

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane,
Ipswich

Sunday 3rd March 2019
Last Sunday before Lent

8am Eucharist
10am All Age Eucharist – Focus: Kagera

Opening Hymn	(sheet) We are marching
Gradual Hymn	442 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Offertory Hymn	317 Shine, Jesus, shine
Communion Hymn	548 When I needed a neighbour
Final Hymn	(sheet) Christ be our light

Please join us for refreshments after the service
Everyone is welcome



Please pray for: Children and young people at St Thomas: to learn to know and love Jesus, and those preparing for First Holy Communion

Those who are sick: Eric Dickerson, Rosemary, Andrew, Alan Seeley, Kathy Steele, Philip, Sophie, Adam, Natacha & Marianne, Ros Hoffmann, Ray Best, Keith Welham, Jill Last, Malcolm Goddard, Chris Brown, Pat Wright, Daphne, Brother Kevin, Andrew Derrett, Liz Gardiner, Frank D., Peggy

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: Trevor Perfect



You are invited to join the St Thomas Pilgrim Community.

The next community prayer meeting is on 18th March, 7.15 for 7.30pm. **Everyone is welcome.**

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Next Sunday 10th March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist with Sunday School
5pm Lent Group in the Vicarage
6.30pm Compline in Church

Dates for your Diary:

6th March – Ash Wednesday, 10am and 7.30pm Eucharist with imposition of ashes

20th March, 7.30pm – PCC Meeting

25th March, 7pm – Welcome Service for the new Archdeacon of Ipswich at Chantry Academy (attendance by ticket)

Change of Date: APCM now on 7th April. 11.30 am – we need reports by Fri day 22 March, please.

New Electoral Roll: Every six years, we have to prepare a new electoral roll -**Everyone** has to fill in an Electoral Roll form. Forms are available on the Welcome Table or from Alison Gibbs. Please return your forms by 22nd March at the latest.

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Services and other meetings during the week
March 4th - 9th 2019

Monday	4th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5th	9.30am 7.15pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Ladies Group Meditation Group
Ash Wednesday	6th	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am 7.30pm	Morning prayer (Vic) Eucharist with ashes Lent Group Eucharist with ashes
Thursday	7th	9.30am 10.30am 1.15pm 4.00pm	Morning Prayer Active Lives Toddler Group Evening Prayer
Friday	8th	10.30am 11.00am	'Foodcloud' Choir practice
Saturday	9th		

LENT starts on **Ash Wednesday, 6th March** – See the separate flyer with lots of information. Here is the overview:

-Sharing our faith stories: Pam Everett, Zoe Lowe, Stephen Marginson and Nigel Messenger, are **sharing their faith journeys with us on Sundays 10 & 17 March** in place of the sermon. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please pick up a LENT leaflet with information about our Lent Appeal & Kagera Challenge, Lent Reading: Pilgrim journeys booklet; Lent Groups: Wednesday mornings & Sunday afternoon & Compline: Sunday evenings in Lent at 6.30pm.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the **World Day of Prayer at St. Thomas'** such a success. It was such a joyful occasion.

Christine and the Perfect & Dunnett families would like to **thank everyone who helped to make Trevor's funeral** such a memorable occasion.

Ipswich Town Pastors urgently need new town pastors and prayer team members. Please see Jutta for more information.

Active Lives – Seated Dance and Singing - suitable for all ability levels aged 50+ **at St Thomas on Thursdays, 10.30-12.30pm.** £5 – please note the price increase. Come along and bring a friend.

Ladies Group 5th March 2019, 7.15pm.

The work of the Street Pastors by Gwen Wall.
Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218

Birthdays: No birthdays this week

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

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