

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist

10am: All Age Eucharist with band and Facebook livestream

Monday 28th March

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

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

7pm: Bible Study (Vicarage)

Tuesday 29th March

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

Contact Lucy for details:

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Wednesday 30th March

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Alpha

Thursday 31st March

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Sunday 3rd April (Lent 5)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Birthdays This Week:

- ★ Harvey Dunnett (29th)
- ★ Pat Wright (30th)
- ★ Aaron Brendt (31st)
- ★ James Pratt (1st)

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

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



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St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

27th March 2022—Mothering Sunday

Collect:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Epistle to the Colossians (3.12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude



in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2.27-35)

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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



Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Easter Raffle: in aid of the Bishops' Lent Appeal for the Ukraine, please see notices in church.

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.

