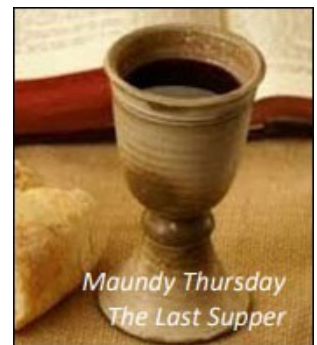




# Museum Street Landseer Road Chantry Methodist Church Connections

## Easter: A festival of God's love

**Maundy Thursday (14th April)** We celebrate how Jesus loved his disciples to the end. Jesus shares a meal and washes his disciples' feet.



**Good Friday (15th April)** We celebrate Jesus' faithfulness in the light of human fickleness - a faithfulness that took him to the cross.



**Easter Day (Sunday 17th April)** We begin our celebration of the mystery of this love that goes beyond death,

We celebrate that in Jesus' resurrection darkness becomes light,  
death becomes life, sacrifice becomes love.  
God's love is hard to believe.  
God's love for all humanity, and our call to love God's love,  
is hard to believe.  
This was true for the first disciples as it is for us.

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend's in Christ

Holy Week and Easter may still be a couple of weeks away, but Spring has arrived. The daffodils in my garden are blooming. In our neighbourhood, the magnolia trees are looking beautiful. And the gorse on Rushmere Heath is bright yellow. Easter resurrection is in the air with its hope and promise. As the



flowers sing their joyous praise to God, I found the following prayer written by Christine Sine and inspired by Psalm 96 and 148:

*Creator God  
Majestic maker of all things,  
Sculptor and architect of the entire universe,  
We sit in awe and wonder of your love.  
We listen to the breath of earth and song of heaven,  
And join with the Son of God and child of earth,  
To add our human voices to creation's song.  
Let the skies sing for joy,  
And the earth join the chorus.  
Listen to the oceans thunder,  
And watch the fields echo with ecstatic praise.  
Let the weeds in pavement cracks shout out,  
Until every swaying tree of forest,  
And city street join in,  
And together we lift our songs,  
Of joyous praise to God.*

The contrast between the despair of Good Friday and the hope of Easter Sunday is reflected in the despair that has filled us through the last two years of pandemic, with the escalating warming of our planet, and now with the war raging in Ukraine. Yet there is hope and I look out now on a world that is teeming with vibrant new life that I cannot imagine that the despair is forever. We live today in anticipation of this new hope and new life and God's beautiful creation seems to be announcing the way.

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We are part of a long and complex collective story, a work in progress, and as people of faith we believe that all people are capable of profound change.

So, use the time as you journey through Holy Week to ask what God is seeking to change in you, and then open yourself at Easter to the new things that are just waiting to burst forth from the tomb.

My three-year appointment with you will be coming to an end in August and Adrian and I will be moving back to California. Initially, I will be taking some personal leave as we settle back in and get to know our grandchildren. I am working with the church leaders of the three churches to ensure a smooth transition and that I complete what we need to do together before that time.

At the Circuit Meeting last week, it was formally announced that Rev. Derek Grimshaw will be your appointed minister from September. He will have pastoral charge of the five Ipswich churches as well as Bramford and Elmsett churches and the Circuit Superintendancy. Rev. Andrew Sankey continues with Capel, Chelmodiston and Holbrook and Rev. Ian Gardner has the care of Brantham. Rev Abe Konadu-Yiadom, currently serving the Blackheath and Crystal Palace Circuit in London, will have pastoral charge of the four churches in Felixstowe. Rev Saul Tadzaushe, currently a Presbyterian in Zimbabwe, will be serving Framlingham, Kelsale, Knodishall, Orford, Peasenhall and Woodbridge. And Leiston will be served by a URC minister.

