

Museum Street Methodist Church Ipswich

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



SUNDAY 18th February 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

REV. YVONNE HAYE

The Stewards this morning are: Catherine and Betty

Technical help will be given by David Bowyer

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

Notices for Sunday 18th 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 Road a.m. and Elmsett p.m.

David Welbourn is at Chantry a.m.

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

Chris Finbow is at Bramford a.m.

Notices for the week commencing February 18th

Monday 19th February

Church Stewards meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 20th February

Tea and Talk at 2 p.m.

Wednesday February 21st

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

Midweek Communion at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday February 24th

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

Next Week's Services

10.45 a.m. Alicia Holmes 2nd Sunday in Lent

Preachers taking services elsewhere next Sunday

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

Martin Ellis is at Framlingham a.m. and Norwood p.m.

Colin Westren is at Bramford a.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE

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

Inspire Magazine

Knowing that many people at Museum Street enjoy reading the monthly Inspire magazine, we have been informed that the format of the magazine is currently being reviewed and for this reason printed copies of the magazine will not be produced for the next few months and a “more attractive and current magazine, including new and exciting changes” will be launched again in the autumn. If in the meantime you still want to read Inspire it can still be read online at www.inspiremagazine.org.uk.

Church Anniversary Supper

Our Church Anniversary Supper will be held on Saturday March 10th at 7 p.m. The cost of the meal is £7.50 and the speaker will be Rev. Derek Grimshaw. If you are intending to come along to the meal please add your name to the list on the notice board in the corridor by Wednesday 7th March.

Zambesi Mission Update

I am pleased to report that following a successful fund raising year, the amount of £1491.72 was forwarded to Zambesi Mission.

I have now heard that this has been used to roof 4 churches, which is amazing news! Two churches in Malawi, the Chipusile ZEC near Maluma, and Dyanyama ZEC east of Blantyre. In Mozambique, the Lifidzi ZEC and Chonde ZEC in the Angonia District.

Following a visit by the Zambesi Mission Director in April, I will provide you with another update and hopefully some photos too.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Ella Macartney

‘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

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prepared this year by the women of Suriname, the service will be held on Friday 2nd March in St. Mary at the Elms at 11 a.m..

All are welcome to this world wide event.

Catherine Westren

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