

# **St Chad's Church Tushingham**

## **February Newsletter**

### **Services for February 2019.**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.00pm	Worship
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Holy Communion B.C.P.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Holy Communion C.W.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00am	Family Communion
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7.00pm	Worship

Worship@7pm is a new service held at St. Chad's each first Sunday of the month at 7 O'clock...

It's an informal service of praise and prayer...everyone is welcome...

### **Sidespersons Rota**

### **Reader**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb..	to be arranged	
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Mr A. Dawson	Mr P. Moore Dutton
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Mr J. Probin	Mr H. Probin
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Mr P. Moore Dutton	Mr M. Voisey

### **Flower Rota**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Mrs S.A. Chesters
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Miss P. Williams

### **Brass Rota**

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### **Coffee Hostesses**

24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Mrs R. Clare and Mrs D. Nichols
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### **Lent 2019**

This year, beginning on Wednesday 13 March and for the four subsequent Wednesdays in Lent, the Rev Mike Rogers will lead a series of talks on the Return of the Prodigal Son.

The parable which is about two sons and their father is one most of us know well; it may be found in Luke's Gospel Chapter 15 Vv11-32. It is a tale which speaks of homecoming, of affection and of reconciliation as well as of loneliness, dejection, jealousy and anger. As a parable it challenges us to love as the father and to be loved as the son and, like an onion, the parable has many layers.

Each session will be held in St Chad's Tushingham starting at 7.30pm, will last about 30 minutes and is planned to take the form of a 10 minute address from Mike followed by 10 minutes of contemplative prayer and ending with an Evening Office, a short said service used to end the day. We shall then leave the church in silence reflecting on what we have heard and on what we have said.

You are most welcome to join us for all or any of the sessions.

## **Vicar's Letter - February Newsletter 2019**

In January we celebrated Plough Sunday, at St. Michael's Church, Marbury, a traditional service of thanksgiving where the Plough is blessed for the work it will do in the coming year...of course ploughs don't operate on their own (yet) so, we bless our Farmers too!

But what about Farmers in other countries?

The month of February annually marks Fairtrade Fortnight a time where Fairtrade achievements are celebrated...and this year the focus will be on Cocoa Farmers. This iconic Fairtrade product has seen prices crash to crisis levels in the last few years, particularly in West Africa where most of the world's cocoa is grown.

The situation highlights in stark terms the scandal of unfair trade and we have a choice about whether we make a stand against this or not!

Many Farmers, both men and women, are underpaid and exploited. They cannot earn enough money for the basic things many of us take for granted, including food, education and housing, because they don't earn a living wage...

It's even worse for the women who work in the fields and in the home. Despite their hard work they're often overlooked and under-represented, and usually see even less of the money from their crop.

They deserve more...

So, the voices and stories of Farmers are at the heart of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight.

Will you join our efforts this year to become consumers of Fairtrade products?

Our three churches will be leading the way as we switch to using Fairtrade Tea and Coffee (and Cocoa, for our StoryTime Service at Marbury)!

It could make such a difference to those who suffer such injustice...

For ideas on how to get involved download the guide from [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

Jeremiah 22:13 "Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbour serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages."

Veronica. x

## **Dates for your Diary**

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February    Coffee and Chat at 10.30am  
at The Wheatsheaf, Nomans Heath.  
all are welcome.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March    Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March    Lent Course begins at St. Chad's Tushingham  
7.30 pm
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April        Pop – Up Shop at 10.00am.  
The first Pop-up shop for 2019. Louise is looking  
for good quality items - clothing, household and  
unwanted gifts.
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April        Bluebell Walk at Tushingham Hall.  
By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Moore Dutton.

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