***May you have a blessed Holy Week.***

***Happy Easter!***

***--Joan***





## READING HABIT

### 6 Ways to develop (&keep) your own bible

**Make it a priority:** Certain parts of the day are non-negotiable—eating, sleeping, dressing, going to work. . . Let’s add reading the Bible to that list. God’s Word is for our souls, what a good meal is for our stomachs. Jesus said, “Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (MATTHEW 4:4). Just as we get wearied and feel unwell if we don’t eat, we will struggle spiritually if we’re not feeding ourselves on the God’s Word.



**Choose a time and place:** Jesus taught, “When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen” (MATTHEW 5:6). Our time with God is just that: quality time when we can be alone with Him. Where might your special, secret place with God be? In your bedroom? Your commute to work? Your office? It doesn’t matter where it is; all that matters is that you have a place without distractions where you can be focused on God and ask Him to reveal more of Himself

**Share the Journey:** One great way to get into Bible is to do it with someone else. See if you can find a friend—or group of friends—who will join you in developing your new habit. Perhaps you can read the same book of the Bible and ask each other about it.

**Have a guide:** We can really benefit from the experience of Bible teachers and study guides; they will help us get the most out of God’s Word and understand the various cultures and contexts it describes. That’s what **Our Daily Bread** is all about; the writers share insights from Bible passages each day so that you never have to try and make sense of God’s Word alone.

***Meditate on it:*** Reading God’s Word isn’t always easy. Sometimes it doesn’t make sense straight away. That’s why getting to know the Bible is more than just reading; it’s about learning to take what you read with you through your day so you can meditate on it (or ‘chew it over’ in your mind). This is where God often reveals the truth of what we have read. “Blessed is the one . . . who meditates on his law,- day and night” (PSALM 1;1-2).

***Don’t give up:*** New habits are hard to form. We don’t need to beat ourselves up when we fall behind on a reading plan. Our relationship with God isn’t dependent on getting everything right; He knows we won’t. When we realise we’re slipping out of our habit, we can evaluate what is pulling us away and choose to rearrange our priorities. It’s a good idea to ask Jesus to give us a love for His Word to help us value it as He does. Getting to know God through His Word is incredibly exciting and rewarding. We’ll never regret the hard work involved in making it a bigger part of our lives!

