

This week's Bible Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Harvest Festival. Sunday 16th September, led by Sharon Wright.

Keyholders – Please Read. In order to satisfy fire, security and safeguarding concerns, a push-to-release lock has been fitted to the Wesley Room door and the mortice locks on the main doors have been replaced with new, more secure versions. For the moment, we will continue to use the existing Yale locks but the new locks will come into service soon, after which time, anyone requiring access to the building will need one of the new keys. Please speak to our safeguarding officer, Su Merton, for more information.

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.



Our Leadership Team is:

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

P 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 before **Saturday midday**. An online version of the notice sheet is always available at www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk



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Notices for Sunday 26th August 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.



Today	10:30am	Rev Alan Taylor – Holy Communion
	5:00pm	Circuit Tea & Service of Thanks – Hilton
Saturday	9:30-11:00am	Coffee Morning
Next Sunday	10:30am	Derek Rutherford
	6:00 pm	Churches Together Service

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our friends in the **Buckden** congregation
- **Sawtry Junior Academy**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Jo Anderton**
- **Chris & Su's niece, Victoria**
- **Pat & Eddie Edwards**
- **Tess Butler and her sister, Pat**
- **James Ellerbeck**
- The friends and family of **Bernard Dean**
- The friends and family of **Bob Bunn**
- **"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

Finance

Offertory: £266.03 (plus £140.00 Bank Transfers)
 Coffee Morning: £24.80 Coffee after Service: £4.20
 Building Fund Box: £3.41

Thank you for your generosity

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Next Saturday Coffee – Margaret & Frances Flowers – Frances
 Next Sunday Door – Margaret & Lorraine Vestry – Alicia
 Coffee – Martin & Frances

A note from Alan

One of the very impressive aspects of church life in Sawtry is the excellent ecumenical relationships that result in worthwhile initiatives such as the recent Holiday Club. Earlier this year we were approached by representatives of St Benedict's Catholic Community to have informal conversations regarding holding their Sunday service at our church. In time this became a formal request approved by their Bishop. Consequently, having been approved at our June Church Council, I submitted the appropriate application to our national Methodist Council for this to progress. Once having received this approval, the Leadership Team began work on a local license for St Benedict's to hold their service at our church on Sunday evenings. This work is now complete and the license will allow the services to begin from this September and to be reviewed in July 2019. I commend this initiative to the church as a sign of our Christian solidarity. Please have a conversation with myself or any of the Leadership Team if you would like more information.

Circuit Tea & Service of Thanks - TODAY. There will be a Circuit tea at 5pm, followed by a service at 6pm at Hilton Methodist Church this evening. The service will include presentations to the three supernumerary ministers, including our own Rev Alan Taylor, who have generously come out of retirement to minister to us over the last two years. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you would like to share transport to Hilton.

Churches Together. Next Sunday, 2nd September, there will be another informal 'worship and discussion' service with our friends from the other churches in Sawtry, starting with refreshments at 6:00pm. All are warmly invited to attend.

Growing Together in Faith. Our fortnightly fellowship group will be starting again at 7pm on Wednesday 5th September. We will be starting a new course of study entitled "Making Disciples", designed to help us to understand our unique "discipleship shape", both individually and as a church, and to develop our gifts as followers of Jesus. All are welcome.