

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 17th August 2025

Sunday 17th August - Trinity 9

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Theme: *When Jesus went on holidays.*

Monday 18th August 7pm in St Thomas's.

Parish Map Artwork 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 contact Alli Bodley:

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Tuesday 19th August

7.15pm Osbaldwick Parish Council meets at St Thomas's

Wednesday 20th August

9.30am Playgroup

Thursday 21st August

10am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's

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

Sunday 24th August - Trinity 10

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings: Acts 5: 12—16. Luke 22: 24—30

Advance notices

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 Ireland: Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Bishop Ferran Glenfield

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aarhus, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen

South Africa Link: College of the Transfiguration. Theological College located in Grahamstown. It is a college that serves the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

Prayers for the coming week

Monday 18th August

- Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and for whom food and drink are not easy to come by. For those people where starvation is the norm. Consider what you might do to be part of God's plan to ensure all can flourish.

Tuesday 19th August

- Today is World Humanitarian Day, a day set aside to recognise those who have died working for humanitarian causes around the world.

- Today, pray for all who are working amongst those affected by conflict, disaster and poverty — those striving for justice, safety and peace for everyone.

- Come, by your grace, oh God, and give courage to all working to heal the divisions in our world. Amen.

Wednesday 20th August

- Pray for those who keep our church and community buildings safe places for people to enjoy.

The PCC and our volunteers— cleaners, gardeners, window cleaners, tea and coffee makers, playgroup leaders and all that help in any way.

Pray also for those who visit our precious buildings to maintain them or use them.

Thursday 21st August

- Paying attention to the news on radio, TV or in print.

- Pray for the ways the church and individual people of faith can be involved in mission and social action. Ask what God wants you to do in particular to make the church you are connected to a place of outreach to those in any kind of need here and abroad.

Friday 22nd August

- Pray for all those in leadership in your church and those who make decisions as a part of their role: Ask God to help them to seek guidance on how our church can flourish.

- Pray too for those in leadership across the world and the decisions they make. Ask God to help them make choices full of compassion and integrity so no-one gets left behind.

Saturday 23rd August

- On this day in 1948 the World Council of Churches is formed, by 147 churches

across 44 countries. The Council continues to exist and to seek to promote unity amongst Christian people of different backgrounds and traditions.

- Holy God, Jesus said that he came that 'we all may be one.' Please help me to work for unity and healing in a world full of divisions, today, across this weekend, and beyond. Amen.



Collect and Readings set for 9th Sunday of Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Isaiah 5: 1–7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my
vineyard

that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and
thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Luke 12: 49–56

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish
it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with
which to be baptized, and what stress I am under
until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have
come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you,
but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one
household will be divided, three against two and
two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a
cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is
going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you
see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will
be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You
hypocrites! You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not
know how to interpret the present time?

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your
Son
to share this meal with the whole household of
God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

