

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

23rd May 2021 - Pentecost

Collect:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 104.26—end

26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—



32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15.26-27, 16.4b-15)

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Notices:

New Priest: Our new Priest in Charge, Rev Rachel Revely, will be licensed on Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us to welcome her and celebrate!

Pentecost: on Sunday 23rd at 4pm, the Cathedral's Pentecost Service 'Catching the Fire' can be watched on the cathedral facebook page ([facebook.com/stedscathedral](https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral)).

Church-sitting: we are looking for more people to do regular church-sitting while we are open for prayer on Mondays & Thursdays 11.30-1.30. We are no longer restricting this to under-70s, it is open to anyone able and willing! If you can commit to one or both hours regularly, please speak to Alison or Rev Cat.

Charity giving: as we have done in previous years we have allocated 2% of our income to go to charity. If you have any suggestions of local, national and international charities you will like us to donate to then please send them to Lucy (lucydrake22@gmail.com) by Monday 31st May.

Baby Bank: the Suffolk baby bank we are hosting in the community room would welcome donations of tinned potatoes, instant mash, and dried/long-life milk.

Booking for in-person services: Sunday services must be booked into—we email out a booking form every week. **To book by phone, call 01473 742973 and leave a message saying your name, which service you are booking for, and how many (including yourself) you are booking for.**

Please pray for:

Those with chronic or long-term illness: Rosemary, Eric Dickerson, Jenny, Andrew Barfield, Kathy Steele, Andrew, Peggy, Margaret Christian, Natacha, Katie, Rex & Jill, Christine, Stephen, Samantha, Theresa

Those undergoing treatment or currently ill: Gloria Elmer, Leslie Bloomfield, Roger Dickerson, Vicky & Matt, Dagmar, Roy, Kenneth Leek, Angela, Helen Pratt

Those who have recently died, and their families mourning their loss.



Bishop Martin Seeley (29th)

This Week:

Sunday 23rd May (Pentecost)

10am: Eucharist with facebook livestream

6pm: Youth Group (Vicarage)

Monday 24th May

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4.30pm: STPC evening prayer. Contact Malcolm for Zoom link.

Tuesday 25th May

6.30-7.10pm: Zoom Meditation Group. Contact Lucy for details & link: lucydrake22@gmail.com

Wednesday 26th May

10am: Eucharist

7.30pm: Faith Pictures

Thursday 27th May

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4.15pm: Bible Basics

Sunday 30th May (Trinity Sunday)

10am: Eucharist with facebook livestream (Bishop Martin preaching)

Church website:

<http://stthomasipswich.org.uk/>

Sunday Worship & other Worship resources on the Church Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasipswich/>

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