

THE PEWS' NEWS

St Leonard's Church + Spital Chapel of St. James
Week Beginning : Sunday 17th February 2019

3rd Sunday before Lent

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26

To remember in your prayers :

- Pray for our linked Diocese in Matlosane, South Africa, and for all who serve you there.
- Pray for the ministry of The Rt Revd, Stephen Malopi Diseko, Bishop of Matlosane and also Provincial Dean.
- Pray for the ministry of the Very Revd Christopher Seupe, Dean of the Cathedral in Ikageng and for the worshipping life of the Cathedral.
- Pray for the Link Steering Groups chaired in Matlosane by Ernest Prince Mahloane and in Lichfield by Revd Dr Rebecca Lloyd.
- Pray for Kgowe Molome II in his work as Youth Coordinator and for his wife Omphemetse.
- Pray for Bishop Michael & Bishop Clive
- Pray for the Ministry team & Church wardens
- Pray for the final two weeks of the Starfish Winter Night Shelters, the guests and the volunteers.
- Pray for the power and presence of Jesus in each venue and on the streets.
- Pray that the guests will find accommodation after the end of February.
- Pray for all members of our Government as they continue to debate Brexit.
- Pray for victims of assault both in the street and in their homes.
- Pray for the staff and patients of the George Bryant Hospital following the recent fire on Monday. Be with the patients as they adjust to their new accommodation.

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**DIDDY DISCIPLES** - Church for children. If you would like to see what Diddy Disciples is like and how it works, feel free to come and see on 2nd or 4th Sundays, or speak to Debra.

**FEBRUARY PCC** Monday 18th Feb, 7.30pm in St.Leonard's Centre.

**MORNING COFFEE GROUP** Following the success of the first get-together, we have decided to meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month until further notice. We will next meet at 11.00am on Thursday 21st February at ABs coffee shop, Ankerside shopping centre. All welcome. For further information contact Ann McCarthy 07971 012436.

**ST LEONARD'S READING GROUP** are now reading *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. The next meeting is at 8pm on Thursday 21st February at 9 Henley Close. For a copy of the book please speak to Lorraine. Everyone welcome.

**STRATEGY GROUP MEETING** Monday 25th February, 7.30pm in St.Leonard's Centre.

**BIBLE STUDY** will be in church at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th February.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)**

**Come, Everything is Ready!**

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, WIGGINTON - FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2019 11.00 am

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer.\* Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday March 1st 2019 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Slovenia.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

**BEING WELL GROUP** will be on Wed 6th March, 10-12 noon in the Parish Centre, St Leonards Church and will be part 2 of Self Esteem topic followed by another creative exercise.

Please remember to book your place so that we can cater with materials, handouts etc.

Sue Flint on 07980 650038 or Email: sueflint13@hotmail.com

Suzanne on 07811 406076 or Email: suzanne.burgon@googlemail.com

**LENT LUNCHES** We have now hosts for all four lent lunches.

Please note slight change in dates:

Lent Lunches will be offered throughout Lent on Saturdays between 1-2pm.

This just has to be a very simple lunch. Money that would have been spent on your lunch is donated to Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Lunches will be offered on Saturday 16th March Saturday 23rd March, Saturday 30th March, Saturday 6th April – note slight change in dates -

Please support these lunches and enjoy the fellowship of sharing lunch together.

**LENT GROUPS** Ash Wednesday is on 6th March so Lent Groups will begin on following Thursday 14th March and meet weekly, last one being on 11 April.

**DON'T HANG UP YOUR KNITTING NEEDLES YET!!** After the success of the angel project we are going to put out Christmas stockings of many colours in December 2019. Knitting Patterns at back of church if anyone would like to join in – please help yourself and happy knitting. There is also a pattern for Jesus in the crib for the Crib Service – help yourself.

| <b>Rota for next week Sunday 24th February</b> |                         |               |
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|                                                | <b>10.30am</b>          | <b>6.00pm</b> |
| <b>Reader</b>                                  | Sue S                   | Pippa         |
| <b>Intercessions</b>                           | Pippa                   | Angela        |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                                 | John & Maud             | ---           |
| <b>Chalice</b>                                 | John                    | ---           |
| <b>Sidespeople</b>                             | Pippa                   | ---           |
| <b>Offertory</b>                               | Sidespeople to nominate |               |
| <b>Flowers</b>                                 | Alison                  | ---           |
| <b>Coffee/Tea</b>                              | Jenny R                 | ---           |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>                               |                         |               |
| <b>(to be done by:<br/>Feb 24)</b>             | ---                     |               |

