

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

10th October 2021—19th Sunday after Trinity

HYMN NUMBERS: 473, 287, 73, 139

Collect:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Loving Father God,

We come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love.

We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection.

Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken.

Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them.

Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who by their actions or attitudes have caused hurt and harm to others,

lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge, and skills to make our communities safer.

Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see them as you see them; to value them as you value them, and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all your people.

In your name we pray,

Amen

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4.12-end)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10.17-31)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

Christmas Cards: Today and the next 3 Sundays there are good quality Religious Christmas Cards on sale, with proceeds going to church funds. They are in packs of 5 cards of the same design for £2.50. Do support Canon Chris and the Church by buying some lovely cards to send to friends and family.

Deanery Online Conference: on 16th October from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Do join for this if possible, and **bring a packed lunch**. We will all gather in church to join in on Zoom together!

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

Gingerbread Person Decorating Party: on 21st October at 7:30pm! Just turn up, and please bring some gingerbread people with you to decorate (bake your own or bring store bought, either will be good).

Faith Pictures: (in person!) will be starting on Wednesday 27th October, 7pm, in the Community Room. Please speak to Malcolm if you're interested!

Sunday BCP Service: we will be starting our early Sunday BCP service again on 31st October, at 8.30am. This will run on the last Sunday of each month going forwards. Starting on the 31st October, we will also be trialling **The Big Church Breakfast** straight after the BCP service! Anyone can come along, whether you're attending the 8.30am service or the 10am All Age service. The **Bring and Share Lunch** will also happen after the All Age service on the last Sunday of the month from October, open to all—bring some food to share!

Inspiring Angels: Our Christmas theme this year is Angels. As part of this we want to 'angel bomb' our parish! This means we are looking for crafted angels of any type / colour / material, to hang in windows, shops, notice boards, your homes, everywhere!

Christmas Fayre: our fayre will be on Saturday 27th November, 11.30am - 2.30pm. We are hoping it will be a fantastic fundraiser event! Donations of jams, cakes, homemade items, etc. are joyfully welcomed as usual!

Advent Quiet Day: at the cathedral, led by Revd. Jackie on the 29th November. Please save the date!



No birthdays this week

Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 10th October (Trinity 19)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 11th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 12th October

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

Wednesday 13th October

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 14th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Saturday 16th October

9.30-3.30: Deanery Online Conference

Sunday 17th October (Trinity 20)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

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, Tommy, Daniel

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

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