

## Coming Up This Week:

### Sunday 20th March (Lent 3)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream, followed by lunch

### Monday 21st March

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer  
7pm: Bible Study (Vicarage)

### Tuesday 22nd March

9.30am: Morning Prayer  
6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.  
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### Wednesday 23rd March

10am: Eucharist  
7pm: Alpha

### Thursday 24th March

9.30am: Morning Prayer  
11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

### Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist  
10am: All Age Eucharist with band and Facebook livestream

## Birthdays This Week:

- ★ Dylan Lightbody (22nd)
- ★ Nigel Messenger (22nd)

*Many happy returns from all at St. Thomas!*

## Please Pray For:

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

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



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## St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

20th March 2022—3rd Sunday of Lent

## Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Isaiah (55.1-9)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.



Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my



thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13.1-9)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit

next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NOTICES

**Mothering Sunday:** next Sunday, all age Eucharist with band. Please don't forget the **clocks go forward 1 hour**—rise and shine, happy church campers!

**Electoral Roll:** the old electoral roll will be at the back of the church. Please check to ensure your details are correct! If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be, please speak to Alison.

**Beetle Drive:** on 9th April at 6.45pm. Tickets are £5 per adult and £2.50 for under 18s. However, we recommend this event is probably better for age 10 and over.

**Cat's last service:** this will be on 24th April at 10am.

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

