

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 4th February 2018

Women's World Day of Prayer

It is nearly that "time of year again" when we can take part in the momentous wave of prayer which sweeps around the world for 1 day from sunrise in Samoa until sunset in American Samoa.

Our local Women's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of Suriname, will be held at St Pancras Church, Orwell Place at the end of Tacket Street near the Cox Lane car park, on Friday 2nd March at 11 am. It usually lasts about an hour and is followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to the service which takes as its theme taking care of our world for future generations.

IAN HARTLEY

During this last year Ian has taken a sabbatical from exercising his ministry as a Lay Reader here at St Margaret's. Now, after much careful prayer and thought, he has decided to resign from this post. We give thanks to him and to God for all that he has contributed over many years and wish him well in his future life and service, wherever God leads him.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

As described in the recent paper about church leadership, we are now inviting church members to suggest people to take on these ministries. At this stage we are not asking you to identify people for each specific post, but rather suggest anyone from the church who you think could serve in this way. We are looking for people of mature faith with the right gifts of leadership who can work well with others (character and chemistry). Please pray about this and then contact the church wardens, either by email (philip-hall@talk21.com or he_jasper@hotmail.com) or by writing the names down and giving the paper to one of them

Services this week

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (The Psalms)

Next Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Rise and Shine + Communion

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m. Celtic Communion

Readings for Sunday

Mark 1 vv 29-39

Colossians 1 vv 15 - 20

John 1 vv 1 - 14

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

The Bells and Heritage project is nearing completion, thanks to the hard work by the Project Management team. By the beginning of May, we hope to open our beautiful church to the public, on a daily basis, if possible. The North door will be unlocked at 9 am and at the same time the South doors opened for visitors or members of the congregation who may wish to spend a few quiet moments there.

We are looking for volunteers, each day, to close and lock the South doors, mid-afternoon, after checking that all visitors have left the building. The actual closing time will depend on the time of year.

If you would like to be involved, perhaps one or two afternoons a week, to help in this way, we would like to hear from you. Please contact one of us, Phil Hall at philip-hall@talk21.com or Heather Jasper at he_jasper@hotmail.com Churchwardens. Thank

Mother's Union

celebrate National Marriage week in February. **St Margaret's School** have helped us with the display. The heart shapes have drawings of people the children love.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th February

2.30 p.m. in The Church Centre

Parish Nursing - A talk by Lorna the Walton Parish Nurse. **ALL WELCOME**

Lent Course – Wednesday evenings in church from February 21st at 7.30 p.m. – Evening Prayer with a short talk – from you!!!

This year we are looking for members of the church family to come and tell us about their favourite Bible passage. We are not looking for eloquent speakers but just a willingness to talk for a short time about what a passage means to you. If you would like to take part please contact David.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 runs from 26 February to 11 March. Millions of poor farmers who produce the food we love still don't earn enough to feed their own families. It's time for this injustice to end. With Fairtrade we have the power to change the world every day. As part of this there will items from the Fairtrade Shop for sale in Church after the 9:30 and 11:00 am services on Sunday 18 February. Further information from Charles Croydon 214116

St Margaret's Bank details as follows:-

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