

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 7th September 2025

Sunday 7th September - Trinity 12

8am Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing at St Thomas's

10am Celtic Morning Prayer

Readings: *Deuteronomy 30: 15—20. Luke 14: 25—33*

Monday 8th September

10.15am Funeral

Wednesday 10th August

09.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

7pm Murton Parish Council at St James's

Thursday 11th September

10am Coffee Drop-in — at St Thomas's

Friday 12th September

10am Chairbics at St Thomas's

Sunday 14th September - Holy Cross Day

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Worship at St James's

Readings: *Numbers 21: 4—9. John 3: 13—17*

Prayers for the coming week

Monday 8th September - God of all grace,

Today I am praying for those living in a place of open war. There are so many conflicts around our world – so many going under-reported or misunderstood, so many soldiers, civilians and political leaders finding themselves embroiled in warfare.

- Today I pray for peace, and for healing, and for reconciliation. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday 9th September - God of all grace, Come and be known to me here, by your grace, Show me how to put your love to work in the world, Show me how to be a part of all that is good and wholesome and right, Show me how to share the good news of your love with people I meet, Show me how to follow you. Amen.

Wednesday 10th September This is the day that the Lord has made. This day, the day you are living right now. As the worship hymn continues: 'let us rejoice and be glad in it'. - It isn't always easy to rejoice or 'be glad', but the hymn writer is inviting us into recognise that today is a gift from God, and we can celebrate that – if nothing else. - How are you celebrating the gift of today? How are you making use of it? How are you using it to offer worship to God? Pray about that this day, as you are out and about.

Thursday 11th September Today marks the anniversary of the bombing of the twin towers, and the beginning of the so-called 'War on Terror'. - Today we pray for peace, for the kind of peace that brings healing, not more division, not more hatred, not the possibility of retaliation, but a deeper, shalom-peace. - God of peace and justice, help our leaders to act for peace today, and every day. Amen.

Friday 12th September - Seek out a single 10 minute slot of solitude and silence today. - Instead of a prayer, just try to meditate, and hold a stillness in your heart. If you need to some words to fixate on, try this little eight-word sentence from Psalm 46:10: 'be still and know that I am God'.

Saturday 13th September - Loving God, you walk with us in the hills and the valleys of life, You rescue us when we go astray, You welcome us back when we wander from you. God who is shepherd, guide me on straight paths this day, and this weekend. Amen.

Advance notices —

Two events funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund



Saturday 27th September

Celebration Event for the Oral History Project and the unveiling of the Parish Map at St Thomas's

Saturday 4th October from 9.15am
Emergency First Aid Training. We currently have 2 places remaining.

ALSO

Monday 15th September Derwent Deanery Quiet Day (see notice board in St Thomas's)

Saturday 20th September at St Thomas's
TABLE TOP SALE OF CHILDRENS TOYS AND CLOTHES. This event is organised by the Playgroup and in aid of Church funds.

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

Church of England: Diocese of Salisbury, Bishop Stephen Lake, Bishop Andrew Rumsey, Bishop Karen Gorham

Church in Wales: Diocese of St Asaph, Bishop Gregory Cameron

South Africa Link: Archdeaconry of Belville, Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary



Collect and Readings for the 12th Sunday of Trinity

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we
to pray and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your
mercy, forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things

which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Deuteronomy 30: 15–20

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Luke 14: 25–33

²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

This is the Gospel of Christ:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

At the end of the service you may like to pray:

May I go out with peace, and be sent forth with joy, And the mountains and the hills will break forth before me. There will be shouts of peace, and hope, and welcome, and prosperity for all. And the trees of the fields shall clap, shall clap their hands. **Amen.**

