

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 30th March 2025

**Sunday 30th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

10am Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing at St Thomas's.

Flowers and Cards will be distributed during the service with an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Reading: Exodus 2: 1—10. John:19: 25—27

Monday 31st March

7pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting and AGM at St Thomas's.

Wednesday 2nd April

Playgroup are taking a break, next session 16th April.

Thursday 3rd April

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

Friday 4th April

10.30am Chairbics - St Thomas's

Sunday 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion at St Thomas's.

10am Spa Service.

Reading: Isaiah 43: 16—21. John:12: 1—8

Looking ahead...

25th April - Deanery Quiet Time at St Helen's Church, Wheldrake —10.00-1.00pm with Revd Sybille Batten, Chaplain of Holy Rood House.

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/dioceseofyork.

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

Church of England: Diocese of Sodor and Man, Bishop Tricia Hillas.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Funen, Bishop Made Davidsen.

Church of Ireland: Diocese of Armagh, Archbishop John McDowell.

South Africa Link: Schools in the Diocese of False Bay.

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 31st March

Challenge and inspire me, O God

Shape my response to your grace, I pray,

That I might hear your invitation to me this day,

And join with you in your love for the community around me. Amen.

Tuesday 1st April

Today is April Fool's Day – a day for light-hearted fun and enjoyment, especially if you are a fan of practical jokes.

As you go through the day, try to think about the things in your life, or in the world around you that might make God laugh. Could you join in with divine joy where you see or notice it?

Wednesday 2nd April

Hold a moment of stillness. In the quiet, can you spend a few minutes in peace, holding space for God to speak to you. Listen and notice anything you think you need to respond to.

Thursday 3rd April

Lord of all grace,

Today I know myself blessed,

And recognise that I have received much.

Help me to live a thankful, grateful life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday 4th April

God whose table is always open,

Help me to hear the invitation to take my place today,

To see what is mine to do,

And to extend that same invitation to others. Amen.

Saturday 5th April

The UK is experiencing a housing emergency – more and more people are affected by poor and unsuitable housing, and the number of people sleeping rough in England is now at 4,667, nearly 1,000 more than this time last year. There is much work to be done to resolve the structural issues that are causing these challenges for people – today let us pray for all working towards a solution, as well as those affected by the sharp end of the crisis.



Collect and Reading for Mothering Sunday

Collect and Prayer for the week

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Exodus 2: 1 – 10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

John 19: 25—27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and
drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

You are warmly invited to join a

"QUIET TIME"

WITH

STUDY AND PRAYER TIME

to be held in

St Helen's Church, Wheldrake



on Saturday 5 April from 10.00am 'til 12.30pm

WE WILL BE LED BY REVD SYBILLE BATTEN
(CHAPLAIN OF HOLY ROOD HOUSE)

Please bring your own lunch, if you wish to stay for fellowship.
Tea, coffee etc will be available, from 9.30am

If possible, a contribution of £5.00 from each person attending would be welcome.

For further information please contact: allie.48@yahoo.com