

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

17th October 2021—20th Sunday after Trinity

HYMN NUMBERS: 393, 266, 148, 354

Collect:

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 104.1-10

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty,

2 wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

A reading from the Book of Job (38.1-7 [34-end])

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?



"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10.35-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

Christmas Cards: Today and the next 2 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.

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 **Book of Common Prayer** service again on 31st October, at 8.30am. This is a spoken service, and 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!

Halloween Messy Church Tent: Please could our volunteers be at Church for 4:30pm on the 31st? Thank you!

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!



Emma-Louise Elwis (17th)
David Brunning (19th)
Mrs. Hughes (21st)
Brian Ward (21st)

Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 17th October (Trinity 20)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

6pm: Baby Remembrance Service

Monday 18th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 19th October

6.30-7.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

Contact Lucy for details & link:

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Wednesday 20th October

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 21st October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

7.30pm: Gingerbread decorating party

Sunday 24th October (Last after Trinity)

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, Daniel

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

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