

### This week's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31:31–34

John 15:1–13

**Leprosy Mission.** It's the time of year when I am happy to receive money from collecting boxes to send to The Leprosy Mission. If you can let me have a collecting box, or the money in it, sometime during January, I will be pleased to receive and send to the Mission. *John.*

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

**Open the Book.** As the new school term begins, our Open the Book team are preparing to start their fortnightly visits to the Junior Academy to present dramatised bible stories to the children. If you would like to find out how you can participate in this important ministry, please speak to Liz, Matt or Roz today.



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#### 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)



## Sawtry Methodist Church A Heart for Sawtry

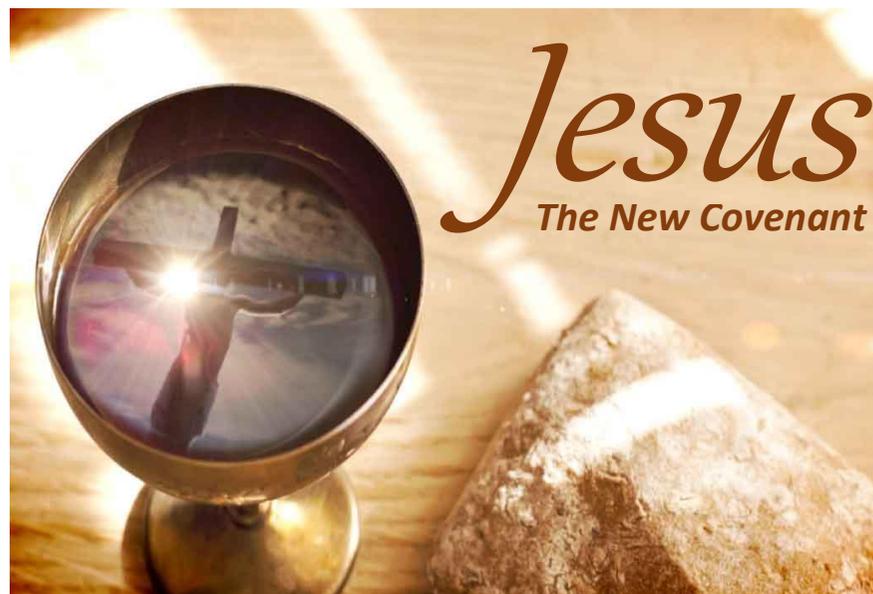
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### Notices for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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.



<b>Today</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Rev Alan Taylor – Covenant Service, followed by Church Council</b>
	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Circuit Service – Berkley Street, St Neots</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30-11:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Vivien Almond</b>

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

- Our friends in the **Warboys** congregation
- **Sawtry Junior Academy**
- **John & Jean Garner**
- **Steve Parnwell & family**
- **Lilla Amey**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Keith Chivers & Family**
- **Sandra Gait and family**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **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: £156.50 (plus £470.00 Bank Transfers)

Coffee after Service: £5.40

Building Fund Box: £ 12.70

Thank you for your generosity

**Rotas**

Next Saturday Coffee – Roz & Angela

Next Sunday Door – Su & Chris

Coffee – Kate & Chrissy

Vestry – Alicia

## Growing Together in Faith

Our next meeting, starting at 7pm on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**, will continue the Circuit advent study material "Changing Culture: Impacting Lives". All are welcome.

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday** (on the 4<sup>th</sup>) to Iyla and Christophe!

**Church Council.** There will be a very short meeting of the church council immediately after our Service this morning. This is to discuss some items outstanding from our October meeting. All are warmly invited to attend.

**Molly Chivers.** We were saddened to hear of the death, last weekend of our friend Molly Chivers. Our condolences to Molly's family. The funeral will be at Peterborough Crematorium but, for family reasons, will not take place until 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Monty Gait.** It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Monty on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December in Thorpe Hall. Monty was a regular attender of our United Fellowship, travelling from Peterborough, together with his wife Sandra, a life time friend of Joy, our President. He was a great support and help to Joy in setting out the room ready for the meetings and especially with taking photos at special meetings/events. He has compiled a comprehensive album of the photos he has taken. The members of the Fellowship have missed him during the past few months and will continue to miss him and his contribution with the Fellowship. We offer Sandra and family our most sincere sympathy.

**Quote of the Week**

*"If I could give you information of my life it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I have never refused God anything."*

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)