

## News from St Thomas Church: w/c Sunday the 10th January 2021



This week we went into our 3rd national lockdown:( but looking at the weather forecast for today we are due heavy snow:) The Danes seemed to have perfected the art of living with heavy snow and having to stay inside. They've even got a special word for it ... Hygge!

*Hooga? Hhyooguh? Heurgh?* It is not important how you choose to pronounce or even spell 'hygge'. To paraphrase one of the greatest philosophers of our time - Winnie-the-Pooh - when asked how to spell a certain emotion, 'You don't spell it, you feel it.'

Hygge is more about an atmosphere and an experience, rather than about things. It is about being with the people you love. A feeling of home. A feeling that we are safe, that we are shielded from the world and where we allow ourselves to let our guard down. Just simply being yourself... enjoying a cup of tea. Or even better... a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows...

This moment in time I think we all need a bit more Hygge...

# Churchy stuff...

## Bible readings for Sunday the 10th January 2021

### 1st reading: Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### 2nd Reading: Mark 1.4-11

**4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

#### The Baptism of Jesus

**9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### The Collect for Epiphany 1

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognise him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## Notices...

As previously mentioned we are again in a national lockdown. The health and well being of all people is paramount so we won't for the foreseeable future be returning to services in church.

Our services will remain online. Monday to Friday at 10.00am there will be Morning Prayer and at 7.00pm Compline on our Youtube channel 'Worship from St Thomas'. Below is the URL link to access 'Worship from St Thomas'

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUI\\_VQEoL1RHcxOIXq8DmhA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUI_VQEoL1RHcxOIXq8DmhA?view_as=subscriber)

Our Sunday morning 10.00am service will continue on zoom:

Please click on the link below and it will take you straight there;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86792362778>

Please do share the zoom link with family, friends, neighbours ...in fact anyone really...

The church will continue to remain open during daylight hours for private prayer everyday each week.

## Thinking ahead...

Readings for Sunday the 10th January 2020. Something to ponder over this coming week...

1st reading: Revelation 5.1-10

2nd reading: John 1.43-end

All my best wishes to you and yours,

Tracy.x

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