Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 3rd April (Lent 5)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook

livestream

Monday 4th April

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Tuesday 5th April

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

Contact Lucy for details: lucydrake22@gmail.com

Wednesday 6th April

10am: Eucharist Thursday 7th April **9.30am:** Morning Prayer

11.30-1.30: Church open for prayer

Saturday 9th April 6.45pm: Beetle Drive

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

10am: Palm Procession (meet at Suffolk Punch for 10am or go straight to church), then Eucharist with Facebook

livestream **11.30am:** APCM

Birthdays This Week:

- Patrick Watson (4th)
- Ella Savage (6th)
- Rosemary Suggate (7th)
- Revd. Jackie Sears (9th)

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

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



Contacts:

Priest in Charge: Revd Rachel Revely

m: 07429 325559

Email: rachel.revely@outlook.com Rachel's days off: Fridays and Saturdays **Assistant Curate:** Revd Cat Connolly

m: 07530 412988

Email: revcatconnolly@gmail.com

Cat's day off: Mondays

Assistant Curate, SSM: Revd John

Irwin

m: 07957 579680

Email: rev.john@irwin.ch John's Parish days: Weds/Thurs Lay Evangelist: Malcolm Gibbs

m: 07906 663530

Director of Music: Simon Clark BA

FLCM FRCO m: 07961 859344 Email: sussexsi@aol.com **Treasurer:** Lucy Drake

m: 07950 661221

Email: lucydrake22@gmail.com

Church wardens:

Roger Elmer m: 07810 274586 Stephen Marginson 01473 258791

St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich 3rd April 2022-5th Sunday of Lent

Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 forever. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (43.16-21)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild



animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12.1-8)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred



denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

Palm Sunday: If you would like to join the Palm Procession, please meet at the Suffolk Punch at 10am to walk down together. Rev. John will be starting the service in church at 10am also, so you can go straight there if you prefer!



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

Easter Egg Donations: We are collecting easter eggs for the Ipswich Family Bank. If you would like to donate, please bring them to church.

Electoral Roll: the new electoral roll is out. Please check to ensure your details are correct! If you need something changed, or want to be added, please speak to Alison.

APCM: Documents for the APCM next week are now available and can be found at the back of the Church.

Beetle Drive: on 9th April at 6.45pm. Tickets are £5 per adult and £2.50 for under 18s; please see Alison to purchase your tickets!

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

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

