

# St Thomas Newsletter



## **Harvest**

We will not be able to recreate as wonderful a harvest display as last year, but **we can make harvest donations** and support FIND and our local North West Ipswich foodbank, who need our support more than ever.

In the next four weeks you can bring your harvest donations to St Thomas Church in a bag, on Sundays or during the week when the Church is open and leave the bag in the back of the Church.

Or: you can donate to FIND on their website or send a cheque payable to 'FIND (Families in Need)Ltd', stating it's for the 'Foodbank', posting it to FIND, PO Box 1029, Ipswich IP1 9XJ.

## **Harvest Sunday in Church will be on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am.**

In the last newsletter Rev Cat wrote about the **Harvest Video - Deadline is now:**

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

“ Since many fruits and vegetables are ripening now, if you have grown anything **please take a photo or short video clip over the next few weeks** (either of just your produce, or with you in the photo as well as the proud gardener!), and send it to me. I know there are many keen gardeners among us so I hope we can see a vibrant collection of wonderful plants!

If you aren't a gardener but would still like to take part, why not find or take a photo of your favourite fruit or veg which is in season.”

- Rev Cat

## **Sunday and Wednesday Eucharist in Church**



We are delighted that our services back in Church have gone very well. On Sundays, we get an average of 30 people in Church, including some children 😊, on Wednesdays we have 15 - 17.

On Wednesdays, you can just turn up, but on Sundays we ask you to book in. Someone who was back in church last Sunday for the first time since lockdown said 'It's like coming home'. If you would

like to come back and have any worries, please phone and have a chat with the clergy or church wardens.

- **A reminder of the booking system:** Online: you receive an email with the link to the electronic system on a Tuesday. We ask you to book in by Saturday, 9 am.
- Or by phone: 01473 742973, if you can book by Thursday lunchtime, that would be helpful so we don't send the you mailing through the post. Everyone will receive a message on the Saturday, to let you know if you have a place on the Sunday.

Whilst we are grateful to be back in Church worshipping and sharing the Eucharist, we are also **very** aware of all of you who are not able to join us. You are in our thoughts and prayers,

and we will continue with the weekly mailing, videos and ZOOM church and meetings into the foreseeable future. Please, **do tell us**, if there is any more we could do for you.

***The Annual Meeting of St Thomas' Church, Ipswich*** (including the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020, at 11.00 in Church and on ZOOM after the Eucharist**. Papers will be sent out the week before so you have time to send in questions before the meeting.

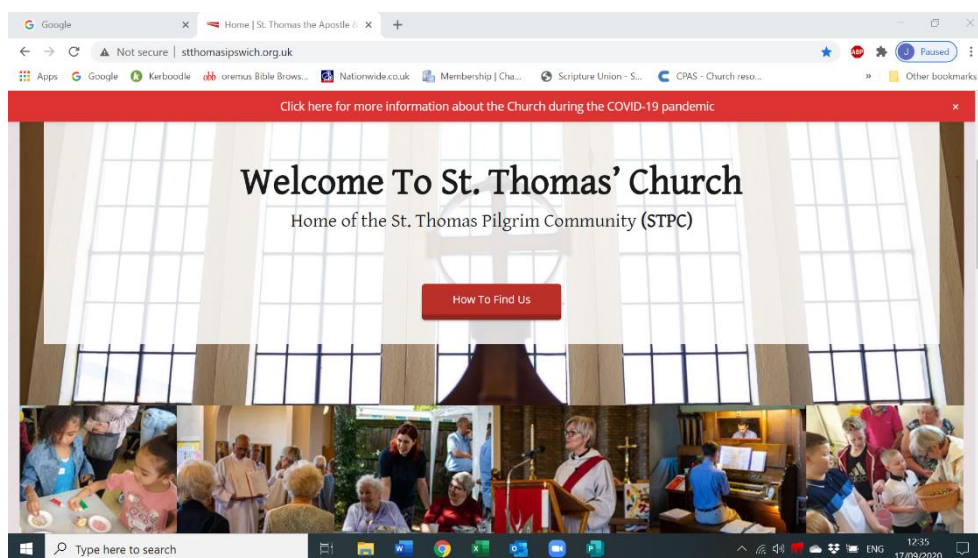
***Revision of the Electoral Roll*** will be completed this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. The new roll will be open for inspection until Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, in church or electronically, on demand. Please email Alison Gibbs, (ajg@talk21.com), our Electoral Roll Officer, if you would like to see a copy.

***Elections of church wardens, Deanery Synod Reps and PCC members:***

We elect our church wardens every year, and we are grateful to Roger, who is willing to continue. Sylvia has decided to step down, **so we are looking for a church warden to serve alongside Roger**. Malcolm & Emma have been our Deanery Synod Reps for many years. Malcolm will step down as he wants to concentrate on his new role as Evangelist. We have **two vacancies for Deanery Synod and two places on the PCC**. We are also looking for a **new treasurer and help with admin tasks to share the load**. If you have admin skills, please consider helping us. Our accounts and finances are in good order. We need to find a treasurer or a small team to take this on (4-6 hours per month), to free Emma to use her gifts to develop our communications and community outreach. Contact Emma, if you would like to know more: [emma.knight1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emma.knight1@hotmail.co.uk) or Rev Jutta.

***The new Website is Up and Running - <http://stthomasipswich.org.uk/>***

Please, have a look. We hope you like it. 'Weekly Sheet' is under Services,; link to videos either in the top right hand corner ( youtube badge) or under 'Sermons'; St Thomas Newsletter under 'news'. Let us know what you think!



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