*Submitted by Irene Jarrett from “Our Daily Bread”*

## **A prayer for Ukraine**

**Holy and Gracious God**

**We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.**

**We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.**

**We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.**

**We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.**

**We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.**

**Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.**

**And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.**

**Lord have mercy. Amen**

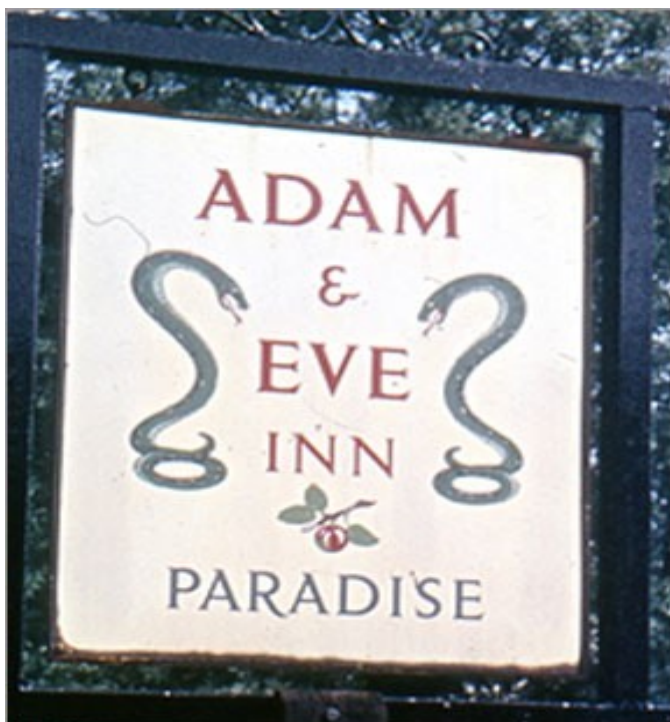
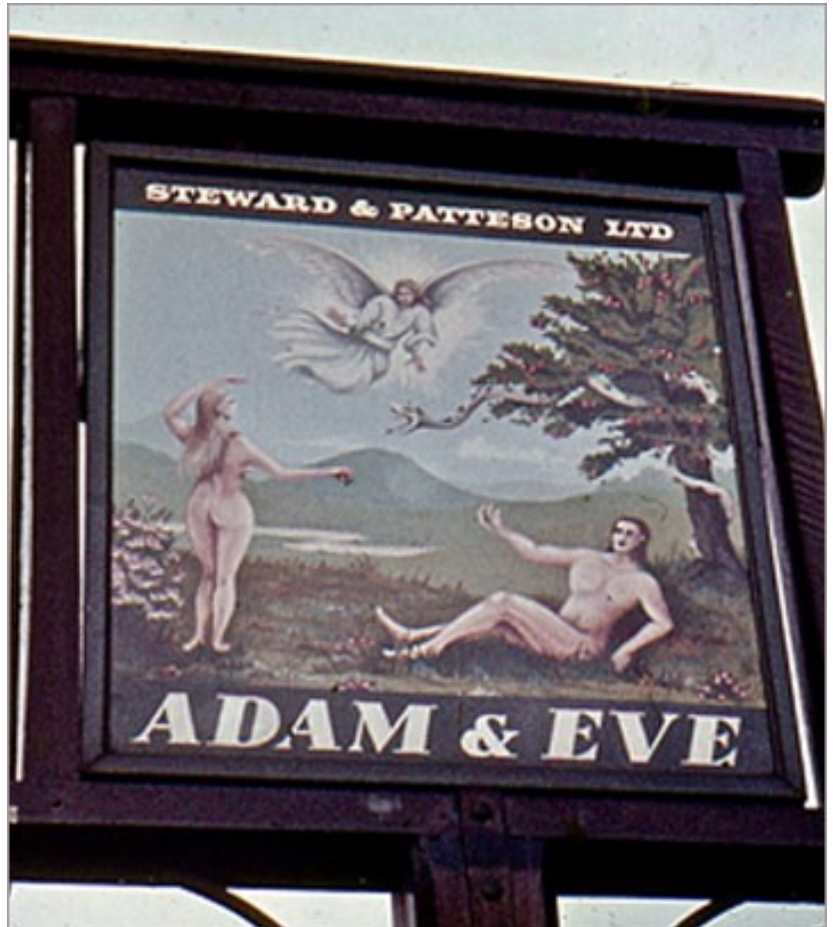
## WHAT'S THAT THE SIGN OF?

**John Goodhand offers a religious theme this month.**

All manner of religious themes appear on our inn signs, and one of the most popular is the ADAM & EVE. We are all familiar with the story of the temptation in the Garden of Eden.

The sign showing Eve offering the apple to Adam was photographed at Lincoln over fifty years ago. This was the pub where Eamon de Valera met his contacts after he escaped from Lincoln gaol in 1918. The sign has everything: ADAM & EVE (minus fig leaves — they haven't eaten the apple yet), the serpent wound round the tree and encouraging Eve, and an angel hovering above (there will be more angels at a later date).

The whole story is there.

