

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 6th April 2025

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

Monday 7th April

10am Church and Churchyard cleaning.

7pm Parochial Church Council meets at Thomas's.

Wednesday 9th April

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

12.30 Soup and Jacket Potato at St James's

7pm Murton Parish Council meet at St James's

Thursday 10th April

10.00am Coffee Drop-in - St Thomas's

Friday 11th April

10.30am Chairbics - St Thomas's

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

10am Holy Communion at St Thomas's.

4pm Evening Prayer at St James's

Reading: Philippians 2: 5—11. Luke: 19: 28—40

Looking ahead....

Services for Holy Week

Monday (14th), Tuesday (15th) and Wednesday (16th)

7pm Holy Week Compline at St Thomas's

Maundy Thursday (17th)

7pm Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Good Friday (18th)

11am Walk of Witness at St Aelred's RC Church

2pm Hour at the Cross at St Thomas's

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

Prayers and Prayer Pointers

Monday 7th April

- Pour a glass of water. Think about the things you do that get in the way of your relationship with God. You might think it muddies the water of your life, but God forgives us for all these things, and offers us living water. Drink some of the water and give thanks for the way God reaches out to you with love and forgiveness.

Tuesday 8th April

- 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.

Wednesday 9th April

- 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.

Thursday 10th April

- Find something in your house that is symbolic of your faith. Hold it. Give thanks for the journey of faith that God has taken you on in your lifetime. Ask for God to guide you on your onwards journey.

Friday 11th April

- 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.

Saturday 12th April

- God of all grace,

Today we pray for those afflicted by ill health and grief.

Hold the stillness for a while, and call the names of those known to you, then take a moment to pray for those you don't know.

Amen.





Collect and Reading for 5th Sunday of Lent

Collect and Prayer for the week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive
it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

John 12: 1 - 8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came
to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he
had raised from the dead. There they gave
a dinner for him. Martha served, and
Lazarus was one of those at the table with
him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume

made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and
wiped them with her hair. The house was filled
with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas
Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was
about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume
not sold for three hundred denarii and the money
given to the poor?" (He said this not because he
cared about the poor, but because he was a thief;
he kept the common purse and used to steal what
was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She
bought it so that she might keep it.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least
of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.

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

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Archbishop Martin
Modéus, Bishop Karin Johannesson

Church in Wales: Diocese of Llandaff, Bishop Mary Stallard

South Africa Link: Synod of Bishops of South Africa A
body representing Bishops from Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia,
St Helena and South Africa, the Synod regularly addresses
the issues and turmoil facing their constituent nations.

Find reflections and daily prayers:

dioceseforyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary

