

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October— Bible Sunday  
(Last Sunday of Trinity)**

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

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

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

2pm Fellowship Group -see opposite column

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November— All Saints  
Sunday**

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

*Readings. Revelation 21: 1—6a. John 11: 32—44.*

**Sunday Reflection**

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. This week the Very Revd Dominic Black, Dean of York, reflects on Mark 10: 46—52. Find the video at:

[vimeo.com/dioceseofyork](https://vimeo.com/dioceseofyork).

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

**Church of England:** Diocese of Carlisle, Vacancy in See, Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh.

**Church of Norway:** Diocese of Stavanger, Bishop Anne Lise Ådnøy.

**South Africa:** Anglican Youth of Southern Africa and Provincial Youth Council, Anglican Church of South Africa (ACSA).

Find reflections and daily prayers:

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

**Fellowship Group**

The currently advertised *PHOENIX* light and sound show is taking place in York Minster (19<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November). The lightshow is commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1984 fire in the south transept of York Minster.

Telling the story of that night and its aftermath, *PHOENIX* will commemorate the bravery, power and ingenuity of those that responded to the fire, celebrating the resilience of York Minster and the people of York through their own words, in the very place where it happened.



You are invited to get your own insight on the story at the **Parish Fellowship** on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** where our speaker will be Ian Tomlinson.

In the 40 years since the Minster fire Ian Tomlinson has been involved with the Minster stained glass. Ian is a member of the Glaziers Trust and worked with Peter Gibson (who was a leading authority on glass restoration) for 25 years. Ian will be bringing various artefacts from the Minster workshop, also some items for sale including stained glass window hangings and bells.

The **Fellowship Group** starts at **2pm in St Thomas's Church** and entry is £3, this includes refreshments. Everyone welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

**A general prayer of thanks for the Bible:**

Almighty God, We thank you for the gift of your Holy Word. May it be a lantern to our feet, A light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Collect and Readings for Bible Sunday

### Collect and Prayer for the week

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written  
for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest  
them  
that, through patience,  
and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 .*

### Isaiah 55: 1—11

Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of  
Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy  
on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down from  
heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the  
earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For the word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God

### John 5: 36b—47

Jesus said, 'The works that the Father has given me to  
complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my  
behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent  
me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard  
his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word  
abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he  
has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them  
you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my  
behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

'I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that  
you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my  
Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes  
in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe  
when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the  
glory that comes from the one who alone is God?

'Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your  
accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you  
believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about  
me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you  
believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of Christ

### Praise to Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### At the end of the service

Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you for being a God of justice, love and mercy. I ask  
that you help me to live after your example, to be a model for  
those around me. Holy Spirit, fill me anew, that I might have  
the words to speak of your love, and that I would  
demonstrate that love through my actions. **Amen.**