

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

An Inclusive Church

Pew Sheet for Sunday 5th May 2024

SUNDAY 5th MAY 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Morning Prayer

Readings Acts 10: 44—48. John 15: 9—17.

Wednesday 8th May

09.30 Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 9th May—ASCENSION DAY

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at St Helen's, Wheldrake. This service is live streamed here: www.youtube.com/@derwentingsbenefice7289

SUNDAY 12th MAY 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings Acts 1: 15—17, 21—26. John 17: 6—9.

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Readings Isaiah 14: 3—15. Revelation 14: 1—13.

Psalm 98 to be used during Morning Prayer

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of
the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be
forever. **Amen**

Prayer and pointers for the week

Monday 6th May

Gracious God, I know you have plans for me - plans for me to be a part of your kingdom and an agent of love in the world. Today, show me how to respond to the invitations I might receive. Help me to be open to the opportunities to share your love.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Tuesday 7th May

God who is both good shepherd and almighty Creator, God who is Father and Mother, God who is Spirit and Christ, Three in one, Show me how to walk in your way. Amen.

Wednesday 8th May

Go outdoors and find something natural: a stone, leaf, flower, or something else. Consider the ways God has made this thing and then reflect on how you too are wonderfully made by God. What does this mean to you?

Thursday 9th May

On this day in 1974, the US judiciary opened a formal impeachment hearing against President Richard Nixon, amidst the Watergate scandal. Today, we pray for all in leadership: that they might resist the temptations of worldly power, and seek to use their positions and power to suit those they serve, rather than selfish ambitions. Pray for wisdom, and for grace

Friday 10th May

Gracious God, show me how to love without borders or restrictions, how to radically live out your calling on my life and your challenge to all of us to live in the way of love. Show me how to be the kind of shepherd who would always go in search of the one most in need, how to reach out to the lost sheep in my life and community. Show me how to love as you love, O Christ.

Saturday 11th May

Sit silently for ten minutes and let your mind wander. Offer any thoughts and feelings to God.

Prayer for use after the service and at the end of each time of prayer this week:

May I go and enter into the flow of love that is at work in the universe.

May I go and discover that God is out there, moving, transforming, touching lives and all creation.

May I go and discover the ways in which I am invited to join in with the dance of the divine.

May I go and encounter the Spirit of God, already at work. **Amen.**



Collect and Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

Collect and Prayer for the week

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to
life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise
us to eternal joy;
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.**

Acts 10: 44—48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading to be used at Morning Prayer

1 Corinthians 13: 4—13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 15: 9—17

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sunday Reflection Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. For this weeks reflection please go to:

vimeo.com/diocesefork.