

*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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October— Season of Creation 1 —  
Harvest**

8 am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Café Church

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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

From 9.30am Church and churchyard cleaning

7pm Parochial Church Council meets at St Thomas's

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

11am Consecration of the Bishop of Selby, and the Bishop of Whitby in York Minster. No Ticket required, congregation to be seated by 10.45am.

**Friday 11th October**

7pm Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz at St Thomas's

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October— Season of Creation 2**

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Worship at St James's

*Readings. Ezekiel 37: 1—10 . John 2: 1—12*

**Sunday Reflection**

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. This week the Archbishop reflects on Mark 10: 2—16 for the start of Black History Month. Find the video at: [vimeo.com/dioceseforyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseforyork).

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

**Church in Wales:** Diocese of Monmouth, Bishop Cherry Vann

**Church of England:** Diocese of Liverpool, Bishop John Perumbalath, Bishop Beverley Mason

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Haderslev, Bishop Marianne Christiansen

**South Africa:** Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay, Diocese of False Bay

Find reflections and daily prayers:

[dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary](https://dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary).

**The Revd Rob Suekarran, Associate Vicar at Hull Minster, shares his reflections as we began Black History Month.**

Two years ago, I stepped into the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool for the Church of England's inaugural Racial Justice Unit annual gathering. This was a gathering of people, lay and ordained, from all ethnic backgrounds, engaged in the work of effecting racial justice in their Dioceses. I remember standing in awe, being a part of a truly multi-ethnic gathering, a foretaste of that time where people from every nation, tribe, people, and language will stand before the throne and the Lamb (Rev 7.9). Given the work that we are engaged with, it was fitting to meet in a place which sheds light on some of the most shameful parts of our history.

Our first item of business was a guided tour of the Slavery Museum. Here, we saw diagrams of ships, designed to maximise the number of slaves that could be carried. We found out about the routes by which slaves were carried to be traded as inhuman commodities. We were introduced to spiked chains which held slaves in their place, and the stories of both slaves and slave owners.

This was all pretty horrible. But what was really humbling was the connection between those gathered, and what was being shown to us.

Many of us had links to slavery. Some of my colleagues' ancestors were slaves, and experienced the horrific things being described to us. I descend from a country which was on a slave trade route. We were confronted by a historic injustice, but this injustice is not as far away from us as we think. These injustices continue to impact us today.

Black History Month celebrates and commemorates moments in history, achievements and contributions that black people have made, and is celebrated to eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality. The theme of this year's campaign is 'Reclaiming Narratives', where we are encouraged to listen to the stories of Black history from the perspective of the Black community. I have personally been greatly enriched by listening to the stories of my friends and colleagues, and engaging with authors such as Anthony Reddie, Esau McCauley, Cole Arthur Riley and Akala.

How will we listen to these stories during Black History Month? As we listen to these stories, we pray for a furthering of the Kingdom of God where all racial injustice and inequality is eradicated. For more information:

[www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

**A prayer for Black History Month:** Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Collect and Readings for Harvest**

### **Collect and Prayer for the week**

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in  
their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our  
own well-being;  
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 Corinthians 9: 6—11**

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written,  
'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.'  
<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

For the word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

### **John 6: 28—35**

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has

sent.' <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of Christ

### **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your  
love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the  
kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all  
that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer to use at the end of the service**

This moment is holy, this time is sacred, this  
space is precious.

Turn aside for a brief time from the business and  
busy-ness of the days and weeks just gone, and  
all those to come,

And be present to the here and now.

God is here, may you come to notice.

To respond.

To be transformed by the presence of God's  
grace.

**Amen.**