and whose livelihoods are fragile. Amen.

Saturday 16th August

- Look out for something growing today, perhaps in your house, or garden, or in the neighbourhood nearby.

- Take a minute to look at and appreciate it. What thoughts come into your mind?

- Give thanks to God for your own growth, your developing relationship with the divine and how God's love for you continues to grow, even when you don't pay attention all the time.

Collect and Readings 8th Sunday of Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern

both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

Isaiah 1: 1, 10–20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.
¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
¹³ bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Luke 12:32–40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

