

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

11th July 2021—6th Sunday After Trinity

## Collect:

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
2 for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.



8 Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1.3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

## Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6.14-29)

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.'

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

## Notices:

**Mini Market: Weds 14th July from 11.15am - 2pm.** Please donate jams, marmalade, cake, & handcrafted items! Could everyone let Alison know the amount of goods they have to sell by Sunday, so we know how many tables we are going to need (01473 742554). Thank you. Do invite your friends and family to come and buy our lovely handmade goods!

**Youth Group:** our last meeting for the summer will be on Sunday 18th, 6pm - 7.30pm. A BBQ at Rev Cat's!

**New Deacon:** Emma Haggard, who has done two placements with us, was ordained a deacon on Saturday 3rd at the cathedral! We have sent her a card from the congregation. Do keep Emma, and all others who are newly ordained, in your prayers as they begin their ministries.

**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:

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

**14th July 7pm:** PCC meeting (in person)

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

**8th August:** Revd. Rachel's first Sunday with BBQ

### *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, Phyllis Chevous

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



Darren Corken (12th)  
Audrey West (12th)  
Luke di Benga (13th)

### This Week:

#### **Sunday 11th July (Trinity 6)**

**10am:** Eucharist with band and Facebook livestream

#### **Monday 12th July**

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

**4.15pm:** STPC evening prayer. Contact Malcolm for Zoom link.

#### **Tuesday 13th July**

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

#### **Wednesday 14th July**

**10am:** Eucharist

**11.15-2pm:** Mini Market outside Church

**7pm:** PCC Meeting (in person)

#### **Thursday 15th July**

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

#### **Sunday 18th July (Trinity 6)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

**6-7.30pm:** Youth Group BBQ at Revd. Cat's

### **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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