

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

3rd October 2021—18th Sunday after Trinity

HYMN NUMBERS: 103, 313, 380, 46

Collect:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A reading from the Book of Genesis (2:18-24)

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:2-16)

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Notices:

Harvest Festival: A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Food Mountain for FIND and the local Women's Refuge, and also for donating to TWAM!

Christmas Cards: For the last two years good quality Religious Christmas Cards have been on sale for church funds during October. We will again have a good selection in church for four Sundays starting on 10th October. They will be in packs of 5 cards of the same design for £2.50 and all proceeds go to church funds - so we hope you will take a look and think about using some real Christmas Cards again this year.

Servers: if you're interested in joining the team of servers at the Eucharist, we are doing a training session 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 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).

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!

Halloween: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out with our Messy Church tent! We have had a fantastic response, and now have plenty of people available.

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 3rd October (Trinity 18)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

4pm: Pet Blessing Service

Monday 4th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 5th October

6.30-7.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

Contact Lucy for details & link:

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Wednesday 6th October

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 7th October

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Sunday 10th October (Trinity 19)

10am: All Age 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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