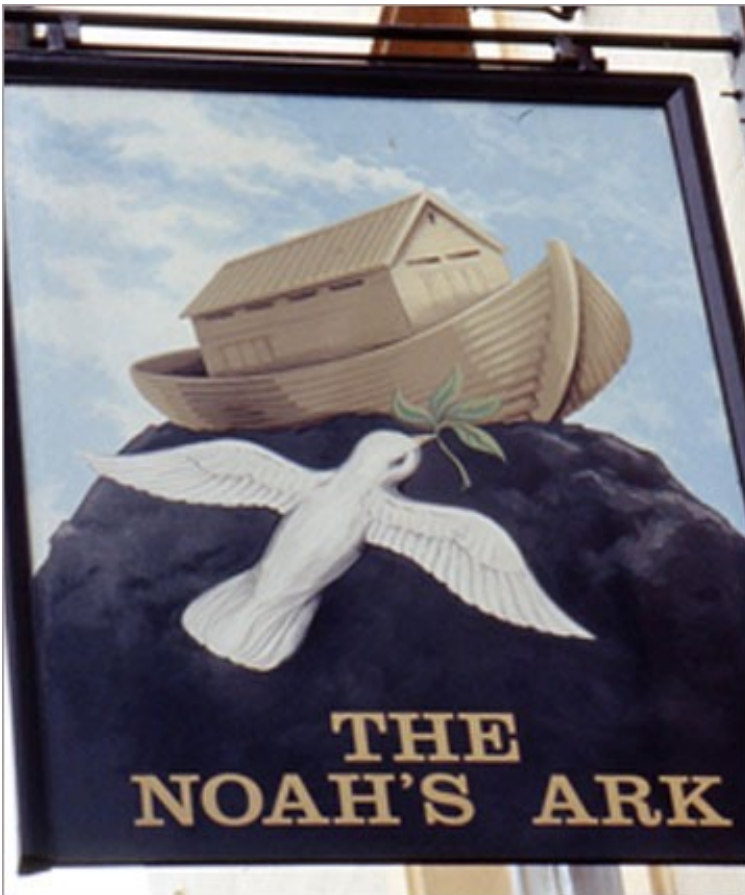


A different interpretation appeared on the inn at the tiny village of Paradise near Painswick in Gloucestershire. You wouldn't expect any other sign in a place with that name! Two serpents and an apple.

ADAM & EVE became the badge of the Fruiterers' Company. Sadly, the inn closed some years ago, so Adam and Eve have been banished from Paradise for a second time!

## WHAT'S THAT THE SIGN OF?

John continues....



Another theme which appears from time to time is the story of NOAH'S ARK.

Here the dove can be seen returning with the olive leaf to the ark which has landed on Mount Ararat.

This sign was in the Deptford area of south-east London.

While all manner of animals appear on signs (whether singly or two by two), I have managed to find only one which actually features Noah.

He can be seen in the distance on the sign of THE PERSEVERANCE at Wraysbury close to the River Thames, waiting patiently for the late-comers.

As well as being a delightful piece of humour, it is a reminder that all God's creatures have their place in our world.

*John Goodhand*





## PARAPROSDOKIAN'S

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, in a way, that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part.

It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect. For this reason, it is extremely popular among comedians and satirists.

***I didn't say it*** was your fault; I said I was blaming you.

***Why does someone*** believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

***Why do Americans*** choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

***Behind every*** successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

***A clear conscience*** is usually the sign of a bad memory.

***You do not*** need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

***The voices*** in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

***Always borrow*** money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

***A diplomat*** is someone who can tell you to go to hell; in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

***Some cause happiness*** wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

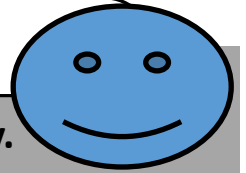
***I used to be indecisive.*** Now I'm not sure.

***Nostalgia*** isn't what it used to be.





## DAD JOKES



They make children groan with embarrassment but are funny.

DAD: Can I administer my own anaesthetic?

Surgeon: Go ahead knock yourself out.

AN APPLE pie in Jamaica is £1.50, a cherry pie in Barbados is £1.60 and a mince pie in Trinidad is £1.80.

These are the pie rates of the Caribbean.

TIME flies like an arrow.

Fruit flies like a banana.

TWO sailors see an enormous hand come out of the sea.

It moves all the way over to one side, then all the way over to the other.

One sailor says to the other:

'Wow, did you see the size of that wave?'

