

# **Museum Street Methodist Church Ipswich**

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



## **Welcome to Worship**

**Minister: Rev Derek Grimshaw Tel: 01473 805486**

### **NOTICES**

**For this morning's service**

**10.45am 31st December, 2017**

**led by David Welbourn**

**Stewards this morning: Betty and Ian.  
Sound and Vision: David W.**

## **Preachers taking services elsewhere today**

**Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Alan Road 10.45am**

**Harry Chicken is at Chantry 9.30am**

**Martin Ellis is at Woodbridge 10.45am**

**Martin Ellis is at Norwood 4.00pm**

**Colin Westren is at Leiston (Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit) at 10.30 am**

## **Preachers taking services next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**Rev Derek Grimshaw is here at Museum Street 10.45am for Communion.**

**Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Bramford Road 9.30am**

**Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Norwood 4.00pmpm**

**Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Elmsett 6.30pm**

**Chris Finbow is at Holbrook 10.00am**

**Martin Ellis is at Bramford Road 6.30pm**

## **Coming up this week**

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10.00am Coffee morning</b>
<b>Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>10.00am Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Sunday Service Communion 10.45am Rev Derek Grimshaw</b>

## **Good Morning and Welcome**

**It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again. Tea or coffee is served after the service, so please stay to have a chat and get to know one another.**

## **For your prayers;**

**We pray for all those who are unable to be worshipping with us today, especially those in hospital, in care, or ill at home, and those who are caring for their loved ones.**

**Once upon a time the colours of the world started to quarrel. All claimed that they were the best; the most important; the most useful, the most beautiful; the favourite.**

**GREEN** said, “Clearly I am the most important: I am the sign of **LIFE** and of **HOPE**. I was chosen for grass, trees, and leaves. Without me, all animals would die. Look over the countryside and you will see that I am the majority.”

**BLUE** interrupted, “You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the **WATER** that is the basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from the deep sea. The sky gives space, peace and serenity. Without my peace you would all be nothing.”

**YELLOW** chuckled, “You are all so serious I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow; the moon is yellow; the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no **FUN**.”

**ORANGE** started next to blow her trumpet “I am the colour of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the needs of human life. I carry the most important vitamins - think of carrots, pumpkins, oranges, mangoes and papayas. I don't hang around all the time but, when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you.”

**RED** could stand it no longer: he shouted out “I am the ruler of all of you. I am **BLOOD** - life's blood! I am the colour of danger and of bravery: I am willing to fight for a cause: I bring fire into the blood. Without me the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the colour of passion of of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy.”

**PURPLE** rose up to his full height: he was very tall and spoke with great pomp. “I am the colour of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me for I am the sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me, they listen and obey!”

Finally, **INDIGO** spoke much more quietly than all the others, but with just as much determination.” Think of me, I am the colour of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me you all become superficial. I represent thought

**and reflection, twilight and deep water. You need me for balance and control, for prayer and inner peace.”**

**And so, the colours went on boasting, each convinced of his or her own superiority. Their quarrelling become louder and louder.**

**Suddenly there was a startling flash of bright lightening, and thunder rolled and boomed: rain started to pour down relentlessly.**

**The colours crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.**

**In the mist of the clamour, rain began to speak.**

**“You foolish colours, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest.**

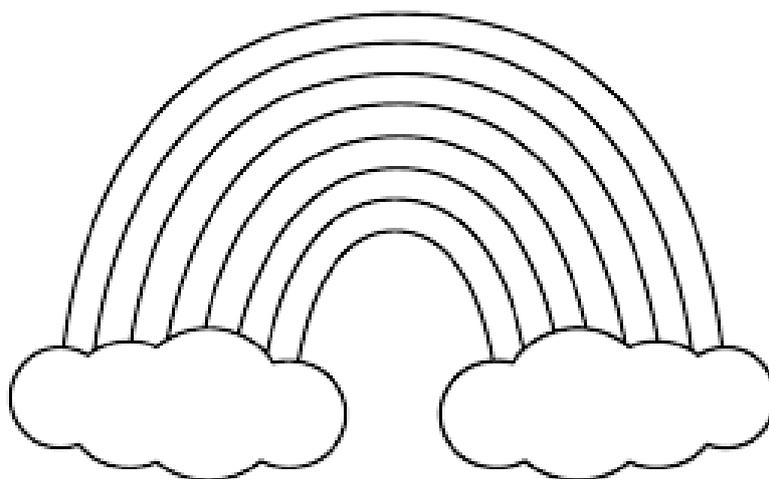
**Don’t you know that you were each made for a special purpose, unique and different? Join hands with one another and come to me.”**

**Doing as they were told, the colours united and joined hands.**

**The rain continued “From now on when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of colour, as a reminder that you can all live in peace.”**

**And so, whenever a good rain washes the world, and a rainbow appears in the sky, it is to let us remember to appreciate one another.**

**Wishing the Museum Street Family, a Healthy, Joyous, Abundant, and peaceful New Year 2018.”**



**Color seven colors of rainbow in right order**

Items for inclusion in next week’s notices 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 should be with Grahame Lindsay by 8 p.m. on Thursday. Telephone 431127 email: [galins@ntlworld.com](mailto:galins@ntlworld.com)  
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