

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 29th May (Easter 7)

8.15am: BCP Eucharist

8.45am: Big Church Breakfast

10am: All Age Eucharist with
Facebook livestream

Monday 30th May

11.30-1.30pm: Open Church

Tuesday 31st May

9.30am: Morning Prayer

6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.

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Wednesday 1st June

10am: Eucharist

7pm: Confirmation Workshop

Thursday 2nd June

9.30am: Morning Prayer

11-2pm: Good Things Café

Friday 3rd June

7pm: Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 4th June

4pm: St. Thomas Street Party

Sunday 5th June (Pentecost)

10am: All Age Eucharist with
Facebook livestream

6.30pm: Confirmation service at St.
Helen's

Birthdays This Week:

★ Haydn Corken (31st)

★ June Baker (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, Joan, Cathy, Kevin,
Elizabeth, Victoria

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their families mourning their loss:**

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St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

29th May 2022—7th Sunday of Easter

Collect:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 (16.16-34)

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide

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open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17.20-end)

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

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 @ 6.30pm

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 (6.30pm on 5th June at St. Helen's). Parking is available in the college car parks for free after 6pm.

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.

