

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 29th September 2024

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER — St Michael and All Angels

10am Holy Communion and Healing Service at St Thomas's

Readings. Genesis 28: 10—17. John 1: 47—51

Wednesday 2nd October

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 3rd October

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

SUNDAY 6th October — Season of Creation 1

8 am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Café Church

Readings. 2 Corinthians 9: 6—11. John 6: 28—35

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. Find the video at: [vimeo.com/dioceseofyork](https://www.vimeo.com/dioceseofyork).

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

Church in Wales: Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, Bishop John Lomas.

Church of England: Diocese of Leicester, Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Mathalaly.

South Africa: Archdeaconry of Table View, Diocese of Saldanha Bay.

Find reflections, daily prayers, and stories from across the diocese in the quarterly prayer diary: [dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary](https://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary).

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 30th September

Today, seek out a space to be quiet. Seek out a moment when you can just be in a quiet space, and listen to the sound of your own breathing. - Stay in this space as long as the responsibilities and calls on your time and just listen to the rhythms of your breathing. God is present, in your breath. Within and around you. In your very being

Tuesday 1st October

This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it. - It isn't always easy to rejoice or 'be glad', but the hymn writer is inviting us to recognise that today is a gift from God, and we can celebrate that – if nothing else. - How are you celebrating the gift of today? How are you making use of it? How are you using it to offer worship to God? - Pray about that this day, as you are out and about.

Wednesday 2nd October

God of all grace, Come and be known to me here, by your grace, Show me how to put your love to work in the world, Show me how to be a part of all that is good and wholesome and right, Show me how to share the good news of your love with people I meet, Show me how to follow you. Amen.

Thursday 3rd October

This day, your prayers could be for our planet and the world we live in. - This day, may you say sorry for all the ways you hurt and pollute the Earth. - This day, you could use your times of prayer to reconnect with nature and to commit again to climate action, climate campaigning and climate justice.

Friday 4th October

God of all blessings, Thank you for the gift of food to eat, For the flavours and the smells, - The energy and enjoyment I can get from the food I eat. I'm sorry for all the times I've taken for granted the food on my plate, the ingredients in my fridge, the ready meals in my freezer. And for all the other blessings I have received that I often overlook or forget to be thankful for. Amen.

Saturday 5th October

Loving God, I pray for those who I know who are in pain this day. Those suffering from grief, illness, loss, mental ill health or another source of pain and difficulty. You know their challenges, and are with them in their sufferings. - Comforting God, who walks alongside those in pain, come, by your Spirit. Amen

Collect and Readings for St Michael and All Angels

Collect and Prayer for the week

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a
wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve
you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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 .

Genesis 28: 10—17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 1: 47—51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.



Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer to use at the end of the service

May I go out with peace, and be sent forth with joy,
And the mountains and the hills will break forth
before me. There will be shouts of peace, and hope,
and welcome, and prosperity for all, And the trees of
the fields shall clap, shall clap their hands. **Amen.**