

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 15th May (Easter 5)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook
livestream

Monday 16th May

11.30-1.30pm: Open Church

Tuesday 17th May

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

Contact Lucy for details:

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Wednesday 18th May

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 19th May

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11-2pm: Good Things Café

Sunday 22nd May (Easter 6)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook
livestream

Birthdays This Week:

★ Pam Everett (16th)

★ Jenny Barfield (20th)

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, Joan, Cathy, Kevin,
Elizabeth

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

St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

15th May 2022—5th Sunday of Easter

Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 148.1-6

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the

heavens!

Let them praise the name of

the Lord,

for he commanded and they

were created.

He made them fast for ever

and ever;

he gave them a law which shall

not pass away.

A reading from the Book of Acts (11.1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up,



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Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13.31-35)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Admin Job: Thanks to all those who have declared an interest in the admin role, we will be holding informal interviews and a job description will be coming out.

Confirmation: We are having a deanery confirmation service with Bishop Martin at Pentecost (5th June). Would you like to be confirmed? Please speak to Rachel or John.

Confirmation Workshop: will be held on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm in the community room. It will be fun! If you would like to attend, can you please let Rachel know by Thursday 19th May.

We need help your help! This week we will be doing a Jubilee/Summer Fayre leaflet drop around the parish we have over 1000 to deliver.

The Summer Fayre will be on 9th July, please talk to Mary or Alison about running a stall.

Ascension Day: We will be having an Ascension Day service on Thursday 26th May at 7pm.

Minutes of PCC Meeting: these are now up on the notice board by the door.

Good Things Café: every Thursday between 11am and 2pm in Church.

JUBILEE WEEKEND: 3RD-5TH JUNE 2022



Friday 3rd June: Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm

Saturday 4th June: St. Thomas Street Party @ 4pm

Sunday 5th June: Pentecost Service with Baptism @ 10am

Evening Confirmation Service at St. Helen's