

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 11th February 2018

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

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.

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**

Services this week

Ash Wednesday

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Rise & Shine

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Change of venue for Women's World Day of Prayer. Due to unforeseen circumstances St Pancras Church are no longer able to offer their church as a venue.

The rehearsal and service will now take place at St Mary Elms again.

Rehearsal - Friday 23rd February 10.30 for 11.00.

Service Friday 2nd March at 11.00.

On that day be part of the wave of prayer sweeping around the world from sunrise in Samoa to sunset in American Samoa. Everyone is welcome to the service which takes as its theme taking care of our world for future generations.

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

Readings for Sunday

Mark 9 vv 2 - 9

2 Kings 2 vv 1 – 12

2 Corinthians 4 vv 3 – 6

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