

# NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 3rd February 2019

## OPEN CHURCH

At last we are able to announce that the church will be open every day, except Thursdays, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Many thanks to those who have facilitated this and to those who have now offered to come and close the church at 3.00 p.m. each day. In future the kitchen / toilet extension will be locked so please let us know if you think you might need access to that during those times.

## World Day of Prayer (A Women Led, Global, Ecumenical Movement)

At 11am on Friday 1st March 2019, St Margaret's will again be hosting the World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer). This amazing, annual service, written this year by the women of Slovenia, enables women from different countries to prepare a service which documents their political and social concerns. We will be praying and sharing with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world. The service, which lasts about an hour and includes refreshments, challenges us all to mutually support one another on the path of freedom, justice and peace.

After raising £480 to twin our church toilets with 2 toilet blocks in Zambia, a further £60 was raised. We have therefore twinned the accessible toilet in the church centre with a toilet in Myanmar. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project which will provide basic essentials in life for people in these places.

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

## Services this week

### Wednesday

7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer looking at John Chapter 8

### Next Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Rise and Shine + Communion  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer  
6.30 p.m. Celtic Holy Communion

## Unlikely Saints and What they Say to Us: Three Modern Contemplatives

Thursday 28 March 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Whitton Church Hall, Ipswich IP1 6LT

This day will be led by Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge and a theologian, writer and poet. It is one of the ongoing Diocesan prayer and spirituality initiatives aiming to encourage the priority of prayerfulness at the heart of all we do.

Dr Rowan Williams writes "I will be looking at the lives and writings of three twentieth century women - Maria Skobtsova, Dorothy Day and Madeleine Delbrel, all of whom rather broke the mould of contemplative life by living a vocation to intense prayer in very stressful and active environments. How does their teaching help us imagine a life of immersion in God when we are constantly pressured to perform/succeed/comply?"

To book please visit Eventbrite: <https://20-century-contemplatives.eventbrite.co.uk>.

## Coffee Rota for February to April 2019

Many thanks to all those who have helped with morning coffee sessions over the last three months. Your help is much appreciated. Now it is time to start on a new rota covering February to April. I do hope that you will be able to continue the good work as I know that Church members and visitors really appreciate a hot drink, a biscuit and a chance for a chat at the end of the service. If you are able to assist, please sign up on the rota at the back of the Church. If you have not helped previously but would like to do so, I would be very happy to show you the ropes.

Many thanks. Mirabel Brown

## Readings for Sunday

1 Corinthians 13  
Luke 2 vv 22 -40

St Margaret's Bank details as follows:-  
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Current account number 00800145  
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