

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 9th February 2025

Sunday 9th February - 4th Sunday before Lent

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

4pm Evening Worship at St James's

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1—11. Luke 5: 1—11

Monday 10th February

9.45 Rhythm time in St Thomas's

Wednesday 12th February

09.30am Playgroup - St Thomas's

Thursday 13th February

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

Friday 14th February

10.30am Chairbics - St Thomas's

Sunday 16th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

10am Family Communion at St Thomas's

Reading: The Beatitudes - How to be Happy

Looking ahead....

Electoral Roll Review The Church Representation Rules require a new church electoral roll to be prepared for each parish in 2025 and in every succeeding sixth year. Therefore, we need to prepare a new roll this year. This means that everyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll must apply by **3rd March 2025**. Application forms are available in the lobby at both churches. Further information is available from Anne Gray our Electoral Roll Officer

Friday 7th March. 2pm World Day of Prayer Service will be held at St Lawrence's Church this year.

Monday 31st March 7pm Annual Parochial Church Council meeting.

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. Find the video at:

vimeo.com/dioceseforyork.

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

This week, we have a slightly different approach to our prayer prompts. You are invited, each day this week, to place a new sticky note (or similar) in key places around your home as prayer prompts. For example: - On your bathroom mirror: "Thank you, God, for creating me in Your image." - On your refrigerator: "Lord, provide for those in need." - On your phone: "Help me use technology for connection, not distraction." These little reminders can integrate prayer into your daily routines in a natural and meaningful way. Each day, choose a different room, or a different part of your life (e.g. you might like to put at least one in your car, or on your desk at work, or similar) and create a specific prayer that you think you need to hear. Each time this week that you come to the sticky note, use it as a prompt for prayer, and if your prayer needs are changing, then feel free to change or add to your sticky notes – they are for you! If you find this idea unhelpful, then you might simply wish to spend 5 minutes in silent, undisturbed prayer each day. Don't try to say anything, or have any particularly brilliant ideas, simply hold the stillness.

At the end of the service and each time of prayer this week:

Sent by the Lord am I,

My hands are ready now,

And out into your world I go, O God.

My prayer is that I can see, notice and remember that you are with me, and that I am transformed by God's Spirit within me, to hear the call and respond simply: 'here I am, send me'. **Amen.**

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

Church of England: Diocese of Worcester, Acting Bishop of Worcester, Bishop Martin Gorrick during this vacancy

Church of Norway Diocese of Hamar, Bishop Ole Kristian Bonden.

Anglican Church of South Africa (ACSA) The Safe and Inclusive Church Commission

Find reflections and daily prayers: dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

Collect and Readings for 4th Sunday before Lent

Collect and Prayer for the week

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 .

1 Corinthians 15: 1—11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Luke 5: 1—11.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.”

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.