

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 1st December 2024

Sunday 1st December— Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am Taizé Service at St Thomas's

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9—13. Luke 18: 25—36

Monday 2nd December

7pm Parochial Church Council meets at St Thomas's

Wednesday 4th December

9.30am Playgroup at St Thomas's

Thursday 5th December

10am Coffee Drop-in at St Thomas's



Sunday 8th December— 2nd Sunday of Advent

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Reading:

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

Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Bishop Ian Paton.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Porvoo, Bishop Bo-Göran Åstrand.

South Africa Diocesan Link: Schools across the Diocese of Cape Town.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

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

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, Archdeacon of the East Riding, reflects on Luke 21: 25—36 for Advent Sunday Find the video at:

vimeo.com/dioceseofyork.

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 2nd December - Come, Holy God, come close this day. Help me to know your closeness in the sunrise and the clouds, In the mealtimes and the quiet, In the midst of my everyday living. Come, O Come, Immanuel. Amen.

Tuesday 3rd December - Whether or not you are someone who gets into the festive spirit at this time of year, why not use the way the world around you is turning into all things Christmassy as an opportunity for prayer. - Perhaps, every time you see or hear something related to Christmas (a song on the radio, an advert, a set of fairy lights in the street), you could simply pray: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your presence here on earth, Amen. - Or you could think of other words that might help you?

Wednesday 4th December - God of this day, I give you this moment, And all the moments to come. In the every-day activities of today, Help me to see your grace at work. Amen.

Thursday 5th December - Today, take some time to pray for your street. For the neighbours and other people who live in this street, for those who work to maintain or clean it, for the refuse collection workers, postal workers, and others who help to keep the street functioning. - If you feel able, you could walk up and down the street as you pray, using the time to think about others who walk this same route and how God is at work in their lives.

Friday 6th December - Loving God, in a world torn apart by conflict and war, Help me to pray for peace. Bring peace to the places, countries and individuals where there is conflict and violence at the moment, and may your will be done, your kingdom come, Amen.

Saturday 7th December - Look for opportunities to be thankful today. Are there any good news stories or glimpses of joy in your weekend that might normally pass without acknowledgement? - How can you be intentional about gratitude today?

Collect and Readings for Advent Sunday

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 .

Jeremiah 33: 14—16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfil the promise I made to the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. In
those days and at that time I will cause a
righteous Branch to spring up for David; and
he shall execute justice and righteousness
in the land. In those days Judah will be
saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And
this is the name by which it will be called:
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 3: 9—13

How can we thank God enough for you in
return for all the joy that we feel before our
God because of you? Night and day we
pray most earnestly that we may see you
face to face and restore whatever is lacking
in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and
our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And
may the Lord make you increase and
abound in love for one another and for all,
just as we abound in love for you. And may
he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that
you may be blameless before our God and
Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with
all his saints.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 21: 25—36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the
stars, and on the earth distress among nations
confused by the roaring of the sea and the
waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding
of what is coming upon the world, for the powers
of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see
"the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power
and great glory. Now when these things begin to
take place, stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree
and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves
you can see for yourselves and know that summer
is already near. So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that the kingdom of
God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all things have taken
place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed
down with dissipation and drunkenness and the
worries of this life, and that day does not catch you
unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all
who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at
all times, praying that you may have the strength
to escape all these things that will take place, and
to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of Christ: **Praise to Christ our
Lord.**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

