

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

6th June 2021 - 1st Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Psalm 138

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.



7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1)

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (3.20-end)

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’—for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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

Notices:

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.

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. If you'd like to receive the link by email, send a message to admin@stthomasipswich.org.uk. 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:

13th June: Revd. Canon Jutta coming to preach and speak about the WITH Community.

27th June: Baptism and Confirmation service with Bishop Martin

4th July: Patronal Festival (hopefully with our traditional BBQ!)

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

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.



Edith Abbott (10th)
Shirley Vivian (10th)
Revd. Cat Connolly (13th)

This Week:

Sunday 6th June (Trinity 1)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 7th June

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 8th June

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

Wednesday 9th June

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 10th June

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4.15pm: Bible Basics

Sunday 13th June (Trinity 2)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream (Revd. Canon Jutta Brueck preaching)

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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