

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Theme: Light**

**8 am Eucharist**

**10 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School and Healing Ministry**

**6pm Carol Service ( followed by refreshments)**



<b>Choir Introit</b>	<i>Like a candle flame – Graham Kendrick</i>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	401 On Jordan's bank
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	180 God's spirit is in my heart
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	209 Hills of the north, rejoice
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	471 The angel Gabriel
<b>Final Hymn</b>	467 Tell out my soul

*Please join us for refreshments after the service.  
Everyone is welcome!*

**Please pray for:**

**Those who are sick:** Ian, Eric Dickerson, Rosemary, Adam, Andrew Barfield, Alan Seeley, Kathy Steele, Frank D, Peggy, Pat, Natacha and Marianne, Andrew Derrett, Christine, Gerald and Rose Webb, Enid Hunt, Marion, Stephen, Julie, Samantha, Julie Stevens, Clare Baxter, Fiona Allen.

**Those who have died:** Brother Kevin.

In recent world conflicts and natural disasters. Those on the year's mind list this week.



**You are invited to join the St Thomas Pilgrim Community.**

The next Prayer meeting: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm**  
**Taize service in church, followed by refreshments.**

**Everyone is welcome.**

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**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

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

**Theme: Promise**

**8 am Eucharist**

**10 am Sung Eucharist**

**7.15pm Compline**

**Dates for your Diary:**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> December – Taize Service, 7.30 pm

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January – PCC Meeting 7 for 7.15pm

**Birthdays:** Amber Wilcox (16<sup>th</sup>), Eric Baker (18<sup>th</sup>), Canon Chris Chapman (19<sup>th</sup>), Angela Waldrige and Jan Wright (20<sup>th</sup>)

**Ladies Group: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – New Year's Meeting.**  
**Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218**

**FIND Appeal:** There is a collection point in the porch for **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for **Families In Need**. Thank you all for your donations and prayers.

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

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**Services and meetings: 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 4.00 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic) Taize Service
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Meditation Group (Vic)
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer (Vic) Eucharist Advent Group Youth Group Xmas Party
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 4.00 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am 11.00 am	'Foodcloud' Choir Practice
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>		

**ADVENT:** a time of preparation for Christmas.

- ★ **Prayer Stations:** there are three interactive prayer stations in church on the themes of **journeying, waiting** and **light**. Please feel free to use these at any time.
- ★ **Reading suggestions** on the welcome table.
- ★ **Advent Group – "Songs of Advent"** will be meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for the final session.
- ★ **Compline at 7.15 pm** on 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- ★ **We would welcome more Donations towards Christmas Flowers** Please see Alison or Carole.

**Youth Group Christmas Party, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00-10.00 pm in the Community Room.** Come along for some festive fun!

**Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Craft Morning last Saturday.** We had a lovely time.



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Carol Service: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00 pm**  
*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

**24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve:**

**4.00 pm Children's Crib service**

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass**

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



**Update from Keith:** “Thank you all for your continued generosity towards this deserving cause. In addition to food, FIND also accepts soap and other general personal toiletry items. They are now also taking good quality clean clothing, particularly children’s clothes.

FIND are currently building new premises next to Gainsborough Sports Centre and need to raise somewhere in the region of another £200k.

Meanwhile, they remain at Hines Road. Maureen Reynel, who leads the operation, has expressed her gratitude, so please keep your gifts coming (no perishables, please). I will see that they are delivered.”

**Thank you to all who contributed to the Lent Appeal,** supporting our sister diocese in **Kagera, Tanzania**. We are very grateful for your generosity and have raised **£360**.

**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