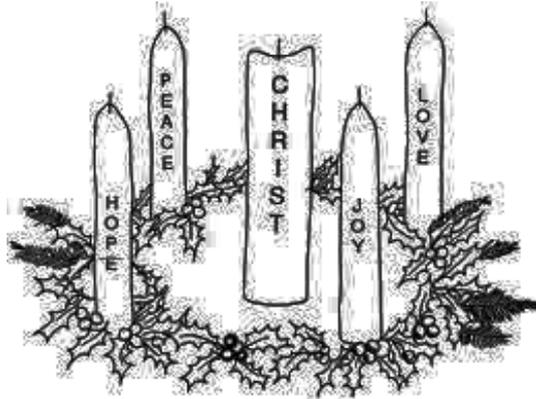


Museum Street Methodist Church Ipswich

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

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY

17th December 2017

3rd Sunday in Advent

**This morning's service at 10.45 a.m.
Christmas Carol Service
will be led by**

Derek Grimshaw

**Stewards this morning: Stuart & Marjorie and Jackie.
Sound and Vision: Emma/Ella.**

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

The response by the people is;

Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

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.

Preachers taking services elsewhere today.

Services here next Sunday 24th December

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11.30pm David Welbourn

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Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Elmsett 9.45am

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Coming up this week

Mon 18th Dec	
Tues 19th Dec	Tea and Talk 2.00pm
Wed 20th Dec	Holy Communion 10am
Thu 21st Dec	
Fri 22nd Dec	
Sat 23rd Dec	<i>Note there will be no coffee today</i>
Sun 24th Dec	10.45am Marilyn Watsham
	11.30pm David Welbourn

Thought for the week

**Jesus was God's gift to the world,
not just for Christmas,
but for every single day -
your whole life through -
and even beyond for all eternity.**

Carols at the Hospital

Wednesday 20th December: You are invited to attend one of the two Carol Services being held at Ipswich Hospital Chapel. 2.30pm or 7pm.

Sunday 24th December: You are also invited to join in singing carols round the wards on Christmas Eve. Meet at the Hospital Chapel at 5.45pm to sing from 6pm – 7.30pm

Christmas Prayers

**Let us remember Mary this Christmas
And may God bless our mothers.**

**Let us remember Joseph this Christmas
And may God bless our fathers.**

**Let us remember Elizabeth and Zechariah and John this Christmas
And may God bless our relatives.**

**Let us remember the shepherds this Christmas
And may God bless all those who will be working.**

**Let us remember the wise men this Christmas
And may God bless all those who will be travelling.**

**Let us remember Jesus this Christmas
and may God bless us all and make us his children.**

Amen

An Apology and a Virus

Last Sunday because of the snow and the traffic problems, I gave up on my journey to get to Museum Street and attended instead the service at Alan Road. I was therefore unable to record Colin Westren's sermon.

I apologize to you all for the failure to record the sermon, however I will not apologize for using the photo of Colin when he attended Tower Ramparts school about 1960!

If you ask Colin I am sure he will be able to provide a more accurate date.

While attending the Alan Road service I caught a virus.

My symptoms were as follows

- ✓ An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.**
- ✓ A loss of interest in judging other people.**
- ✓ A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.**
- ✓ A loss of interest in conflict.**
- ✓ A loss of the ability to worry.**
- ✓ Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.**
- ✓ Frequent attacks of smiling.**
- ✓ A tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.**

The next day I parked my car on the church car-park on the way to my doctor's surgery and bumped into Derek Grimshaw. I explained to him the symptoms and he immediately diagnosed my condition.

I had no need for a doctor. I had caught The Advent Virus.

I had the symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and that the hearts of many people have already been exposed to this virus.

Please send this warning out to all your friends.

This virus can and has affected many souls. Apparently, some souls have been completely cleaned out because of it.

Thank God for the Advent Virus.

Mike Parker