

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich

Sunday 24th November 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

Theme: Journey

8 am Eucharist (BCP)

10 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School

7.15 pm Compline



Opening Hymn	196 Hark a herald voice is calling
Gradual Hymn	219 How lovely on the mountains
Offertory Hymn	(Sheet) God who sets us on a journey (Blaenwern)
Communion Hymn	311 Lord Jesus Christ
Choir will sing:	<i>Let it be to me - Graham Kendrick</i>
Final Hymn	(booklet) Christ be our light

***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, Brother Kevin, Andrew Derrett, Christine, Gerald and Rose Webb, Enid Hunt, Marion, Stephen, Julie, Samantha, Julie Stevens, Clare Baxter.

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:



Please pray for our Alpha Course at St. Thomas, and for our seven guests and leaders.



You are invited to join the St Thomas Pilgrim Community.

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

Everyone is welcome.

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Next Sunday 8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

8 am Eucharist (BCP)

10 am All-Age Eucharist

7.15 pm Compline

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 8th December – 12.30 pm Christmas Meal at 'The George' Hintlesham

Sun 15th December - Carol Service, 6 pm

Mon 16th December – Taize Service, 7.30 pm

Birthdays: Peggy Blythe (2nd), Jill Last (3rd), William Elwis (4th), Brian Sears (6th)

**Ladies Group: Tuesday 3rd December – Something Christmassy.
Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218**

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

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Services and meetings: 2nd – 7th 2019

Day	Advent	Times	Activities
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am 5.30 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Meditation Group (Vic) Ladies Group
Wednesday	4 th	8.30 am 10.00 am 7.15 pm	Morning Prayer (Vic) Eucharist Alpha Course (Vic)
Thursday	5 th	9.30 am 4.00 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Friday	6 th	10.30 am 11.00 am	'Foodcloud' Choir Practice
Saturday	7 th	10.30 am 12.15 pm	Children's Craft Morning Band Practice

ADVENT starts today: a time of preparation for Christmas.

- ★ **Reading suggestions** on the welcome table.
- ★ **Advent Group – "Songs of Advent"** will be meeting on Wednesdays at 11 am from 27th November until 18th December. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table.
- ★ **Donations towards Christmas Flowers** will be gratefully received. Please give them to Alison or Carole.
- ★ **Scout Post Christmas Box** is by the welcome table in church. 30p per card, please see the box for areas covered.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING: 7th December, 10.30 –

12noon: The sign-up sheet for craft activities and flyers is available - please email Cat or Jutta to let us know if you can help.

Compline: Sundays at 7.15pm. *Note the change of time!*
Dates: 1st, 8th and 22nd December.

Prayer Stations: During Advent, there will be three interactive prayer stations in church on the themes of **journeying**, **waiting** and **light**. Please feel free to use these at any time during the week or on Sundays.

FIND Appeal: FIND are very grateful for all the non-food items donated and now have a very good stock. **They would like to focus once again on NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS in the run-up to Christmas.** There is a collection point in the porch. Many thanks for your donations and prayers. – Keith Brisland

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