

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

19th September 2021—16th Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Psalm 1

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

A reading from the Letter of James (3.13-4.3, 7-8a)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9.30-37)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 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!

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

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)

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.

Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 19th September (Trinity 16)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 20th September

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 21st September

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

Wednesday 22nd September

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 23rd September

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Friday 24th September

6pm: Bring and Share Harvest Supper and Party

Sunday 26th September (Harvest Festival)

10am: All Age Eucharist with Facebook livestream



Revd. Lis Arnold (19th)

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