

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 20th October 2024

SUNDAY 20th October— Season of Creation 3

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Readings. Job 38: 1—7, 34—41. John 12: 23—26.

Followed by York Marathon Café. Light lunch, soup and refreshments served during the marathon.

Monday 21st October

Growing Hope meeting 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Heworth (See opposite column)

Wednesday 23rd October

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 24th October

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

SUNDAY 27th October— Bible Sunday

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Readings. Isaiah 55: 1—11. John 5: 36b—47.

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. This week the Ven Andy Broom, reflects on Mark 10: 35—45. Find the video at: vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Diocesan Prayer diary—This week join in prayer with churches throughout our diocese for:

Church of England: Diocese of Oxford, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop Olivia Graham, Bishop Gavin Collins, Bishop Alan Wilson.

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Växjö, Bishop Fredrik Modéus.

South Africa: Diocese of Saldanha Bay Link Officer, The Revd Andrew Greedy

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary.

Hymn— God, the maker of the heavens

God, the maker of the heavens
And the planet that we share
Show us how to live, like Jesus
Lives of gratitude and care
Make us mindful of the footprints
From the lives that we pursue
Make us partners in your mission
You are making all things new

God, the gardener of Eden
Teach us how to tend this earth
Learning from the changing seasons
Times of fallow and new birth
Lord have mercy when we're careless
Rich resources we misuse
Use our hands to heal creation
You are making all things new

God of labour and vocation
Lord of science, trade and art
Take our efforts and our passions
Make them mirrors of your heart
Every habitat and creature
Loved and valued, God, by you
May our lives reveal your Kingdom
You are making all things new

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Growing Hope Holy Trinity, Heworth are exploring a partnership with a charity called Growing Hope which they hope the East of York Churches will support too - with the aim of setting up a local clinic offering free therapy to children with additional needs ([more information here](#)) and we will be hosting an information evening this coming Monday (21st) where people can find out more information about the charity itself and how they can get involved.

The evening starts at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church, so if you're available it would be great to have you along, and please do spread the word to anyone who might be interested as well - the more the merrier!

Prayer before the service and during the week.

God the Father, who created the world, give us your grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire us to go out as labourers into his harvest.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help us to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

From 'Let all things their Creator bless' - Diocese of Guilford

Collect and Readings for Creation 3

Collect and Prayer for the week

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 .

Job 38: 1—7, 34—41

Then the LORD answered Job out of the
whirlwind:

² ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words
without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ ‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of
the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely
you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all
the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴ ‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so
that a flood of waters may cover you?

³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they
may go and say to you, “Here we are”?

³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass and the clods
cling together?

³⁹ ‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy
the appetite of the young lions,

⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in
their covert?

⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey, when its
young ones cry to God, and wander about for
lack of food?

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 2: 1—12

²³ Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for
the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell
you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth
and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it
dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their
life lose it, and those who hate their life in this
world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves
me must follow me, and where I am, there will my
servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Father of light,

in whom is no change or shadow of turning,

you give us every good and perfect gift

and have brought us to birth

by your word of truth:

may we be a living sign of that kingdom

where your whole creation will be made perfect in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

At the end of the service

As I sit here in this space:

I am connected to people of faith worshipping in
different ways and different places.

I am part of a community of saints that have
worshipped for generations.

I am joined with others across the world choosing
to do the same.

Here in this special space where God has been for
all time I am free to worship.

So I take a moment and give thanks in the quiet
places of my heart. For that I have, All that I am,
And all that I might be.

All I have, all I am and all I might be I offer to you
in worship – today and always. **Amen.**