

Parish of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

9th January 2022—Baptism of Christ

Collect:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (43.1-7)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3.15-17, 21-22)

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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



Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices:

Bible Basics: Bible study sessions will start this Thursday at 4pm. Please speak to Cat if you have any questions!

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust: Many thanks to everyone who took part in, helped organise or contributed to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride in September. It raised £72.50 for St Thomas's, with another £72.50 being retained by the Trust for the repair of churches that have applied to them for assistance. Well done all!

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.



Church Website:

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

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

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

This Week:

Sunday 9th January (Baptism of Christ)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 10th January

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 11th January

7.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group. Contact Lucy for details & link:

lucydrake22@gmail.com

Wednesday 12th January

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 13th January

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4pm: Bible Basics

Sunday 16th January (Christmas 1)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream



Daphne Startup (11th)
Jackie Rathbone (12th)

Please pray for:

Rosemary, Eric, Jenny, Kathy, Andrew, Peggy, Margaret, Natacha, Samantha, Theresa, Gloria, Angela, Helen, Pat, Daniel, Ezra, Eddie, Naomi, Andrew C., Betty

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