

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 22nd March 2020



This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, [Presidents of Churches Together in England](#) are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Many will be pleased to hear that although the **Night Shelter** had to close early, the 3 remaining guests were accommodated in bed-and-breakfast and have now moved into other accommodation.

Thank you all for your prayers and contributions.



Above shows the many items donated for ladies having their babies at home. The Mothers Union and Sarah Hall thank you for your generosity

The sale of Fair trade items in Church on 8 March raised £161.89. Thank you to all that supported this event. Refills for your Laundry, Washing up, Laundry Conditioner, All Purpose Cleaner, Shampoo and Body wash are among the items available at the Fair Trade Shop at 20A Upper Brook Street, Ipswich (For more information contact Charles Croydon tel 078 5477 6870)

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Items for next week's sheet to David, ideally by email, by **Thursday lunchtime please.**

David says ... 'in future weeks I will be providing a reflection on one of the set readings for the day.'

Jean and John Grierson suggest - Could the Weekly Church Notices (now only on-line, but thus not so limited on space) be used to provide a broader scope of news of church members that would normally be circulated via 1:1 conversations at the after-service coffee? (eg we learned that Geoff has safely returned from Zambia – others may like to know that)

Yes, indeed – contributions welcome!

Curacy news

Just a little note to say...I have been offered a curacy! I'll be moving to Leamington Spa (at some point in June), to serve a curacy at St Mark's Church, in Coventry Diocese.

On initial visits, St Mark's seems a bit like St Margaret's Church which is a very positive factor, so I think it will be great! Thank you so much to all of you who have asked about it, and prayed; I'll be hugely sad to leave St Margaret's but I'm excited for the next stage of training and seeing what God has in store...

Heather Elson

There are no services in church for the foreseeable future.

The church will be open from 9am to 3pm each day for private prayer.

David will be praying in church daily.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

1 Samuel 16 vv 1 – 13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5 vv 8 – 14
John 9