

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 13th February (3 before Lent)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

12noon: Bring and Share Lunch

Monday 14th February

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 15th February

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.
Contact Lucy for details:
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Wednesday 16th February

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Alpha Course

Thursday 17th February

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Sunday 20th February (2 before Lent)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Birthdays This Week:

- ★ Stephen Marginson (14th)
- ★ Frank Dickerson (14th)
- ★ Wester Harrison (17th)
- ★ Marilyn Smith (18th)
- ★ Simon Clark (18th)
- ★ Keri Harrison (18th)

Many happy returns from all at St.

Thomas!

Please Pray For:

Rosemary, Eric, Jenny, Andrew, Peggy, Margaret, Natacha, Samantha, Theresa, Gloria, Angela, Helen, Pat, Ezra, Eddie, Andrew C., Betty, Muriel M.

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

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St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

13th February 2022—3rd Sunday Before Lent

Collect:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Jeremiah 17.5-10



Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched

places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6.17-26)

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Amen.

NOTICES

Morning Prayer is now on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.30am. All welcome.

Alpha Course: Alpha is currently running each Wednesday at 7pm. Please come and invite your friends. Come along and help, and offers of food would be most appreciated.

We are creating a St Thomas video diary for Lent and we need your help! Please send your video to Rachel by 20th February.

Messy Church: our next session is Saturday 26th February at 10.30am! The theme is David and Goliath—please do come along for some crafting, stories and food.

Bible Study: starts at 7pm on 28th February, we are looking at the Gospel of Luke. We are meeting in person in the vicarage. It will last 5 weeks. Talk to Rachel if you would like to know more.

Pancake Supper is happening at 6pm on 1st March! It will be delicious! Please come along for food, fellowship and fun.

Ash Wednesday: 2nd March we will be having two Ash Wednesday services one at 10am and one at 7pm. This marks the start of Lent and our journey towards Easter.

World Day of Prayer is on the 4th March at Castle Hill at 2pm.

Quiet Day: on 12th March at St. Nicholas

Imagine Sunday: 13th March we are having our Imagine Sunday, where we think about and pray about ours and God’s vision for the parish. This will be after the service.

