



3 July 2022

Thomas the Apostle

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday	5.30pm – Parish Eucharist
Sunday	8am – BCP Holy Communion
	10am – Parish Eucharist - <i>also livestreamed</i> Hymns: 513 191 453 [286 & 496] The final hymn is on a printed sheet
Monday to Saturday	9.30am – Morning Prayer <i>also on Facebook Live</i>
Wednesday	10.30am – Midweek Eucharist
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	8pm – Compline <i>on Facebook Live</i> Please ask the Rector if you would like a copy of the service.
Bible Study Group: Mondays, 1.30–3pm ... delve into God's heart through Scripture.	
'Breathing Space': Mondays, 6pm ... half an hour of silence for prayer and contemplation, also available on Zoom — link available from our website. Meeting ID: 851 6436 0499, passcode: letmein	
Rosary Group: Tuesdays, 6.15pm ... a gentle time of praying the rosary. The curious are always welcome! Please contact Fr Joe for more information.	

We give thanks for the continuing advances with the COVID vaccine and pray ...

- for the fundraising and outreach teams, furthering the mission of this parish;
- as the cost of living soars, we pray for those currently burdened by financial woes: help us to be grateful for all we have and reach out to help those most in need;
- thanking God for churches across Colombia that are providing food, trauma support and healthcare to migrants from Venezuela — pray that the church will always be a refuge for vulnerable people;
- for Valerie Skues, Leslie, Richard Buckingham (Priest), the Frostick family, those listed in 'Cross Keys' and all who have asked for our prayers;
- for the recently departed: Peter Tatham, Arlene Fisk;
- for those whose year's minds fall this week:
5: Arthur Tucknott, Geoffrey Twelftree, Robert Rix, Ruth Denton; 8: Gladys Woods, Peggy Robinson.

The funeral of Arlene Fisk will be held in St Peter's Church on Thursday 14 July at 11am, followed by committal and burial at Seaford Cemetery. Many of you will remember Arlene as she was a member of St Peter's for many years, and her family would welcome your attendance at the funeral service.

- **10am MASS – 3 JULY.** As part of our service Chris Collison will deacon the Mass in recognition of his 50th anniversary of being a Deacon, and with Anne renew their wedding vows in recognition of their 40 years of marriage. Do join us and hold them both in prayer as they mark these two wonderful milestones.
- **VALERIE SKUES** is now at home and making a slow recovery after her fall. She would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages, good wishes and prayers.
- **EAST BLATCHINGTON LECTURES.**
 - Our next lecture is on Tuesday 5 July, 2.30 in the Chapel Rooms as usual. Arwen will give a talk entitled "How the Bible came to be in English". Please book by phone or email with Jan Quinn, Benefice Administrator, whose contact details are below. The charge is £7, payable at the door, tea and cake included.
 - Would anyone be willing to make us a cake or two for Tuesday's lecture please? Thank you ever so much in advance! *Arwen :-)*
- **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED.** We have a very special need for a volunteer in our Ukrainian English classes. Can you commit 12.30-2.30pm on Wednesdays, and would you be happy to quietly sit in while the adults learn English, and help keep a four-year-old entertained while her Mum joins in the class? If you might be able to help with this, please contact Carly Taylor for a chat: ☎07964 101553 or pastoralassistantebb@gmail.com. Safeguarding training will be required.
- **MIDWEEK MASS at 10.30 on WEDNESDAY 13 JULY** will be cancelled due to a church visit from Year 2 pupils at Seaford Primary School. This follows a highly successful visit from the Reception class. Arwen will be talking about prayer and leading the children in a meditation on what values are needed in the world.

ARWEN and WILLIAM'S QUIZ NIGHT
in aid of the Chapel Rooms
Friday 29 July at 7.30pm
Jacket potato supper, BYO wine, and a quiz.
You can play individually or in a team.
Donations (minimum £7) can be made on the door but please book in advance with Jan in the office (contact details below) so that we can make sure we have enough potatoes!

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COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 2.1-4

A reading from the book Habakkuk

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM Psalm 31.1-6

R: Into your hands I commend my spirit

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your

ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name's sake. Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength. **R**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I put my trust in the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2.19-22

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL

John 20.24-29

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said

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to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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