

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

9th May 2021 - Easter 6

Collect:

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the Lord, the King.



7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

9 let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles (10.44-end)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15.9-17)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Notices:

Christian Aid Week: 10th - 16th May. See Daphne for an envelope to donate, or you can donate online at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> Please hold this week in prayer as we support our Christian siblings across the world.

Youth Group: date for your diary - in person meeting at the vicarage on the 23rd!

New Vicar Search: Please keep all involved in the interview process in your prayers.

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.

Lectio 365: an app to help you read the bible and pray! This is a free app which gives you short prayers and reflections, perfect for starting and/or ending your day with. Recommended by Rev Jackie.

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

Pray for members of the St Thomas Congregation

Natacha & Amber Wilcox; Pat & Jan Wright; Edith Abbott; Gareth & Theresa Andrews; Eric Baker; June Baker & family; Jenny & Andrew Barfield; Alan Banks



No birthdays this week

This Week:

Sunday 9th May

10am: Eucharist with facebook livestream

11am: APCM

Monday 10th May

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 11th May

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

Wednesday 12th May

10am: Eucharist

7.30pm: Faith Pictures

Thursday 13th May

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4pm: Bible Basics

Sunday 16th May

10am: Eucharist with facebook livestream (Revd Pat preaching).

Please pray for:

All who are affected by the Coronavirus: *For all who have lost their jobs; all who are despairing and living with loss or anxiety. For hospital and health care workers.*

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

Church website:

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

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

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