

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

18th July 2021—7th Sunday After Trinity

Collect:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 89.20-37

20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;
21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.
25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"
27 I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 For-ever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.
29 I will establish his line for ever, and his throne as long

as the heavens endure.

30 If his children forsake my law and do not walk

according to my ordinances,

31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.

34 I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

35 Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall continue for ever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

37 It shall be established for ever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.'



A reading from the Book of 2 Samuel (7.1-14a)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6.30-34, 53-end)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Notices:

Mini Market: A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Mini Market on Wednesday, especially to those who crafted, created and baked wonderful goods to sell! **We raised £340!** A special thanks as well to Alison for organising it.

Youth Group: as most of the Youth Group are away for the proposed date for the BBQ, Rev. Cat will reschedule the final meeting for the summer. Date to be confirmed!

BBQ on the 8th August: please let Alison know if you are coming so we can cater for the right number of people. And also let Alison know if you can bring salad or a pudding.

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.

Baby Bank Donations: The Baby Bank would welcome donations of cooking chocolate and cupcake cases. (They have had a surplus of rice krispies and want to give families kits for making chocolate nests!)

Booking for services will end after 19th July! So starting on Sunday 25th, there is no need to book a place.

We will keep the lady aisle as an area with distanced seating for those who would be more comfortable remaining distanced. In the rest of church the pews will be closer together, and it will probably be up to individual discretion as to how close you sit together. As we make these changes, please be mindful of others and considerate of what they are comfortable with.

Rev. Cat is still waiting to see what the National Church of England guidance will be on singing, mask wearing, and having coffee in church, and we will adapt as allowed when we know what the guidance is.

Dates For Your Diary:

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

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

Please join us in prayers of thanks for the safety of families of Yeoman Close after the fire on Monday.



Joan Fisher (21st)
Kurt Lowe (23rd)
Joanne Goddard (23rd)

This Week:

Sunday 18th July (Trinity 7)

10am: Eucharist with band and Facebook livestream

Monday 19th July

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

7.25pm: STPC Open Meeting. Contact Malcolm for more details.

Tuesday 20th July

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

Wednesday 21st July

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 22nd July

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Sunday 25th July (Trinity 8/Festival of James the Apostle)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream (Revd. Canon Chris Chapman preaching)

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, Pat Wright

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/>

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