

# Museum Street Methodist Church Ipswich

A town centre Christian Church committed to enriching individual lives  
and the wellbeing of community.



**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

This morning's service at 10.45 a.m. will be led by

**MRS DIANA SAWYER**

The Stewards this morning are: David and Ian

Technical help will be given by Emma

Minister: Revd Derek Grimshaw  
Tel: 01473 805486

## **Notices for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today, whether you are a regular worshipper at Museum Street, or visiting us for the first time. Please stay and continue fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the service.

**We ask you to pray** for those who are unable to join us for worship, especially those who are ill in hospital or at home. We also remember those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

### **Preachers who are taking services elsewhere today.**

Derek Grimshaw is at Bramford a.m. and Bramford Road a.m.

Harry Chicken is at Chelmondiston a.m.

Martin Ellis is at St. Mary at Stoke

### **Notices for the week commencing February 11th**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Finance Committee at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday February 14th

Come and join us for coffee and a chat from 10 – 11.30 a.m.

Saturday February 16th

Come again for coffee and a chat 10 – 11.30 a.m.

### **Next Week's Services**

**10.45 a.m. Rev. Yvonne Haye - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

### **Preachers taking services elsewhere next Sunday**

Derek Grimshaw is at Bramford Road a.m. and Elmsett p.m.

Martin Ellis is at St. Francis Chantry a.m. and Bramford p.m.

David Welbourn is at Chantry a.m.

Chris Finbow is at Bramford a.m.

## **GET TOGETHER DISAPPOINTMENT**

Regrettably, due to situations beyond our solving, there will be **no GET TOGETHER** this month.

Jackie and Alan

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

The next Church Council will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.

## **BLESSINGS BAGS**

You are invited to “count your blessings” during Lent by taking one of the bags which are available from the TWAM table at the back of the church. Inside are a number of sheets inviting you to reflect and give thanks to God. This can be incorporated into your Lent preparations. These can be done in any order and each bag has twenty-nine ideas and thoughts to work through. These can be done individually or in family groups. A suggested monetary contribution is given.

All proceeds will go towards TWAM, the church's charity for the year. After the end of Lent the bags should be returned to me with your cash or cheque (made payable to Museum Street Methodist Church).

Colin Westren

## **CHURCH FLOWERS AND THE ROTA**

For many years church flowers and the rota have formed a part of the church decoration throughout the seasons. This year is no different and the flower rota is now on the notice board in the corridor for those special events to be celebrated on specific Sundays. I have noticed a decrease in names for special Sundays and many months have been blank. This is not a plea for people to fill in the blanks! I am also aware that the cost of flowers increases year on year. Despite these observations I continue to receive money on a regular basis from several people to be “used when needed” and I thank all those who give so generously.

I am also grateful for help I receive from Catherine, Tracey and Grahame, and those willing to clear up after a special weekend. The eagle-eyed among you are aware that I often use silk flowers for a complete arrangement, or to form part of one. The quality of silk flowers has risen to a very high standard and therefore their usage is valid, and can be successfully used.

Finally a sincere thanks to those who arrange, those who give and those who notice whenever something has been done specially. At this moment in time I am happy to continue with this job but there will come a time when it is right for me to back off. Until then HAPPY FLOWER ARRANGING.

Betty L

## ‘LENT COURSE –CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL IPSWICH

We are offering a **six week course** at various times and in various places. We shall be studying **‘The Lord’s Prayer’** which is one of the Pilgrim Courses produced by Church House, Westminster. These courses were designed to reach out to enrich Christian Faith and to extend out to those who know not the Lord Jesus. The arrangements are as follows:

1. Starting on **Thursday 15 February** and subsequent Thursday evenings from 7.30 until 8.45pm at the **Vicarage of St Mary le Tower at 18 Kingsfield Avenue, Ipswich, IP1 3TA** ending with Night Prayer.
2. Starting on **Tuesday 20 February** and subsequent Tuesday **mornings** from 11.00am until 12.15pm in the **Church Cottage behind St Mary at the Elms, Elm Street**. All will be welcome to stay for Eucharist at 12.30pm in the Church
3. Starting on **Tuesday 20 February** and subsequent Tuesday **evenings** from 7.30 to 8.45pm in **St Mary at the Elms Vicarage 68 Blackhorse Lane**. All will be welcome to stay to Stations of the Cross in the Church. Please note – if you have never experienced this devotion, it is a wonderful discipline and thought provoking.

You have plenty of choices – please join a group and do some very approachable study in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.’

*Martin Ellis*

Diocesan Secretary

Items for inclusion in next week’s notices should be with Grahame Lindsay by 8 p.m. on Thursday