

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich

Sunday 16th December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

8 am Eucharist (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist with Sunday school & Healing

Ministry

6 pm Carol Service

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| Opening Hymn | 209 Hills of the north rejoice |
| Gradual Hymn | 172 God is working his purpose out |
| Offertory Hymn | (booklet) Christ be our light |
| Communion Hymn | 454 Spirit of the living God |
| Final Hymn | 358 O come, o come Emmanuel |

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, Sylvia Dickerson, Keith Welham, Emma Smith, Malcolm Goddard, Leslie Bloomfield, Trevor Perfect, Chris Brown

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: Lynn Collins, Tom



Please pray for the St Thomas Pilgrim Community – its development and for residents. Next Community prayer meeting is the **Taize service** on **17 December** at **7.30pm** followed by refreshments in the Vicarage - **Everyone is welcome**
facebook.com/St-Thomas-Pilgrim-Community

Next Sunday 23rd December 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School

Dates for your Diary:

17 December, 7.30 pm – **Advent Taize service** followed by refreshments in the vicarage, all are welcome.

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

Birthdays: Amber Wilcox (16th), Eric Baker (18th)
Canon Chris, Angela Waldrige, Jan Wright (19th)

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

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Services and other meetings during the week
17th – 22nd December 2018

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| Monday | 17 th | 9.30am 7.30pm | Morning Prayer Advent Taize Prayer |
| Tuesday | 18 th | 9.30am No | Morning Prayer Meditation Group |
| Wednesday | 19 th | 8.30am 10.00am 11.00am | Morning prayer (Vic) Eucharist Advent Group |
| Thursday | 20 th | 9.30am No 4.00pm | Morning Prayer Toddler group Evening Prayer |
| Friday | 21 st | 10.30am 11.00am | 'Foodcloud' Choir practice |
| Saturday | 22 nd | | |

Today, after the service we will decorate the Christmas tree. Please help, if you can.
We are looking for donations of mince pies for the carol service tonight. **Thank You.**

ADVENT: time of preparation for Christmas.

- **ADVENT Group 'Themes in Luke's Gospel' meets on Wednesdays, 11.00-12.15 from 5 December** – you can still join us.
- **Advent Taize Prayer** – a meditative service with chants from Taize, readings & silence

Donations towards Christmas Flowers will be gratefully received. Please give them to Alison or Carol.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carol Service: TODAY AT 6.00 pm
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

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



Ladies Group: January 8th 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.

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