

### This week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 55:6-13

Matt 13:1-9,18-23

### SAWTRY FOODBANK GOES INDEPENDENT

*Feeding local people in crisis*

After two and a half years of operation, Sawtry Foodbank has become independent of Godmanchester Foodbank and will now run under the CARESCO umbrella as a partnership with the Sawtry Churches. Sadly, the need for this emergency support service is now well proven in our own community. Over a dozen local agencies are working with the foodbank and are able to give out a voucher to anyone they consider is in urgent need of an emergency parcel, which contains food for three days. These are designed to get people through a crisis point until other support can be found.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Foodbank with donations of food, money or time to help local people. They will help others through the winter to come. We will continue to need donations of basic dried and tinned foods to make up food parcels. Please leave your donations in our collection basket at church.

**Sawtry Foodbank is open from 3.30 - 5.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays in the CARESCO Centre, for anyone in receipt of a voucher from one of our supporting agencies, or for donations of food.**

**For more information, please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 between 9 & 12 noon, or speak to Chrissy or Liz.**

If you have any items for inclusion in the notices, or prayer requests for future weeks, please call Matt on (01487) 830345 or email: [notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk) before **Saturday midday**. An online version of the notice sheet is always available at [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)



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### Notices for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

We welcome any visitors to our church today and pray you will find encouragement and comfort here. After the service has ended please feel free to join as friends for tea or coffee in the Sunday School Room. If you have any questions about the service or our church please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

FOR JUST AS THE HEAVENS  
ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH,

→ *so my ways are higher than your ways* ←

**and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.**

Isaiah 55:9

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<b>Today</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Rev Gill Jessop – Harvest Festival and Lunch</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>United Fellowship</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30-11:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Barbara Spencer</b>

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

- Our friends in the **Warboys** congregation
- **Sawtry Village Academy**
- **Lilla Amey** (sister of Terri Eaden) for strength and a good result for her cancer treatment
- **Debbie Coates** as she prepares for her trip to Africa
- **John & Jean Garner**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Sandra and Monty Gait**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **John Steeden**
- The friends and family of **Jim Wright**
- **Pat & Dave Elliot**
- **Stan Langshaw**
- **Mary Flynn** and family
- **The Open the Book team** for their visit to the Junior School on Wednesday this week.
- **"Growing Together with Sawtry"**

If you have any items for prayer, please speak to a member of the leadership team or send them to [notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

**Finance**

Offertory: £135.11

Coffee Morning: £13.00      Coffee after Service: £5.40

Thank you for your generosity

<b><u>Rotas</u></b>
Next Saturday Coffee – Elizabeth & Felicity      Flowers – Trish
Next Sunday Door – Martin & Thelma      Vestry – John
Coffee – Felicity & Allen

<h2 style="color: red; margin: 0;">Growing Together in Faith</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Our fortnightly fellowship/discussion group will be restarting on <i>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</i>. More details to follow.</p>
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**CARESCO General Meeting** and Annual Public Meeting. *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm*. In the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road. All are welcome to come along and learn more about our village charity and the work that they do providing services to the local community. Annual reports will be available at the meeting and afterwards from the CARESCO office or the website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

**Creating Safer Space.** Safeguarding Training; Foundation and Refresher Module. Our Circuit is holding two further training sessions:

- *Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.30pm* at Huntingdon Methodist Church
  - *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00am* at St Ives Methodist Church
- These sessions are for all adults, but especially anyone in a position of responsibility in the church. See the notice board for more details or speak to Su (our Safeguarding Officer) to find out whether you need to attend.

**Spring Harvest Local.** *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October*, Emmanuel Church, Werrington. This is a great opportunity to get a taster of the main event that takes place annually in Skegness, Minehead and Harrogate – next year exploring the theme of discipleship. Please speak to Kate if you would like to go.

**reImagine Forum.** A day of teaching and workshops for those interested in revitalising and starting churches. *Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October* at St Ives Methodist Church. Attendance is free but advance booking is required. See the poster on the noticeboard for more details or go to [reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com](http://reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com).

**Church Response for Refugees.** All are invited to a presentation at Godmanchester Baptist Church at *7.45pm* on *Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>*. Find out how you can provide practical support for a vulnerable Syrian refugee family.

**Noticeboard.** There are a number of new and additional notices on the church events noticeboard (opposite the Sunday School doorway). Please take a moment to look after the service.