

## NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY

### 10.00AM CHURCH SERVICES (s) sacrament

<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Porch</u>	<u>Steward</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Jones	Margaret	Alison
9 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Smithson (s)	Alison	John
16 <sup>th</sup>	Local Arrangements	Jane	Paul
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Geoff Cawthorn	John	Margaret

### ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY

The ecumenical group is tailored to encourage input from everyone attending the group. A warm invitation is extended to join any of the meetings for fellowship and study. The group led by John Hunter is using John RW Stott's book: **God's new Society, The Message of the Ephesians**. The meetings are held on a Monday evening in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm.

Information about the **Lent Courses** will be available soon.

### COLLECTIONS

The collections towards Church Funds in January until 19<sup>th</sup> amounted to £397.

### COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning in January raised £68.41 for Church funds. We are grateful to everyone who helped and supported this event.

**WEDNESDAY Coffee Break** meets every Wednesday from 10.30 – 12.00. Everyone is invited to drop in for rest and refreshment, with conversation, coffee and cake. We are all invited to support this and to share in this time together.

## PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY

### Events in East Bridgford in February

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February **Coffee Morning** 10.00 am – 11.30 am

The proceeds will be given to Dove Cottage. (Dove Cottage is a hospice in Stathern offering palliative day care.)

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> **Messy Church** Please assemble at 2.30 pm ready for the start at 3.30 pm. The theme is **Love Rules**.

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February **Messy Church**. This will be a special event for half term and will include a visit from the Magic Man.

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February **Church Council**. Coffee will be served at 7.15 pm and the meeting will begin at 7.30 pm. Please let Margaret know in good time if you have any items for the agenda.

### 'God in Love Unites us'

There are several opportunities to hear more and to discuss this Methodist report on **Marriage and Relationships**. Copies of the Report are now available in the vestry. Please borrow a copy.

a) Informal discussion evenings. Revd. Nel Shallow will be hosting informal discussion sessions at the Bottesford manse on Thursday evenings in February (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30 pm. You only need to attend one. Please ask Margaret if you would like directions to the manse (18 Bowbridge Lane, NG13 0AQ).

b) Rivergreen Centre, Clifton, NG11 8AU. The sessions will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am – 12.30 pm.

Martin will raise this report at the Church Council. A vote will be taken at the April Synod and the Conference will vote finally in June. Decisions will come to our October Council as we are a church licensed to conduct marriages. It is, therefore, essential that we are well informed.

### Advance Notice of Events in East Bridgford

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March We are joining our friends at Bingham for a special service 'Voices in a Mystery'. This is a dramatic reading by several voices focusing on ordinary lives touched by the crucifixion of Jesus.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March **Coffee Morning** 10.00 am – 11.30 am.

The proceeds will be given to Church funds.

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March **Messy Church** Please assemble at 2.30 pm ready for the start at 3.30 pm.