DOGS cannot operate MRI machines.

But cats can.

DID you know that Davy Crockett had three ears?

His left ear, his right ear and his wild frontier.

A DUTCHMAN has invented shoes that record how many miles you've walked.

Clever clogs.

AN ACTRESS got a part playing a very small mother. She was paid the minimum wage.

TWO parrots are sitting on a perch.

One says to the other: Can you smell fish?

LOTS of cars in a multi-Storey car park have been broken into.

That's wrong on so many levels.

## IPSWICH PARKS

**David Howlett shares information of our Public Areas.**

Recently I started to consider how fortunate us residents of Ipswich are, with all the large open public areas we have for our pleasure. So, I did a bit of research on the town's open spaces.

I found out that Ipswich Borough Council manages eighty-seven play areas in the town! We have the large parks we all know about, Christchurch, Chantry, Holywells, Alexandra and Bourne Parks. I then came across the 'Recreation grounds:- Murray Road, Whitehouse Road (Castle Hill), Bramford Lane, Dumbarton Road, the new Jubilee or Maple Park between Bramford and London Road, Broomhill, Gippeswyk, Newbury Road, Landseer Road, Cobham Road. and "There's more"!

I didn't realise it but Chantry Park is the largest one in the town being 124 acres. I always thought Christchurch was large but that is a mere 82 acres; maybe that doesn't include the Upper and Lower Arboretums.

### ***Let's have a look at Chantry Park.***

Situated between the London and Hadleigh Roads and is an always open area. First opened to the public in 1928. The park itself is Grade II listed as is the Chantry Sue Ryder care centre, the gatehouse, and the entrance gate piers. The kitchen garden is used as a nursery by Ipswich Borough Council providing plants for the town's roundabouts etc. The Chantry was founded in 1509 by an important Ipswich merchant Edmund Daundy. Ownership changed several times until about 1700 when Edmund Ventris built, what is believed, to be the foundations of the present house.



Again, the estate came into the hands of many owners. The significant sale for the folk of Ipswich was in 1927 and was purchased by George Gooday whose entrepreneurial spirit was to develop a housing estate on the site! Fortunately for us, Sir Arthur Churchman, a JP and town councillor purchased the house and park and presented them to the town as a public amenity. Numerous concerts and events have been held here ever since. Probably the largest assembly of the public here was for the Ed Sheeran Concerts in August 2019.

### ***Christchurch Park.***

Our second largest park and one we are all familiar with. Just think how lucky we are to have such a massive open area so near to the town's centre. All 82 acres of it, and it's free but also has the added bonus of a fabulous mansion, arboretum, art gallery, tennis courts, children's play area and bowling green. It was the first public park in Ipswich - purchased for the town in 1894 and opened in April the following year. The original site in the 12th century was that of an Augustine Priory of holy Trinity.



In 1536 it was seized by Henry VIII at the dissolution of the monasteries.

The ownership of the park then went through various people whose names are celebrated by the various roads nearby - Withipoll, Fonnereau, Cobbold. By 1890's the Mansion was owned by Felix Cobbold. He made a bargain with Ipswich Council that if they bought the park, he would give the town the Mansion. The deal was concluded in 1894.

The park is full of treasures apart from the Elizabethan house and art gallery. It contains the Ipswich Martyrs monument erected in 1903, the Cenotaph, the Boar War Statue removed from the Cornhill in 1924 and some very interesting statues and sculptures.



The Upper Arboretum was constructed in 1924. The picture to the left is of the old Cabman's Shelter which was originally in front of the Cornhill's Town Hall. It was erected in 1893 as a place for Victorian cabbies to sit and have a hot meal as they waited for the next fare. It was removed in 1895 due to complaints from would be passengers that drivers would not come out if the weather was wet.



In 2004 the Council received £4.2 million Heritage Lottery funding for our open areas some of which was spent on the park draining and cleaning both the Wilderness and Round Ponds when five foot's worth of eighty years silt and mud were removed.

