



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 26th July 2026



Sunday 26th July - 8th Sunday of Trinity

Readings: Romans 8: 26 – end. Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52



Celebration of St James the Apostle

Sunday 26th July at
10.00am

Celtic Holy Communion at
St James's Murton

Tuesday 28th July

2.00pm Parish Fellowship at St Thomas's

Wednesday 29th July

No Playgroup this week, back next Wednesday

Thursday 30th July

10.00am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

Sunday 2nd August - 9th Sunday of Trinity

No 8.00am service today

10.00am Morning Worship at St Thomas's

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-5. Matthew 14: 13-21.

Date for your diary

Collation and Induction of Revd
Jan Nobel as Rector of St
Nicholas Church, Guisborough.

Thursday 3rd September, 7pm.

We hope to book a coach to
travel to the service. Please sign
up on sheet at back of church.



Prayers and Prayer Pointers For This Week

Monday 27th July

- God of courage, give me strength for this week.
- When I feel small, remind me that small acts of love matter.
- When I feel unsure, help me take the next faithful step. Amen.

Tuesday 28th July

- On this day, the Lutheran church has traditionally celebrated three of Germany's greatest Baroque composers: Bach, Schutz and Handel.
- Today, as an act of prayer, why not look up and listen to a piece of music by one or more of these incredible composers. As you listen, notice the emotions and responses in your body – pray about what comes up.

Wednesday 29th July

- God of my family,
Come into the places I call home, that I might show and discover something about you in my house, at my mealtime, in my bed.
- Show me how to love my friends and family, and reveal your nature of love to me, through my relationships with those closest to me. Amen.

Thursday 30th July

- Be still for 10 minutes today, or longer if you can manage it. Just allow the silence to wash over you and use the space to notice what thoughts come to mind.
- Pray about your internal monologue, offering it over to God.
- If it helps, repeat this simple mantra from the Psalms: Be still, and know that I am God.

Friday 31st July

- God of light, shine gently into the hidden places of my life.
- Where I need healing, bring healing.
- Where I need courage, bring courage.
- Where I need to change, bring grace. Amen.

Saturday 1st August

- Today is known as Emancipation Day, because in 1833 it is the day when the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect in many parts of the former British Empire.

Prayer to use this week

Lord, take this spark of faith in me, and turn it into a flame.
May I share the love that is at work in my life with those I meet this week,
And may I be an agent of peace, inclusion and grace, I pray,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania:

Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis

Church of Ireland:

Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, Bishop Andrew Forster

Growing the Church (GtC)

GtC is a church growth institute that serves the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA), which includes seven countries and 25 dioceses

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The Diocesan Prayer Diary July to September 2026

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Collect and Readings for St James the Apostle

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect and Prayer for the Week

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without
delay;
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 taken from NRSV

Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2

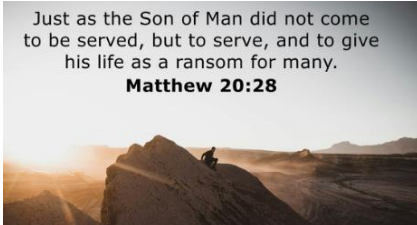
²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

12 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Just as the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve, and to give
his life as a ransom for many.
Matthew 20:28



Matthew 20: 20-28

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

24 When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St James the Apostle



James, often called 'the Great', was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. The two brothers were with Jesus at his Transfiguration and with him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on his left and the other on his right when he came into his glory, and they were present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James's martyrdom is believed to have taken place in the year 44.

