

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

12th September 2021—15th Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of the truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 19.1-6

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

2 One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

3 They have neither speech nor language an their voices are not heard,

4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world.



5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

A reading from the Letter of James (3.1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8.27-end)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

Harvest donations: Our Harvest festival will be on Sunday 26th September. **If you would like to donate some money for harvest flowers please give that money to Alison** . We will be collecting food donations, and like we did a couple of years ago, we're asking you to bring donations of different things each week. They can be from any shop. Remember to check your use by dates. We are donating food to FIND and also the local Women's Refuge. This week, we ask you to bring: **WEEK 2:** Tins (vegetables, fruit, meat, soup, dessert, etc.) **WEEK 3:** Tea, coffee, sugar. **WEEK 4:** toiletries for men, women and children. Of course, if you want to donate other non-perishable items, please do so! Other items can also be brought any week.

Not only are we collecting food for harvest we are also collecting for TWAM, who do amazing work sending tools around the world where they will have a second life and help change the world. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it with you to church by 26th September for our Harvest Festival.

Harvest Supper & Party: on Friday 24th September, 6pm, we are having a Bring-and-Share Harvest supper and party! There will be a sign up sheet in church so we know who is coming, and please bring some food on the night!

Ride and Stride: Thank you to everyone who took part in Ride and Stride!

Pilgrimage: on Sunday 12th September, 3pm, there is a short ecumenical Pilgrimage happening in town, ending at the new shrine at St Mary Elms Church.

'Bible Basics': starting fortnightly on Thursday 16th September at 4pm in Zoom. All welcome, please talk to Revd. Cat for more details.

Pet Blessing Service: save the date! Sunday 3rd October, 4pm, we are planning to have a pet blessing service. Bring your animals along! We will also be collecting donations of pet food at the service.

Servers: if you're interested in joining the team of servers at the Eucharist, we are doing a training session in September. Speak to Malcolm or Rachel if you might be interested!

Deanery Online Conference: on 16th October from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Do join for this if possible. We may be able to all gather in church to join on Zoom together!

Baby Loss Service: 17th October at 6pm, to mark Baby Loss Week. All welcome.

Please pray for:

Those with chronic or long-term illness: Rosemary, Eric, Jenny, Kathy, Andrew, Peggy, Margaret, Natacha, Samantha, Theresa, Judi

Those undergoing treatment or currently ill: Gloria, Leslie, Angela, Helen, Pat, Katie, Tommy, Daniel

Those who have recently died, and their families mourning their loss: Marion Derrett, Tom Baker (Zoe's dad—funeral on Thursday 16th September)

Church Website:

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

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

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



David Pitt (15th)

Robyn Logdon-Collins (16th)

This Week:

Sunday 12th September (Trinity 15)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 13th September

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4.15pm: STPC Evening Prayer—contact Malcolm for more details

Tuesday 14th September

6.30-7.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group. Contact Lucy for details & link: lucydrake22@gmail.com

Wednesday 15th September

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 16th September

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4pm: Bible Basics on Zoom (contact Revd. Cat for more details)

Sunday 19th September (Trinity 16)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

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