

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 22nd May (Easter 6)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 23rd May

11.30-1.30pm: Open Church
4.15pm: STPC Evening Prayer—
contact Malcolm for more details

Tuesday 24th May

9.30am: Morning Prayer
6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.
Contact Lucy for details:
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Wednesday 25th May

10am: Eucharist
7pm: Confirmation Workshop

Thursday 26th May

9.30am: Morning Prayer
10am: Ascension Day Service
11-2pm: Good Things Café
7pm: Ascension Day Service

Saturday 28th May

10.30am: Messy Church
5pm: Confirmation Workshop

Sunday 29th May (Easter 7)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist
8.45am: Big Church Breakfast
10am: All Age Eucharist with
Facebook livestream

Birthdays This Week:

★ Rt Rev Martin Seeley (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, Joan, Cathy, Kevin,
Elizabeth

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

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St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

22nd May 2022—6th Sunday of Easter

Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Psalm 67

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

A reading from the Book of Acts (16.9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the

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river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14.23-29)

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



NOTICES

Ascension Day: We will be having an Ascension Day service this week on Thursday 26th May at 10am and 7pm.

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.

Messy Church: 10.30am on Saturday 28th May. Theme is Pentecost! Lunch is included; please come along for some crafting and stories!

Confirmation Workshop: will be held on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm and on Saturday 28th May at 5pm. It will be fun!

We need 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.

Minutes of PCC Meeting: these are 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