

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich

Sunday 30th December 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

10am Sung Eucharist

Opening Hymn	199 Hark the herald angels sing
Gradual Hymn	481 The holly and the ivy
Offertory Hymn	477 The first nowell
Communion Hymn	248 In the bleak midwinter
Final Hymn	283 Joy to the world

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, Sheila Townsend



Please pray for the St Thomas Pilgrim Community

– First Commitment Service for Community Members on Sunday 13th January at 6pm with Bishop Mike -

Everyone is welcome



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Next Sunday 6th January 2019

Epiphany

8am Eucharist (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

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

Birthdays: none this week

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

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Services and other meetings during the week

31st December 2018 – 5th January 2019

New Year's Eve	31 st		
New Year's Day	1 st		
Wednesday	2 nd	No 10.00am	Morning prayer (Vic) Eucharist
Thursday	3 rd	9.30am No 4.00pm	Morning Prayer Toddler Group Evening Prayer
Friday	4 th	10.30am No	'Foodcloud' Choir practice
Saturday	5 th		

A big Thank you to all who helped prepare the Church for Christmas, donated money for the Christmas flowers, made stars and assisted with the various Christmas Services – your help is very much appreciated!

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

Thank you for your donations of toiletries etc for Ipswich hospital wards. We were delighted to take a bag full to the Chaplaincy to pass on to the wards.

Ladies Group: January 8th 2019 New year party

Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218



We wish you a Happy New Year!



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