

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 23rd February 2025

Sunday 23rd February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

President: The Revd John Lee—York Diocese
Multiply Team Leader.

Readings: Revelation 4. Luke 8: 22—25

Tuesday 25th February Parish Fellowship
2pm at St Thomas's. Speaker: Linda McCarthy
"Seventy Years a Queen".

Wednesday 26th February

09.30am Playgroup - St Thomas's

12.30pm Soup and Jacket Potatoes at St
James's

Thursday 27th February

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

Friday 28st February

10.30am Chairbics - St Thomas's

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

10am **Café Church**—Pet Blessing at
St Thomas's.

Readings: Genesis 2: 4b-8, 15, 18-20a. Revelation 4: 6a-11

Looking ahead....

Electoral Roll Review - The Electoral Roll
revision ends on **3rd March 2025**. Application
forms are available in the lobby at both
churches. Further information is available from
Anne Gray our Electoral Roll Officer.

Tuesday 4th March - Pancakes at St Thomas's
5pm to 7pm.

Wednesday 5th March - 7pm Ash Wednesday
Service with Imposition of Ashes at St Thomas's.

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

Sunday 16th March Nominations open for
Church Wardens and PCC Members.
Nominations close on 30th March

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

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 24th February - Write a note or a message
to a friend with a Bible verse in it that you think might
be relevant to your life. Tell them you're thinking of
them, and pray about them as they receive it.

Tuesday 25th February - Think about the fruits of the
spirit. Pick one of them that you don't feel you are
very good at, or that needs some intentional work.
Spend some time praying about this, and then
practice it for a whole day in all you do.

Wednesday 26th February - Make a cup or tea or
coffee, or something else to drink. As you drink it,
imagine all the places and people that are responsible
for making it, from source to your lips. Thank God for
them, the source of all life.

Thursday 27th February - Listen to the sound of
babies laughing on YouTube [Cute And Funny Baby Laughing Hysterically | 5-Minute Fails](#) – pray thanks to God for
happiness and life.

Friday 28th February - Sit silently for ten minutes and
let your mind wander. Offer any thoughts and feelings
to God.

Saturday 1st March - Draw around the shape of your
hand. Write on it the things that you're carrying that
feel like burdens. Offer them to God in prayer,
remembering that God carries your burdens with you.

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

Diocese of Peterborough, Bishop Debbie Sellin,
Bishop John Holbrook.

Church of Ireland: Diocese of Meath and Kildare,
Bishop Pat Storey.

Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA)
Anglican Students Federation.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary



Collect and Readings for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Collect and Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

All readings are from Bible Gateway - NRSV .

Revelation 4

I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come." And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the

one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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

Luke 8: 22 - 25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

This is the Gospel of Christ:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday Reflection

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, for personal use. This week the Revd Canon Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner at York Minster, reflects on Luke 8: 22—25 for the Second Sunday before Lent.