

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich

Sunday 1st March 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

8 am Eucharist

10 am All-Age Eucharist

12 noon bring and share lunch

7.15 pm Compline

Opening Hymn	(sheet) Let us build a house
Gradual Hymn	(OofS) Turn to me
Offertory Hymn	(sheet) Bless the Lord, O my soul
Communion Hymn	111 Do not be afraid
Choir will sing	<i>Spirit of the living God</i>
Final Hymn	87 Colours of Day

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

Please pray for:

Those who are sick: Eric Dickerson, Rosemary, Adam, Andrew Barfield, Alan Seeley, Kathy Steele, Frank D, Peggy, Pat, Natacha and Marianne, Andrew Derrett, Christine, Stephen, Julie, Samantha, Clare Baxter, Jill, Rex, Molly Johansen, Mike Harding, Emily, Brian Sears, Tilly

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



Please, pray for the development of the St Thomas Pilgrim Community. We are

preparing to advertise for residential members to take part in the mission & ministry of our parish.

[facebook.com/St-Thomas-Pilgrim-Community](https://www.facebook.com/St-Thomas-Pilgrim-Community)

Next Sunday 8th March 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

8 am Eucharist

10 am Eucharist with Faith Stories

5.30 pm Youth Group

7.15 pm Compline

Dates for your Diary:

Wed 4th March – Faith Pictures Lent Course, 7.30 pm in the church community room

Fri 6th March – World

Sat 7th March – Enjoy the Bible, St. Nicholas' Centre 9.30 - 1 pm

<http://enjoy-the-bible.eventbrite.co.uk> or ☎ 07780 613754

Sun 8th March – bring and share lunch for families, 12 noon in the church community room. See Nigel for more info.

Thu 19th March – PCC Meeting, 7 for 7.15 pm

Birthdays:

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.



Ladies Group: Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Presentation on visiting our Link Diocese, Kagera.

Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218

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

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Services and meetings: 2nd – 7th March 2020

Monday	2 nd	9.30 am 6.30 pm	No Evening Prayer (Vic)
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am 7.15 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Ladies Group Meditation Group (Vic)
Wednesday	4 th	8.30 am 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer (Vic) Eucharist Faith Pictures (CR)
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		

Prayer Spaces: We have three Lent-themed prayer stations in the baptistry, which will stay up until Easter. Please do use them to help you pray and reflect.

Electoral Roll: It is time to revise the electoral roll. Please check your details are correct on the copy on the welcome table. If you are new to St Thomas' please consider joining the electoral roll - speak to Alison with questions or to join.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March 2pm. A women-led, global, ecumenical service of prayer, prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe. At Holly Lodge Baptist Church.

LENT - Started on Ash Wednesday, 26th February.

Faith Pictures: Lent Course. 7.30 pm on Wednesdays in the church community room.

Faith Stories: we are grateful to Keith Brisland, Mary Bullass, Lyanne Brendt and Margaret Bloomfield, who will be sharing their faith stories on 8th and 15th March. Please pray for them.

Environmental Lent Challenge: challenge yourself and your family to protect God's creation! Booklets on the welcome table - please pick one up & join in!

#LiveLent: daily devotionals. Available as a booklet, or as an app or email. Search #LiveLent online.

Compline: every Sunday in Lent at 7.15 pm.

Ipswich Town Pastors are looking to recruit new Town Pastors (particularly Male Town Pastors) and Prayer team members. Interested? Contact Pete.Wood@ipswichtownpastors.org.uk or by post at 13 Camberley Road, Ipswich, IP4 5QH.

Youth Group: 5.30 – 7 pm on the 8th, 15th and 29th March, and 5th April. Let us know if you can come!

CONTACTLESS GIVING: We have a contactless giving terminal in Church, for people who would like to support the work of St Thomas Church using a bank card. A great and easy way to give. It is very easy to use – just tap your card and the money will go straight to our church account.

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