

# Methodist Church Ipswich

## Museum Street

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



**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**Rev Mike Cassidy**

The Stewards this morning are: Ian and Jackie

Technical help will be given by Chris Finbow

### **Prayer for use in Liturgy**

God of hope, help us to remember the promise that you will never leave us or forsake us. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, remind us of your presence, and help us to remember to trust in you. Amen.

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

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.

**We believe the loop system is now working. If you are still having problems please let Grahame know.**

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

Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Bramford am and Elmsett pm  
David Welbourn is at Brantham am  
Diana Sawyer is at Trimley am

**Notices for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March                   Come and join us for coffee and a chat from 10 – 11.30 am  
Hot Potato Lunch and Talk at 12.30pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March                     Ipswich Arts lunchtime lecture at 1pm  
‘A history of refugees in Ipswich’  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>                             Gift Day and Church Anniversary  
Come for coffee 10-11.30am  
Anniversary Supper – Speaker Rev Derek Grimshaw at 7pm

**Next Week’s Services**

**10.45 a.m. 4th Sunday of Lent           Rev Derek Grimshaw – Church Anniversary**

**Preachers taking services elsewhere next Sunday**

Rev Derek Grimshaw is at Norwood 4pm and Bramford Road pm

**Church Anniversary Supper**

Our Church Anniversary Supper will be held on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**FROM THE ORGAN STOOL**

John apologises for funny notes last week, every now and then. Most of them not my fault, The organ was ‘playing-up’ – possibly because of extreme rise and fall in temperatures. I Hope this may cure itself.                             **JOHN WEARNE**

## ‘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*

*Circuit Ecumenical Officer*

### Local Arrangements

With fewer ministers in the circuit, the Plan shows an increasing number of Local Arrangements “LA” despite being well provided with Lay Preachers. At Museum Street, Sunday Worship on 22<sup>nd</sup> April is just such an LA. This is not because we have run out of preachers, but because we agreed some time ago to take responsibility on Vocations Sunday to seize the opportunity to think differently and constructively about Worship, occasionally experimenting with different styles and patterns. It will also allow anyone in the congregation to get involved and learn something about preparing and participating more actively in worship. At CLT on 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be considering ideas and asking a group of people to begin planning in earnest. If you have ideas, or want to be part of the team preparing, please speak to one of the stewards.

## **CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVES TO SYNOD**

At the Circuit Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March we shall be electing our lay representatives to Synod for the conexional year 2018-19. If you would like to be nominated, written nominations, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, who must be members of the Circuit Meeting, together with the nominees, should be sent to Melanie Phillips by 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Mike Parker received an email via the website.**

**Dear Mike,**

I am contacting you on behalf of my mother Vera Payne who attended Museum Street from the mid1980s to 1994.

If it is possible she would like the following put in your notice sheet or such like.

She is in reasonable health and still living independently in Wallington. She is looking forward to celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Many thanks

Ruth Mayley

## **GIFT DAY LETTERS**

The Minister's letter regarding the Anniversary and Gift Day are now available from the table at the back of the Church.

If you have not already taken yours, please yours pick up and any others in your vicinity that you can deliver.

## **GET TOGETHER**

**Reminder : Tuesday March13th 7.30p.m**

**John Field on Carl Giles**

**and his adopted town, Ipswich.**

**For your diary: Tuesday April 10th**

**John Norman on Orfordness**