

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 24th April (Easter 2)

10am: Cat's last Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 25th April

11.30-1.30pm: Open Church

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

Tuesday 26th April

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation

Group. Contact Lucy for details:

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Wednesday 27th April

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 28th April

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11-2pm: Wellbeing Café/Open Church

Sunday 1st May (Easter 3)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Birthdays This Week:

★ Malcolm Gibbs (29th)

★ Margaret Bloomfield (29th)

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, Myrtle, John and family, Joan, Cathy

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

Roy, Jackie



St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

24th April 2022—2nd Sunday of Easter

Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts (5.27-32)

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20.19-end)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands

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and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Covid-19: Unfortunately, a few people have recently contracted covid, so we will be back to wearing face masks in church this weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

Easter: Thank you to everyone whose hard work and effort has made Easter possible! If you would like to donate money for Easter Flowers, please speak to Carole.

Wellbeing Café: opening this Thursday between 11am and 2pm in Church.

An Afternoon of Tea and Song: Sandwiches, scones and cake, raising money for St. Thomas'. On Saturday 7th May at 2pm. £5 a ticket.

