

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**10 am Sung Eucharist**

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	34 Angels from the realms of glory
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	395 Of the father's love begotten
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	176 God rest ye merry gentlemen
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	89 Come, come, come to the manger
<b>Final Hymn</b>	283 Joy to the world

*Please join us after the service for refreshments.  
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, Nancy Baird, Jill, Rex

**Those who have died:** Brother Kevin, Ian Field, Doris Nokes  
*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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Epiphany**

**8 am Eucharist**

**10 am All Age Eucharist**

**12 noon Bring and Share Lunch**

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> January – Compline 7.15 pm

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

**Birthdays:** Caren Elwis (31<sup>st</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**. They are especially grateful for donations over the Christmas period. Thank you all for your donations and prayers.



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

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**Services and meetings: 30<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	NO NO	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Tuesday	31 <sup>th</sup>	NO NO	Morning Prayer Meditation Group (Vic)
<b>New Years Day</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO NO	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am NO	'Foodcloud' Choir Practice
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>		



**CHRISTMAS**

**A big Thank you** to all who helped prepare the Church for Christmas and assisted with the various Christmas Services – your help is very much appreciated!



**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.



**Wishing you a peaceful New Year – may you know that God is with you!**

**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