**Holywells Park** - 67 acres and a Country Wildlife Site and conservation area with two listed buildings, the Stable Block and Conservatory. Apart from all the wildlife in the woods and around the ponds it has a fabulous children's play area and paddling pool,



a bowling green and café. In the 13th century Holywells was part of the Manor at Bishops Wyke which was held by the Bishop of Norwich. Again with the dissolution of the monasteries it was returned to the crown. The land was bought by John Cobbold in 1812 and he and Elizabeth his wife and children took up residence in 1814

In 1935 the land at Holywells was given to the people of Ipswich by Lord Woodbridge and opened to the public in 1936. The Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund for the Holywells "Parks for the People" granted Ipswich Borough Council £2.8 million to improve the park facilities and to enable the renovation of the Stable block.

**Bourne Park** is another lovely large park with well-equipped children's play area. Ideal for walking. Recently, we took the 'bus to the Wherstead Road entrance and walked right across the park on to Ellenbrook Drive via Bobbits Lane, visiting Spring Wood, Millennium Wood and Kiln Meadow on the way. We continued up Belmont Road and ended up having a cup of tea at Tesco's! from where we got the 'bus home.

If you visit Bourne Park by car there are a few parking places at the Wherstead Road entrance; but beware, make sure you are within the designated area. There is an unmarked grassy area (ideal for parking) but IBC have given parking tickets to many people using this area. There is however a large free



car park at the Stoke Park entrance. I would have loved to tell you something of the history of Bourne Park but I can't. I've searched the internet high and low and found nothing on how the town acquired such a lovely stretch of land.

***We've had a brief look at the four of our largest parks - eighty-four to go!***

Below is a picture of the old Cabman's Shelter which was originally in front of the Cornhill's Town Hall it was a place for Victorian cabbies to sit and have a hot meal as they waited for the next fare. It was removed due to complaints from would be passengers that drivers would not come out if the weather was wet! So here we have an old picture of its journey to Christchurch park.



## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. As well as our services for Palm Sunday, there is a service at Alan Road for Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. and one at Museum Street at 9 a.m. on Good Friday. The Good Friday service will be followed by a 10 a.m. Silent *Walk of Witness* through Ipswich Town Center finishing at Christ Church in Tacket Street for refreshments.

On Easter Day, please note the service times. Chantry's service will be at 10 a.m. and Landseer Road's at 10.30 a.m.

Landseer Road's Easter Day Service is a Café Church for all ages (see the poster/picture for more details on page 19).

## EASTER OFFERING

Museum Street and Chantry will be receiving a special Easter Offering on Easter Day for the *World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain*.

You can find out more about this *Methodist Women in Britain* initiative here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/easteroffering/>.

## CIRCUIT SERVICE

There will be a Circuit Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 4 p.m. at Museum Street to celebrate the ministry of our local preachers. This will also include remembering the lives of the local preachers who have died during the past two years.



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**WALK OF WITNESS**

15<sup>TH</sup> April 2022



*Organised by Ipswich Town Centre Churches*

**9.00 a.m. Service in Museum Street Methodist Church**

**Meet at Museum Street Methodist Church 9.45**

**10.00 a.m. Walk starts**

Museum Street Methodist Church – Black Horse Lane –  
Westgate Street – Cornhill – Tavern Street – Carr Street –  
Cox Lane – Christ Church, Tacket Street

**11.00 a.m. (approx.) Walk ends**

*Join us for all or part of the walk.*

This is a silent walk of Witness to Our Lord.

There will be several stops during the Walk for readings from the Passion, hymns and prayer.

*Fr John Thackray*



The image shows a photograph of the Chantry Methodist Church building on the left, with a sign that reads 'Welcome to Chantry Methodist Church Sunday Morning Service 9.30am'. To the right is a screenshot of the church's website, which features the text 'Chantry Kingfisher Avenue, Ipswich, IP2 0QN', the website URL 'https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk', and the Facebook link 'facebook.com/chantrymethodist'. The website also has a 'Welcome!' message and a notice about in-person and online worship services.

