

Anglican Church of  
**St Thomas à Becket**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
First Sunday after Trinity

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- **Service Details Sunday 30th May**  
**Holy Communion** (*Common Worship*),  
starting at 10.30

- **Notices and News**

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### **Holy Communion**

This Sunday we invite you to worship in the church building once again, as a gathered and physical congregation. It will be wonderful to be able to praise God together, albeit still at a distance and wearing masks, and in our much-loved house of God. Deciding whether you are ready to come into Zeughausmarkt is of course your personal choice, so if you feel uneasy, please follow your instincts and stay at home a while longer. There is no hurry after all this time!

If you do decide to come into church, please bring and wear an FFP2 mask, and allow time so that you can sanitise your hands at the door, and take your registration details (as required by law.) This does take a while, so thank you in advance for your patience. If you are able to, print out the registration form at home, and complete it before you come in; that would save time and be helpful. With the required distancing, the capacity of our building will be reduced and finite, so please bear with us in the (very) unlikely event that we have more than a full house.

### Collect for First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments, we may please you both in will and deed; 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

### **Epistle: 2 Cor 4:13-5:1**

*But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*



*16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing*

us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,<sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **Gospel: Mark 3:20-end**

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup>And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my

brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister.

### **Notices and News**

Worship at STB. As long as the Covid 19 numbers continue to fall, we plan now to offer a service in church each Sunday. The offices on Morning Prayer on Wednesday, and Evensong on Saturday, will however continue until Zoom, and until further notice (see the 'Week ahead' section.) Not everyone can come back to church straight away of course, for reasons of capacity or health, so we will try to provide a livestream on Sunday mornings, for those of you still joining the congregation from home. We're not up and running with this yet, but will of course keep you posted as things develop, in this and all other respects.

Zoom Junior Church, tomorrow, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 09.30 -10.00 Our topic is 'God's family' and we would love you to join us, for a story, a craft (have ready paper, pens, scissors and a glue stick if possible), and a prayer. Please contact Miriam, Wendy and Kate on the Junior Church email, to register and be sent the link: [juniorchurch@anglicanchurchhamburg.de](mailto:juniorchurch@anglicanchurchhamburg.de)

Annual General Meeting of STB church took place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May and was attended by thirty people. Susanne Hergoss ended her term as Churchwarden after six years, and Dorothee Moeller also stood down as a lay member of council this year. We thank them both for their service of STB and for all they have done and contributed.

For the year ahead, the Churchwardens are Madeleine Resuehr - and Christian Nweze, who was newly elected at this meeting. Congratulations, and thank you both!

Your lay council members are: Andrea Guntz (also delegate to the Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany), Wendy Sprock (Fundraising), Peter Alexander (Secretary), Norbert Schoen (Vice chair), Valerie Mueller (Electoral Roll officer, retiring from this role after AGM), John Alex Pamu, Emmanuel Saarkodie, Monica Schofield (Treasury Liaison), Susanne Hergoss (CAECG delegate) and Jo Dawes (Communications). Renu Roy also remains as an ex-officio member. A huge thank you to you all for continuing to serve your church and community as members of your Council, and for the individual portfolios of work you also take on.

Monica Schofield gave a thorough and very clearly explained treasury report, and presented the budget for the year ahead (thank you to our Treasury). A substantial year end deficit is projected. Key for us all to recognise as members of STB, is the significant fall in our income over the last years, especially as regards regular giving. Our reserves are strong, but expenditure has clearly exceeded income in recent years. So, this is a situation which we must address.

In memoriam, Henry Quashie and Hildegard Knutzen -Trede. May they rest in peace, and rise in glory. Please pray for Lucy and Jochim and their wider families, as they mourn their loss.

### **The week ahead**

Morning Prayer and Evening prayer continue on Zoom. Sunday morning services are now in the church building, unless otherwise notified.

### Wednesday 9th June

Morning Prayer 08.30

St. Columba Readings for MP:

Ps 34 Isaiah 61:1-3 1 Thess 2:2-12

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405677803?pwd=bHhkS2VWQWILMFovRGR2THNPU2lyZz09> Meeting ID: 854 0567 7803  
Passcode: 711469

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Evensong, 18.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286260101?pwd=WHg2dmJtTit4bWhiVIJHdCtQQnhydz09>

### Sunday 13<sup>h</sup> June

Second Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion in Church, 10.30

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