

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

## 15th August 2021—Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Collect:

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 45.10-end

10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house,  
11 and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;  
12 the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people  
13 with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;



14 in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.  
15 With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.  
16 In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.  
17 I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

### A reading from the Book of Revelation (11.19-12.6, 10)

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

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

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1.46-55)

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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

### Post Communion Prayer

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices:

**Open Church:** For this coming Monday 16th, church opening will be from 1-3pm, to coincide with the timing of June Browse' funeral. People can come and light a candle in remembrance if they so wish.

**Invite from Revd. Rachel:** Revd. Rachel would like to invite everyone who would like to have a "get to know you" cup of tea/coffee with her to tell her over the next few weeks so you can arrange a time. She looks forward to hearing from you.

**Growing Leaders Course:** this is a great Diocesan course starting again in September, for people who might have the skills or desire to be leaders in some way, and to build up confidence. Lyanne, Emma and Alison have just completed the course, so do speak to them about it. Let Rev Rachel know if you have questions or might be interested!

**New Curate:** We're pleased to be welcoming Father John Irwin on Sunday 5th September! We hope you'll be able to join us for his first service at St. Thomas.

**Ride and Stride:** This year the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride is Saturday 11th September 9am - 5pm. Do sign up to church-sit, or to cycle or walk yourself! Remember you can be sponsored for riding, striding, or for being at St Thomas as a greeter!

### **Covid Update:**

Booking for services is no longer required. We are keeping distanced seating in the lady aisle for those who would be more comfortable remaining distanced. In the rest of church the pews are closer together, and it is up to individual discretion as to how close you sit together. We ask that you continue to wear a face covering during Sunday services, but singing and coffee afterwards have returned! As we make these changes, please be mindful of others and considerate of what they are comfortable with.

### **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, Angela, Helen Pratt, Pat Wright

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



Revd. Rachel (19th)

### **This Week:**

**Sunday 15th August (Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

**Monday 16th August**

**1-3pm:** Church open for prayer

**Tuesday 17th August**

**6.30-7.30pm:** Zoom Meditation Group.

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**Wednesday 18th August**

**10am:** Eucharist

**Thursday 19th August**

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

**Sunday 22nd August (Trinity 12)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

### **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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