

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 15th September 2024

**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

Please note:

St Thomas's will be closed Monday to Friday for electrical work. There will not be a Play-group Session or Coffee Drop-in this week.

**SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER — 17th SUNDAY
OF TRINITY. Stewardship— Vocation**

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings. 1 Samuel 3: 1—11. Luke 10: 1—9

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 Ian McIntosh, Director of Mission and Ministry, for the York Diocese, reflects on Mark 8: 27—end for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity .

Find the video at vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:

Diocese of Ribe, Bishop Elob Westergaard

Church of England: Diocese of Bath and Wells,
Bishop Michael Beasley and Bishop Ruth Worsley.

South Africa: Archdeaconry of Helderberg, Diocese of False Bay

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 - Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you,
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness,
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
Longing for hope, many despair,
Your word alone has power to save us,
Make us your living voice.

Refrain.

Longing for food, many are hungry,
Longing for water, many still thirst,
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Refrain.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold,
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong,
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Prayer before the service and throughout the week

In the name of all that is right, all this is holy,
all that is loving, all that is just, I come to
worship you, God of justice. In seeking to
follow in your way, and learn of your call on my
life afresh, I gather in your presence. Come
into this space, by your Spirit I pray. **Amen**

Collect and Readings for the 16th Sunday of Trinity

Collect and Prayer for the week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 .

1 Kings 18: 14—28

¹⁴ Yet now you say, "Go, tell your lord that Elijah is here"; he will surely kill me.' ¹⁵ Elijah said, 'As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.' ¹⁶ So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, 'Is it you, you troubler of Israel?' ¹⁸ He answered, 'I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.'

²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹ Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, 'I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred and fifty. ²³ Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.' All the people answered, 'Well spoken!' ²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' ²⁶ So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. ²⁷ At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered

away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.' ²⁸ Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Mark 9: 14—28

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. ¹⁶ He asked them, 'What are you arguing about with them?' ¹⁷ Someone from the crowd answered him, 'Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; ¹⁸ and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.' ¹⁹ He answered them, 'You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.' ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy into convulsions, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. ²² It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.' ²³ Jesus said to him, 'If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.' ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out, 'I believe; help my unbelief!' ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'You spirit that keep this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!' ²⁶ After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, 'He is dead.' ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. ²⁸ When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, 'Why could we not cast it out?' ²⁹ He said to them, 'This kind can come out only through prayer.'

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.



Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you
with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**