*More details can be seen on the website at <https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk/>*

### Service Times

The following services will be at 10 a.m.  
Mark your diaries now!

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Anniversary Sunday

(and Rev. Joan's last service at Chantry)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Guest Preacher: Rev. David Jenkins

### Farewell to Peni Rokobuli

You are invited to stay after church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April as we celebrate Peni's last Sunday with us before he leaves for RAF Basic Recruit Training.

### World Day of Prayer

We participated in the World Day of Prayer service at St Francis Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.







## Museum Street

Black Horse Lane, Ipswich IP1 2EF  
<https://museumstreet.org.uk>  
[facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist](https://facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist)



More details can be seen on the website at <https://museumstreet.org.uk>

## Coffee Mornings

In-person coffee mornings are resuming on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. from 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## The Guild of Our Lady of Grace

St Mary-at-the-Elms held a service of Thanksgiving on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace with a reception afterwards at Museum Street on 26<sup>th</sup> March. It was an ecumenical occasion with Bishops and many Clergy and the Mayor in attendance and Rev. Joan Pell was honoured to be invited to participate.





## Museum Street Gift Day

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Museum Street's Gift Day on 27th February. You generously donated £1835 towards making our building more environmentally efficient and COVID secure. We will soon begin the planning work for updating our toilet facilities, including refurbishing the men's toilets to remove the urinals, and replacing all toilets with low-flush toilets that use less water. We have already begun replacing some of the remaining high energy light bulbs and we will also look to installing sensors in some rooms.

Thank you!

Rev. Joan Pell

## LANDSEER ROAD NEWS



**Landseer Road**  
Landseer Road, Ipswich IP3 9LX  
<https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk>  
[facebook.com/landseerroadmethodistchurch](https://facebook.com/landseerroadmethodistchurch)

**Welcome!**  
Our weekly business meeting will resume on Sunday 2nd May at 11 a.m. We also have a weekly **praise video worship service** that can be viewed on the Ipswich Methodist Circuit site.

*Current activity can be located on the website at <https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk/>*

## Mo Last's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We took Mo by surprise ...and enjoyed celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!





# Easter Sunday

Landseer Road Methodist Church

10.30 – April 17th



## Café Church

*Free Hot Cross Buns and Drinks on arrival*



## Live Band

## Dramatised Easter Story

*Fun session with free crafts for all the family*

## Easter Egg hunt

*With a free Easter Egg for every child*



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL

	Chantry 9.30 a.m.	Museum Street 10.45 a.m.	Landseer Road 11 a.m.	Online Video Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Rev. Derek Grimshaw	Rev. Joan Pell (Livestream)	<i>No morning service</i>	Rev. Joan Pell
PALM SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Diana Sawyer	Prof. David Welbourn	Rev. Joan Pell (communion)	Prof. David Welbourn
MAUNDY THURS 14 <sup>th</sup> April	-----> <b>Alan Road</b> at 7 p.m. <----- Rev. Joan Pell			
GOOD FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> April		9 a.m. Service Rev. Joan Pell 10 a.m. Walk of Witness		<i>Tenebrae Service</i>
EASTER DAY 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>10 a.m.</b> Diana Sawyer	Rev. Joan Pell (communion) (Livestream)	<b>10.30 a.m.</b> Café Church Elizabeth Hepplethwaite	Rev. Joan Pell
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Rev. Joan Pell (communion)	Prof. David Welbourn	Luke Rokobuli	Rev. Jo Jacobs

You can find the full preaching plan on the circuit website at  
<https://methodistic.org.uk/april-2022-circuit-plan/>

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*Please note that Rev. Joan Pell's rest day is a Friday.*