

**Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8am Said Eucharist**

**10am Sung Eucharist**

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	467 Tell out my soul
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	377 O Little Town of Bethlehem
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	311 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	471 The Angel Gabriel
<b>Final Hymn</b>	439 See amid the winter snow

*Please join us for refreshments after the service*

**Please pray for:**



We have *four* people doing the Alpha Course - pray for them and the leaders, as our guests thinking about baptism and confirmation.



**Children at St Thomas learning about Holy Communion, to make their First Communion in the New Year.**

**Those who are sick:** Ken, Eric Dickerson, Rosemary, Andrew, Alan Seeley, Kathy Steele, Philip, Adam, Natacha, Ros Hoffmann, Phyllis Meadows, Peggy Blyth, Ray Best, Keith Welham, Emma Smith, Malcolm Goddard, Leslie Bloomfield, Trevor Perfect, Chris Brown, Pat Wright

**Those who have died:** In recent world conflicts and natural disasters. Those on the year's mind list this week.

**Among those who have recently died:** Tom, Julie



**Please pray for the St Thomas Pilgrim Community**

**– First Commitment Service for Community Members on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm with Bishop Mike - Everyone is welcome**



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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**24 December, Christmas Eve:**

**4.00 pm Children's Crib service**

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day: 10.00 am All Age Festival Eucharist**



**Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

No Eucharist at 8am

**10am Sung Eucharist**

**Birthdays:** Bradley Knight (26<sup>th</sup>)

+++ THE PEW SHEET IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE ++++

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**Services and other meetings during the week**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	No 4.00pm 11.30pm	Morning Prayer Children's Crib Service Midnight Mass
<b>Christmas Day</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	All Age Festival Eucharist
<b>Boxing Day</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Thursday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Friday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	'Foodcloud'
<b>Saturday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>		

**Today, after the service we will decorate the Christmas tree. Please help, if you can.**

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Carol Service last Sunday, the Christmas Flowers and preparing the Church for our Christmas Celebration

**Ladies Group:** January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 New year party

Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218

**FIND** Thank you for your donations and in the run-up to Christmas much needed.

**Dates for your Diary:**

13 January, 10 am - Confirmation Service with +Martin  
6 pm – St. Thomas Pilgrim Community

Commitment service with +Mike

16th January, 7.30pm - PCC Meeting

19th January, 7.30pm - Crown Him at Colchester Road Baptist Church

5th February 7.30pm - Launch *Inspiring Ipswich* All Saints Church



**Wishing you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and God's Blessing for 2019**



In Sunday School, over the next two months, we are doing a **Holy Communion preparation course** aiming to have a special service in January to admit children to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please, keep the children in your prayers.

**From Canon Chris:** The **olive trees** we sponsored are planted in Beit Jala, near Bethlehem. See the noticeboard for more information.

**'Foodcloud' bags of food can be collected on Friday mornings, 10.30-12.00.** On Sundays, food maybe available to take home – voluntary donations for FIND are welcome.

**Stewardship Campaign 'Giving in Grace'.** Thank you to everyone who has returned a pledge form – you can hand the form any time to Emma. It helps us to plan ahead for 2019.

**Stewardship:** Thank you to everyone who supports the mission of St Thomas Church through regular giving. We encourage people to give by **Standing Order** and now provide **small cards** on the welcome table for those who give by standing order **to put into the collection bag.** To find out more, please speak to Daphne Startup or Emma Knight