

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

## 4th July 2021—Festival of Thomas the Apostle

### Collect:

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



### Psalm 31.1-6

1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

6 You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

### A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (2.19-end)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20.24-29)

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

**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!

**New Deacon:** Emma Haggard, who has done two placements with us, was ordained a deacon on Saturday 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:** 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



Andrew Barfield (6th)  
Phyllis Chevoux (7th)  
Amanda Di Benga (9th)  
Esmae Knight (9th)

### Church website:

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

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

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

### This Week:

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

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

#### **Monday 5th July**

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

#### **Tuesday 6th July**

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

#### **Wednesday 7th July**

**10am:** Eucharist

#### **Thursday 8th July**

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

**4.15pm:** Bible Basics (last session for summer)

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

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

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