

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich

Sunday 22nd December 2019



4th Sunday of Advent

Theme: Promise

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

7.15 pm Compline

Opening Hymn	358 O come, o come Emmanuel
Gradual Hymn	329 Make way
Offertory Hymn	277 Jesus shall reign
Communion Hymn	542 What child is this
Final Hymn	193 Hail to the Lord's anointed

*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: **TBC**

Everyone is welcome.

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Next Sunday 29th December 2019

1st Sunday of Christmas

NO 8 am Eucharist today!

10 am Sung Eucharist

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 5th January – Bring and Share Lunch 12 noon

Sun 12th January – Compline 7.15 pm

Wed 15th January – PCC Meeting 7 for 7.15 pm

Birthdays: Bradley Knight & Naomi Bloomfield (26th), Lilly Waller (28th)

Ladies Group: Tuesday 7th 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**. They are especially grateful for donations over the Christmas period. Thank you all for your donations and prayers.



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Services and meetings: 23rd – 28th December 2019

Monday	23 rd	NO NO	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Tuesday	24 th	NO NO 4.00 pm 11.30 pm	Morning Prayer Meditation Group (Vic) Crib Service Midnight Mass
Wednesday	25 th	NO 10.00 am	Morning Prayer (Vic) Festival Eucharist
Thursday	26 th	NO NO	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Friday	27 th	<i>10.30 am</i> NO	'Foodcloud' Choir Practice
Saturday	28 th		

ADVENT: ..it's nearly Christmas!

- ★ **Prayer Stations:** we hope you have enjoyed having them in Church. They will come down after the service today & we will ask for feedback in the New Year.
- ★ We will need help with decorating the tree after the service
- ★ **Compline at 7.15 pm today**

Thank You to everyone who made donations towards Christmas Flowers.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th December, Christmas Eve:

4.00 pm Children's Crib service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 10.00 am All Age Festival Eucharist



CONTACTLESS GIVING: We now 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. Thank You.

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

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