

Parish of St. Thomas, Bramford Lane, Ipswich

Sunday 8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Theme: Waiting

8 am Eucharist

10 am All-Age Eucharist

7.15 pm Compline



Opening Hymn	(booklet) Christ be our light
Gradual Hymn	(booklet) My Lord, he is a comin' soon
Offertory Hymn	87 Colours of Day
Communion Hymn	53 Be still for the presence of the Lord
Choir will sing:	<i>Wait for the Lord - Taize</i>
Final Hymn	317 Shine, Jesus shine

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Everyone is welcome!

Today, 12.30 pm - Christmas Meal at 'The George', Hintlesham

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.

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

Everyone is welcome.

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Next Sunday 15th December 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Theme: Light

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Carol Service

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 16th December – Taize Service, 7.30 pm

Birthdays: Rebecca Lowe (12th)

Ladies Group: Tuesday 7th January 2020 – New Year's Meeting.

Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218

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

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

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Services and meetings: 9th – 14th December 2019

Monday	9 th	9.30 am 5.30 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Tuesday	10 th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Meditation Group (Vic)
Wednesday	11 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer (Vic) Eucharist
Thursday	12 th	9.30 am 4.00 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Friday	13 th	10.30 am 11.00 am	'Foodcloud' Choir Practice
Saturday	14 th	12.15 pm	Band Practice

ADVENT: a time of preparation for Christmas.

- ★ **Prayer Stations:** there are three interactive prayer stations in church on the themes of **journeying, waiting** and **light**. Please feel free to use these at any time.
- ★ **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** by the welcome table. 30p per card, **today is the last day for posting.**

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carol Service: Sunday 15th December, 6.00 pm

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

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

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Craft Morning yesterday. We had a lovely time.

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

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