

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 6th February (4 before Lent)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 7th February

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 8th February

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

Contact Lucy for details:

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Wednesday 9th February

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Alpha Course

Thursday 10th February

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

4pm: Bible Study (Zoom)

Sunday 13th February (3 before Lent)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

12noon: Bring and Share Lunch

Birthdays This Week:

★ Neil Pratt (10th February)

★ Christine Fisher (12th February)

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., Sam

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

Bartha Moyes



St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

6th February 2022—4th Sunday Before Lent

Collect:

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 (5.1-11)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

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

Safeguarding: We are looking for a new Safeguarding Officer to join our safeguarding team and work closely alongside Lyanne. Please talk to Rachel, Cat, Lyanne or John if you would like to know more.

Alpha Course: Alpha starts on Wednesday 9th February at 7pm. Please come and invite your friends. Come along and help, and offers of food would be most appreciated.

Bring and Share lunch is back on the 13th February after the service.

Bible Study: starts at 7pm on 21st 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 6 pm 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.

We are creating a St Thomas video diary for Lent and we need your help!

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

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.