

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

24th October 2021—Bible Sunday

HYMN NUMBERS: 514, 532, 322, 310

Collect:

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 19.7-end

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

A reading from the Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 3.14-4.5)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (5.36b-end)

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

"You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you



accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Notices:

Christmas Cards: Today and the next Sunday 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.

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

Sunday BCP Service (TIME CHANGE): we will be starting our early Sunday **Book of Common Prayer** service again on 31st October, at **8.15am**. 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 8.15am 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: Volunteers, please be at Church for 4:30pm on the 31st. Thank you!

Trianon Concert: the Trianon orchestra will be performing a community concert at St. Thomas on 13th November at 7pm—details on ticket bookings to follow!

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!



Kat Baker (24th)
Sylvia Dickerson (27th)
Amelia Waller (28th)

Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 24th October (Bible Sunday)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 25th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 26th October

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

Wednesday 27th October

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Faith Pictures (in Community Room)

Thursday 28th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Sunday 31st October (4 Before Advent)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist

9am: The Big Church Breakfast

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream, followed by Bring and Share Lunch

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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