

St Thomas's Osbaldwick and St James's Murton

Churches with a heart - at the heart of our communities

Pew Sheet for Sunday 24th March 2024

Our Vision: We aim to be a friendly, inclusive, and happy church family in Osbaldwick, Murton and Derwenthorpe. God's generous love inspires us to:

- serve our local community,
- be radically inclusive and welcome everyone,
- celebrate the history and care for the heritage of our ancient buildings,
- and through all this, to praise and worship Jesus Christ.

We invite you to journey with us and share in our life.

SUNDAY 24th MARCH PALM SUNDAY

10am Pet Service at St Thomas's

Monday 25th March

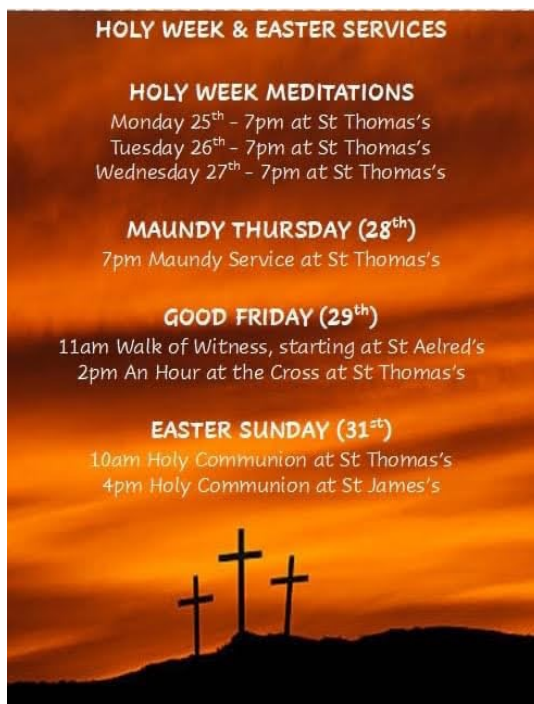
10am Church Cleaning

Wednesday 27th March

9.30am Baby and Toddler Group

Thursday 28th March

10am Coffee Drop-in



Readings for:

Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11: 23—26. St John 13: 1—17, 31b—35

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25: 6—9. St John 20: 1—18

Prayers for the Week Ahead

Today is the last Sunday of Lent, at the beginning of Holy Week. Over the next few days, Christians all around the world will be following the story of Jesus' final days – listening again for what this story has to say to us today.

Lord of all,
Thank you that you invite me to rest.
Thank you for weaving sabbath into the very fabric of creation, and for making each of us to lie down in green pastures. Thank you that I do not have to do everything to earn your love.
Teach me, O Lord. **What is mine to do.**



Save me, Lord, from thinking that everything relies on me and my efforts. Help me to trust in your Spirit's guidance, not only my own experience or analysis. Spur me to action where it is needed, and lead me to rest when it is not. Teach me, O Lord.
What is mine to do.

I am sorry for the times when I have tried to do too much. Where I have burnt myself out, or where I have been doing things that would be better left to others. Help me to have the courage to know when to step back, as well as when to step up. Teach me, O Lord. **What is mine to do.**

Thank you, God, that you hold all of creation in your hand. That while you choose to involve me in the building of your Kingdom, the ultimate work of reconciliation is already achieved for everyone by your Son. May I rest in what has already been achieved for me and the world. Teach me, O Lord.
What is mine to do. Amen.

Sunday Reflection Every week the York Diocese offers a new reflective prayer video for your personal use. This week the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, reflects on John 12.12-16 for Palm Sunday, 24th March. For the reflection please go to:
vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Collect and Readings for Palm Sunday

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of
his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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.

Additional Prayer for the week

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

All readings are from Bible Gateway NRSV

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of

death—

even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 12: 12 – 16

The great crowd that had come to the festival
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So
they took branches of palm trees and went out to
meet him, shouting,
'Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord—
the King of Israel!'
Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is
written:
'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!'
His disciples did not understand these things at
first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they re-
membered that these things had been written of
him and had been done to him.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.



Before you leave church you may like to use:

Lord, you hear all of our prayers – and you know the situations and concerns we have named,
here in our own communities and lives, and in the wider world.
We offer all our prayers – spoken and unspoken – to you. **Amen.**