

# Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

27th June 2021 - 4th Sunday after Trinity

## Collect:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

## A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (8.7-end)

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.' But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

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

## Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (5.21-end)

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat. **This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Notices:

**Mini market:** we are holding a mini market fundraiser on Weds 14th July from 11.15am to 2pm outside the church. Please donate jams, marmalade, cake, handcrafted items, etc.! Speak to Alison. Spread the word - invite your friends and family to come and buy our lovely handmade goods!

**Patronal BBQ Update:** Since restrictions are not yet being lifted, our Patronal BBQ is postponed until Sunday 8th August, which will be Revd. Rachel's first Sunday with us at St Thomas.

**St Thomas Charity Donations:** Thanks to everyone who nominated charities for our annual giving. We made no donations last year so we had 2-years worth of funds, amounting to just over £2000. Because of this we can give £180 to each of the nominated charities. **Local:** Lighthouse Women's Aid, Talitha Koum, Iceni, Headway Suffolk, E Anglia Air Ambulance, St Elizabeth Hospice. **National:** MIND, British Heart Foundation, Parkinsons.

**International:** Embrace the Middle East, Smile Train, Krishan Family Mission (India).

**Tech volunteers:** we want to build a small team of people who can do the livestream tech on Sundays. It's quite easy! Speak to Malcolm to find out more, be trained, and volunteer.

**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.

### Dates For Your Diary:

**4th July:** Patronal Festival

**14th July 11.15am-2pm:** Mini Market Fundraiser

**2nd August 7.30pm:** Licensing of Revd. Rachel Revely

**8th August:** Patronal BBQ (moved from 4th July)

### Please pray for:

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

**Those undergoing treatment or currently ill:** Gloria Elmer, Leslie Bloomfield, Roger Dickerson, Kenneth Leek, Angela, Helen Pratt, Timothy

**Those who have recently died, and their families mourning their loss:** Angelina



Millie Dickerson (28th)

### This Week:

#### **Sunday 27th June (Trinity 4)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation, led by Bishop Martin (with Facebook livestream)

#### **Monday 28th June**

**11.30-1.30:** Church open for prayer

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

#### **Tuesday 29th June**

**6.30-7.10pm:** Zoom Meditation Group. Contact Lucy for details & link: [lucydrake22@gmail.com](mailto:lucydrake22@gmail.com)

#### **Wednesday 30th June**

**10am:** Eucharist

#### **Thursday 1st July**

**11.30-1.30:** Church open for prayer

#### **Sunday 4th July (Patronal Festival)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

### Church website:

[http://stthomasipswich.org.uk/](http://stthomasipswich.org.uk)

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

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

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