

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

31st October 2021—All Saints Day

HYMN NUMBERS: 134, 235, 317, 53

Collect:

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 24.1-6

- 1 *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;*
- 2 *for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*
- 3 *Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?*
- 4 *Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.*
- 5 *They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.*
- 6 *Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3.1-9)



But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope

is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (11.32-44)

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

All Souls Service: at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd November. A service where we remember and give thanks for all our loved ones who have died. There is a list at the back of the church to write the names of people you would like to be remembered.

Christmas Meal: our church meal out will be on the 12th December, at the Hintlesham George. A £10 deposit is required. Please speak to Daphne to sign up and for any questions.

Christmas Cards: If anyone still owes Chris for their cards, please can you pay today (or as soon as possible)! Thank you to everyone who has bought cards and to Chris for running the stall.

Funding Committee: we are looking for volunteers to be on a funding committee. The purpose is to find and apply for grants for our building work. If this might be you, please speak to Rachel or John.

Sunday BCP Service: Our next Book of Common Prayer 8.15 service will be on 28th November, followed by Church Breakfast, our All Age 10am, then a Bring and Share Lunch. All are welcome to all!

Halloween Messy Church Tent: Volunteers, please be at Church for 4.30. Stall opens at 5pm!

Trianon Concert: the Trianon orchestra and singers will be performing a concert at St Thomas on the 13th at 7.30pm. Funds raised go to the church. Tickets are available from Mary, Jim, and Lyanne.

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!



Frank Groom (1st)
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Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 31st October (All Saints)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist

9am: The Big Church Breakfast

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

Monday 1st November

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 2nd November

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

7pm: All Souls Service

Wednesday 3rd November

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Faith Pictures (in Community Room)

Thursday 4th November

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Sunday 7th November (3 Before Advent)

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

Those undergoing treatment or currently ill:

Gloria, Leslie, Angela, Helen, Pat, Daniel

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

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