

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 27th February (1 before Lent)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist

8.45-9.30am: Breakfast

10am: Eucharist with band & livestream

Monday 28th February

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

Tuesday 1st March

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6pm: Pancake Supper

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

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Ash Wednesday

10am: Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes

7pm: Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 3rd March

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Sunday 6th March (Lent 1)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Birthdays This Week:

★ Dale Cory (28th)

★ Helen Waters (28th)

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., Lyra

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

Sam, Edwin Scott



St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

27th February 2022—Sunday Next Before Lent

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from the Book of Exodus 34.29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (9.28-36)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Palm Crosses: Please bring your Palm Crosses to church ASAP so they can be burned for Ash Wednesday!

Lent: for Lent events and services, please see our separate flyer.

Funding Appeal: Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed to

our Funding Appeal in December or January. Thanks to your generosity we have received £5,370 which, with Gift Aid, will make a magnificent total of £6,508. We haven't yet finalised the 2021 accounts but this will get very close to covering the deficit we thought we were facing and put us in a strong position to move forward into 2022.

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 as soon as possible!

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.

Edwin Scott: The funeral of Edwin Scott, who used to attend St Thomas, will be in church on Wednesday 2nd March at 2pm.

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.

Re-New: There is a morning for women called Re-new at 10am on Sat 6th March, at St John's. Speak to Jackie for more info.

Quiet Day: on 12th March at St. Nicholas, Old Felixstowe.

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.

