

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday 8th May (Easter 4)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook livestream

Monday 9th May

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

Tuesday 10th May

9.30am: Morning Prayer
6.30pm: Zoom Meditation Group.
Contact Lucy for details:
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Wednesday 11th May

10am: Eucharist

Thursday 12th May

9.30am: Morning Prayer
11-2pm: Good Things Café

Saturday 14th May

9-1pm: Deanery Conference @
Colchester Road Baptist Church

Sunday 15th May (Easter 5)

10am: Eucharist with Facebook
livestream



Birthdays This Week:

★ None this week!

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, Joan

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



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St. Thomas the Apostle & Martyr, Ipswich

8th May 2022—4th Sunday of Easter

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not
want.

He makes me lie down in green
pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the
darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me

all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of
the Lord
my whole life long.

A reading from the Book of Acts (9.36-end)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and

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then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10.22-30)

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOTICES

Dear St Thomas family, THANK YOU so much for your love, support, joy, encouragement, and sharing of faith as we journeyed alongside together for nearly 4 years. Thank you as well for your generous and thoughtful gifts, the beautiful stole (which I will send a photo of when it arrives) and the money (some of which will be spent on chocolate and cake!).

I could not have wished for a more wonderful curacy or amazing start to priestly ministry. You have given me so much, and I will carry all of you in my heart forever.

With much love and every blessing, Cat x

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.

Deanery Conference: 9am-1pm on 14th May (this Saturday) at Colchester Road Baptist Church.

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