

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 28th July 2024

SUNDAY 28th JULY —9th SUNDAY OF TRINITY

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings. 2 Kings 4: 42—44. John 6:1—21

Wednesday 31st July

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 1st August

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST —10th SUNDAY OF TRINITY

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Café Church

Readings. Ephesians 4: 1—16. John 6: 24—35

Prayers of intercession for the coming week

Thank you God that you love me. Thank you that you are a God of great power and great love. Thank you for all the beauty and hope of your creation. Thank you for the ways that it is displayed in my life. In the stillness.

I whisper my own prayers of thanks.

[silence]

Sorry God that too often I get it wrong. Sorry for when I exercise power without love. Sorry for when I prioritise love of myself in a way that is damaging to others. Thank you for your forgiveness and for your Grace.

[silence]

Loving God, I pray for my community here in this place, For those known to me and those unknown Show me how to express your perfect love and power And how to be a loving neighbour.

[silence] **Amen.**



There Are Many Ways of Sharing

There are many ways of sharing,
But God's Spirit gives each one.

There are different ways of caring;
It's one Lord whose work is done.

God, whose gifts are overflowing,

May we hear you when you call;

Keep us serving, keep us growing

For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters!

We've been given work to do.

When you call your sons and daughters,

You give gifts for serving you.

God, we join in celebration

Of the talents you impart.

Bless each baptized one's vocation;

Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us;

Some are set apart to lead.

Give us Jesus' love within us

As we care for those in need.

Give us faith to make decisions;

Give us joy to share your Word.

Give us unity and vision

As we serve your church and world.

Personal Prayer to say at the end of the service

May God help me to turn my life towards him,
May he use me to transform the lives of those
around me and join in with what the Spirit of
God is doing already.

May Almighty guide me on my way. **Amen.**

Collect and Readings for the 9th Sunday of Trinity

Collects and Prayers 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 Bible Gateway - NRSV.

2 Kings 4: 42—44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 6: 1 - 21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each

of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

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