

*St Thomas's Osbaldwick and St James's Murton*  
*Churches with a heart - at the heart of our communities*

*An Inclusive Church — All are Welcome*

## Pew Sheet for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

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

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Thomas's

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

### Monday 4th November

10am Church and Churchyard Cleaning

7pm Parochial Church Council

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November— Remembrance Sunday

10am Holy Communion and  
Act of Remembrance at St  
Thomas's



4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

*Readings. James 3: 13—18. Matthew 5: 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 Ven Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of York, reflects on All Saints Sunday. Find the video at:

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

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

**Church of England:** Diocese of Winchester, Bishop Philip Mountstephen, Bishop David Williams, Vacancy in Bishopric of Southampton.

**Church of Norway:** Diocese of Agder and Telemark, Bishop Stein Reinertsen.

**South Africa:** Archdeaconry of Overberg; Diocese of False Bay.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

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

### Prayers and Prayer Pointers

**Monday 4th November** Today we pray for all world leaders, whether we agree with their politics or not. We pray for grace, for wisdom, for the courage to lead and to discern the best way forward for our planet and the people who live in it. - God of all grace, show us how we can support those most in need in our world, through our political systems and by engaging in democracy. Amen.

**Tuesday 5th November** - It's Bonfire Night today in the UK, and perhaps you are hearing fireworks going off as you read this, or making plans to attend or host a party of some sort over the weekend. - As you listen to or see a firework, think about the explosive nature of these little bits of cardboard and gunpowder, which can be seen for miles around. Perhaps they are like your faith - it may seem small and relatively insignificant, but it can light up the sky and be a source of encouragement and wonder for others. - Pray about how you can be a firework for others this week, and in the weeks ahead.

**Wednesday 6th November** - Go outdoors and find something natural: a stone, leaf, flower, or something else. - Consider the ways God has made this thing and then reflect on how you too are wonderfully made by God. - What does this mean to you?

**Thursday 7th November** - Gracious God, show me how to love without borders or restrictions, how to radically live out your calling on my life and your challenge to all of us to live in the way of love. - Show me how to be the kind of shepherd who would always go in search of the one most in need, how to reach out to the lost sheep in my life and community. - Show me how to love as you love, O Christ.

**Friday 8th November** - The German theologian Meister Eckhart once said, 'if the only prayer you ever say in your life is "thank you", that will be enough'. - Today, throughout the day (or whatever is left of the day), simply look for opportunities to pray the words 'thank you' to God. - Thank you for the sunrise. Thank you that I have enough food for the day. Thank you for my health, such as it is. Thank you for that lovely conversation with a friend. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Amen.

**Saturday 9th November** - Find a moment today, to just be still. - Listen for the still, small voice of the divine. - Don't try to force it, don't worry if you hear nothing, or you just hear your own thoughts. Just hold the space, and still your mind, heart and soul. - Pray about anything that comes up...

## **Collect and Readings for All Saints Sunday**

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

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body  
of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow  
your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come  
to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared  
for those who truly love you;  
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.*

### **Revelation 21: 1—6a**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

For the word of the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God**

### **John 11: 32—44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother

would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of Christ

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.**