

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 8th September 2024

**SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER — 15th SUNDAY
OF TRINITY. Stewardship—Buildings & Money**

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Readings. Exodus 35: 21—29. Matthew 26: 6—13

Wednesday 11th August

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 12th August

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

**SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER — 16th SUNDAY
OF TRINITY. Stewardship—Prayer**

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings. 1 Kings 18: 14—28. Mark 9: 14—28

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. This week the Revd Dr Jenny Wright, Chaplain to the Archbishop of York, reflects on James 2: 1—17, for Education Sunday.

Find the video at vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Diocesan Prayer diary—Join in Prayer with churches throughout our diocese for:

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

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

South Africa: The Church Men's Society

Find reflections, daily prayers, and stories from across the diocese in the quarterly prayer diary: dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary.

Donations to Charity:

At our recent PCC meeting it was decided that the three charities we should support this year are:

York Street Angels

York Against Cancer

MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières - Doctors Without Borders) - for work in Gaza

Hymn - In Christ alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
Our guilt and shame were satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He return or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer before the service and throughout the week

The kingdom of God is justice and joy – and that kingdom comes close today. Come into this space, Holy God, as I pray and learn, read and reflect. Come and show me something of your creativity, and your invitation to be a part of the change I want to see in the world.

Amen

Take a moment to be peaceful.

Collect and Readings for the 15th Sunday of Trinity

Collect and Prayer for the week

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Exodus 35: 21—29

²¹And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the LORD's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. ²²So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earring's and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the LORD. ²³And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. ²⁴Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. ²⁵All the skilful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; ²⁶all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. ²⁷And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, ²⁸and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing-oil, and for the fragrant incense. ²⁹All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill-offering to the LORD.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Matthew 26: 6—13

⁶Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, 'Why this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.' ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, 'Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.



Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after the service

May I go out in peace, go out in grace, go out to seek justice and joy.

You, O Lord, are the creator of all, including me, Travel with me as I leave this place, carrying the fire of you – my Creator – in my heart, always.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.