

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

## 25th July 2021—Feast of St. James

### Collect:

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



### Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

### A reading from the Book of Acts (11.27—12.2)

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

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

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20.20-28)

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

## Notices:

**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.

**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.

**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!)

**Covid Update:** Booking for services is no longer required. We are keeping the lady aisle 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 be up to individual discretion as to how close you sit together. We do ask that you continue to wear a face covering during the service, but singing and coffee afterwards are returning! As we make these changes, please be mindful of others and considerate of what they are comfortable with.

### Dates For Your Diary:

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

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

**5th September:** Father John Irwin's first Sunday (new curate)

### *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, Kenneth Leek, Angela, Helen Pratt, Timothy, Pat Wright

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



Jenny Biggs (27th)  
Carole Groom (30th)

### **Church Website:**

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

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

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

### This Week:

#### **Sunday 25th July (Feast of St. James)**

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

#### **Monday 26th July**

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

**4,15pm:** STPC Evening Prayer. Contact Malcolm for more details.

#### **Tuesday 27th July**

**6.30-7.10pm:** Zoom Meditation Group. Contact Lucy for details & link:

[lucydrake22@gmail.com](mailto:lucydrake22@gmail.com)

#### **Wednesday 28th July**

**10am:** Eucharist

#### **Thursday 29th July**

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

#### **Sunday 1st August (Trinity 9)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

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