

### This week's Bible Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18

Matthew 14:22-33

**Journey of the Magi.** "A sparkling production of dance, theatre, song and poetry for all the family!" *Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 4.00pm* at Huntingdon Methodist Church. If you would like to go along with a group from the church, please speak to Matt or Kate today. Or to book tickets yourself, contact the Circuit Office on 01480 454979 or by email at: [snhmcc@outlook.com](mailto:snhmcc@outlook.com). Check the poster or pick up a flyer for further details.

**Reverse Advent Calendar.** Grab a box, pick up a leaflet from the CARESCO Centre or charity shop. Instead of taking a treat each day, add an item to the box. Involve all the family - Tell your friends! Drop the box off at the CARESCO Centre on *Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December* between 9 & 12 noon or 5 & 8pm. All donations received will be used by Sawtry Foodbank to support local people. For more information call 01487 832105.

**Community Carol Service** Sawtry Village Academy, on *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December*, starting at 3.00pm, followed by refreshments. Donations of items for the refreshments after the service will be welcomed.

**Advent Quiet Day.** "Come, Lord Jesus" *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am to 3.30pm.* at Warboys Methodist Church. Please bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided. A suggested donation of £5.00 would be welcome. Please book your place by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 on 01480 454979 or [snhmcc@outlook.com](mailto:snhmcc@outlook.com).

#### Your Leadership Team is:

**Rev Alan Taylor, Matt & Liz Coates,  
Kate Paterson, Chrissy Adams & Martin Baker**



**Please remember parking is available at Greystones**

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 26<sup>th</sup> November 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.

# ADVENT

#### **An invitation from Rev Matt Finch**

During Advent last year at St Ives Methodist Church we wanted to make the most of each day in the run up to Christmas with a nudge or reflection to help us pause, however briefly, in this busy season. We will be doing this again and invite you to let us know if you would like to be a part of it.

The nudges are a really short 140 character text, tweet or email that will arrive first thing each day to give you something to think about over breakfast, or coffee, on the way home from the school run or in the car on the way to work.

If you would like to receive these please email [nudge@simc.co.uk](mailto:nudge@simc.co.uk) or text 07968692390 letting us know how you would like to receive them with your email address or mobile number. If you can sign up by the 30<sup>th</sup> November we start the first nudge on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

<b>Today</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Wendy Beard</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>8:45am</b>	<b>Prayer Breakfast</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Rev Alan Taylor – Holy Communion</b>

**Circuit Preaching Plan.** Copies of the new Circuit Plan are now available, giving details of our services for the next three months. Please pick up a copy from the porch.

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

- Our friends in the **Ramsey** congregation
- **Sawtry Junior Academy**
- **Lilla Amey**
- **Debbie Coates**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Sandra and Monty Gait**
- **John Steeden**
- **Pat & Dave Elliot**
- **Stan Langshaw**
- **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: £212.74

Coffee Mornings: £14.00      Coffee after Service: £6.60

Building Fund Box: £ 2.11

Thank you for your generosity

**Rotas**

Next Saturday Coffee – John, Jean & Team      Flowers – Angela

Next Sunday Door – Felicity & Allen      Vestry – John

Coffee – Chris & Su

**Growing Together in Faith**

Our fortnightly fellowship/discussion group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, so the next one will be on *6<sup>th</sup> December*. The meeting starts with refreshments at 7pm and continues with worship, bible study and discussion. All are welcome.

**Prayer Breakfast.** Each month, on the day of our communion service, all are invited to arrive at church a little earlier to share breakfast and a short time of prayer. We gather between 8.45 and 9.00 and the prayer time usually starts at about 9.30. If you have not joined us in the past, why not come along next Sunday?

**Christmas Cards.** We still have some bundles of the Village Christmas Card waiting to be claimed, which are displayed in the porch. If you are able to help, please take as many streets as possible ready for delivery between 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Save the Date.** *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February*. Church away-day at Ferrar House, Little Gidding. More details to follow.

**Christmas Tree Festival.** We have entered a tree for the All Saints Tree Festival (see poster for details), this time we are using stars to pass on a seasonal message to all those who visit the festival. Please write your season's greetings, a favourite suitable bible verse or words from a carol, along with your Christian name if you wish, on a star and return it to Liz before you leave this morning. Don't forget to visit the Festival to see the finished result.

**How to be Great.** Every week, there are lots of opportunities to become great (Matt 20:26-28), including serving refreshments on Saturday and Sunday mornings, welcoming worshippers to church, cleaning and tidying the building, arranging flowers, serving communion and praying with the preacher before the service. If you would like to help out with any of these over the next year, please speak to a member of the leadership team.

**Quote of the Week**

*"Faith is two empty hands held open to receive all of the Lord."*

Alan Redpath