

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

21st November 2021—Christ the King

HYMN NUMBERS: 17, 307, 327, 522

Collect:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 93

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.

3 Your throne has been established from old; you are from everlasting.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mightier.

6 Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

A reading from the Book of Daniel (7.9-10, 13, 14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18.33-37)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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



Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

Christmas Cards: Thank you to all who bought cards, and to Chris for selling them—we raised over £200!

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!

Christmas Notices:

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! We're also looking for book donations, and bottles for our bottle stall please! Cakes and other perishable donations need to be brought down on Saturday morning. You can now buy draw tickets also; please ask about them!

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

Messy Church and Crafternoon: on 4th December! Messy Church from 10:30am—come along for stories, crafting and food! Christmas Crafternoon from 1:30pm until 3:30pm—make Christmas cards and decorations, all are welcome to join.

Beer and Carols: Friday 10th December at 7:30pm—save the date!

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.



Amber Purnell (23rd)
Julie Stevens (23rd)
Lucy Drake (26th)

Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 21st November (Christ the King)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 22nd November

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 23rd November

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

Wednesday 24th November

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Faith Pictures (in Community Room)

Thursday 25th November

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Saturday 27th November

11.30-2.30pm: Christmas Fayre

Sunday 28th November (Advent 1)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist

9am: Big Church Breakfast

10am: All Age 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

Those undergoing treatment or currently ill:

Gloria, Leslie, Angela, Helen, Pat, Daniel, Ezra

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

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