

# Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

## 7th November 2021—3rd Sunday before Advent

### Collect:

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Psalm 62.5-end

*5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.*

*6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

*7 On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.*

*8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.*

*9 Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.*

*10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.*

*11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,*

*12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.*

### A reading from the Book of Jonah (3.1-5, 10)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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



### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1.14-20)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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



### Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to the wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Notices:

**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 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!

**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!



Sophie Higgins (8th)  
Pearl Bird (10th)  
Daniel Elwis (10th)  
Julie Purnell (13th)

### **Church Website:**

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

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

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

### **This Week:**

**Sunday 7th November (3 Before Sunday)**

**10am:** Eucharist with Facebook livestream

**Monday 8th November**

**11.30-1.30:** Church open for prayer

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

**Tuesday 9th November**

**6.30-7.30pm:** Zoom Meditation Group. Contact Lucy for details & link: [lucydrake22@gmail.com](mailto:lucydrake22@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 10th November**

**10am:** Eucharist

**7pm:** Faith Pictures (in Community Room)

**Thursday 11th November**

**11.30-1.30:** Church open for prayer

**Saturday 13th November**

**7.30pm:** Trianon Community Concert

**Sunday 14th November (Remembrance Sunday)**

**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, Ezra

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

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