

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8 am Eucharist (BCP)**

**10am Sung Eucharist with Sunday school.**

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	401 On Jordan's bank
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	(booklet) My Lord, he's a comin' soon
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	193 Hail to the Lord's anointed
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	62 Blessed assurance
<b>Final Hymn</b>	196 Hark a herald voice is calling

*Please join us for refreshments after the service*

*Today 12.30 pm – Christmas Meal, Hintlesham*

**Please pray for:**



We have *four* people doing the Alpha Course – pray for them and the leaders, as our guests thinking about baptism and confirmation.



**Children at St Thomas learning about Holy Communion, to make their First Communion in the New Year.**

**Those who are sick:** Ken, Eric Dickerson, Rosemary, Andrew, Alan Seeley, Kathy Steele, Philip, Adam, Natacha, Ros Hoffmann, Phyllis Meadows, Peggy Blyth, Ray Best, Sylvia Dickerson, Keith Welham, Emma Smith, Malcolm Goddard, Leslie Bloomfield, Trevor Perfect

**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:** Lynn Collins



**Please pray for the St Thomas Pilgrim Community** – its development and for residents. Next Community prayer meeting is the **Taize service** on **17 December** at **7.30pm** followed by refreshments in the Vicarage - **Everyone is welcome**

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**Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8 am Eucharist**

**10 am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School**

**6 pm Carol Service**

**Dates for your Diary:**

17 December, 7.30 pm – **Advent Taize service** followed by refreshments in the vicarage, all are welcome.

13 January, 10 am - Confirmation Service with +Martin  
6 pm – St. Thomas Pilgrim Community Commitment service with +Mike

**Birthdays:** Rebecca Lowe (12<sup>th</sup>), Amber Wilcox (16<sup>th</sup>)

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

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**Services and other meetings during the week**

**10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Monday	10th	9.30am 4.00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Vic)
Tuesday	11th	9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Meditation Group (Vic)
Wednesday	12th	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Morning prayer (Vic) Eucharist Advent Group
Thursday	13th	9.30am 10.00am 1.15pm 4.00pm	Morning Prayer Active Lives Toddler group Evening Prayer
Friday	14th	10.30am 11.00am	'Foodcloud' Choir practice
Saturday	15th		

**ADVENT:** time of preparation for Christmas.

- **READING suggestions on the welcome table** –
- **ADVENT Group 'Themes in Luke's Gospel' meets on Wednesdays, 11.00-12.15 from 5 December** – you can still join us.

**Donations towards Christmas Flowers** will be gratefully received. Please give them to Alison or Carol.

**The Scout Christmas Post Box** is in church again. 25p per card. Distribution area on the box. ENDS TODAY.



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Carol Service: Sunday 16 December, 6.00 pm**

*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

**24 December, Christmas Eve:**

**4.00 pm Children's Crib service**

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day: 10.00 am All Age Festival Eucharist**



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

**Ladies Group:** January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 New year party

A big thank you to all who bought poppies from the Ladies Group – we raised £80 for the British Legion.

Info: Contact Carole Groom tel. 464218

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.

**FIND** Thank you for your generous donations. They are much appreciated. The need is greater than ever.

**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