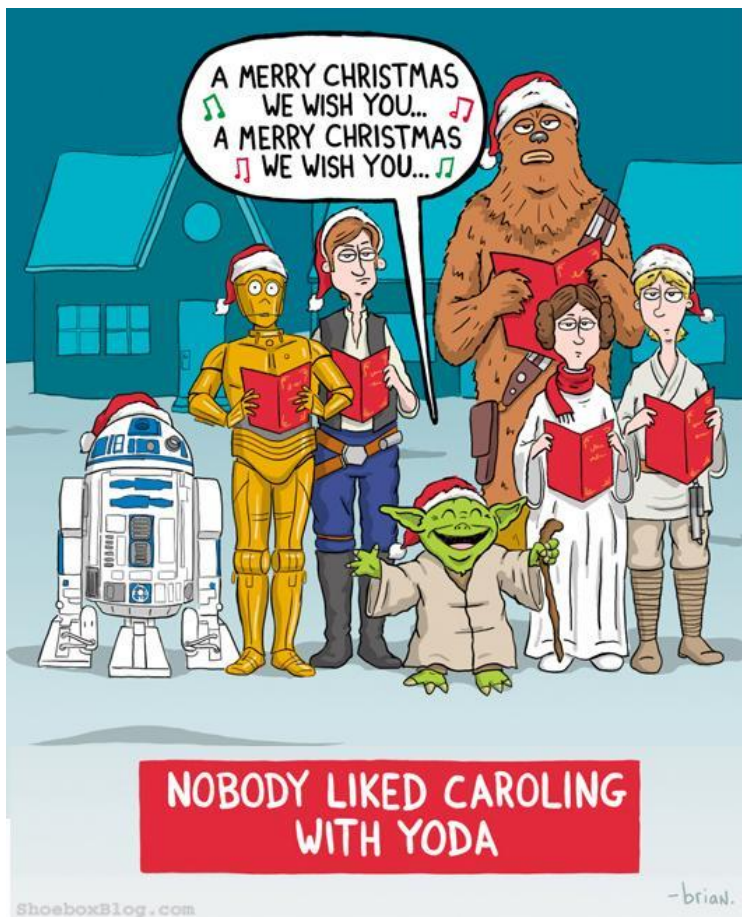


## This week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

John 1:6-8, 19-28



### 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**.

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# Sawtry Methodist Church A Heart for Sawtry

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## Notices for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 Week Three

*I bring you good news of great joy  
which will be for all the people.*

— Luke 2:10 —



<b>Today</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Barbara Spencer</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Candle-lit Carols</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Community Carol Singing at the Old School Hall</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Growing Together in Faith</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Rev Paul Beard</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>United Service – here at the Methodist Church</b>

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

- Our friends in the **Tempsford** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Steve Parnwell & family** in their time of bereavement
- **Lilla Amey**
- **Debbie Coates**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Sandra and Monty Gait**
- **John Steeden**
- **Pat & Dave Elliot**
- **Stan Langshaw**
- **"Growing Together with Sawtry"**

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**Finance**

Offertory: £51.00 (plus £40.00 Bank Transfers)  
 Coffee Morning: £17.50      Building Fund Box: £ 2.52

Thank you for your generosity

**Rotas**

No Coffee Morning next Saturday  
 Next Sunday Door – Margaret & Lorraine      Vestry – Alicia  
 Coffee – Liz & Tess

**Growing Together in Faith**

At our last meeting we started looking at the Circuit advent study material "Changing Culture: Impacting Lives" and we will continue with this theme through into January. Our final session this year will include some festive refreshments, starting at 7pm on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. All are welcome.

**Candle-lit Carols.** This evening will be our candle-lit carol service, starting at 6pm and followed by seasonal refreshments. Please come along and bring your family and friends for a traditional service of carols and readings.

**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.

**Carols at the Old School Hall.** *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm.* Sawtry Parish Council invite you to join them for carol singing outside the Old School Hall (inside if wet), followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

**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.

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

**Quote of the Week**

*"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."*

Corrie Ten Boom