

This Week's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

Christmas Services

Sunday 9 th	3:00pm	Community Carol Service at Sawtry Village Academy
Sunday 16 th	6:30pm	Candlelit Carols, followed by seasonal refreshments
Monday 17 th	6:00pm	Carol Singing outside Greystones, followed by seasonal refreshments courtesy of Sawtry Parish Council
Sunday 23 rd	10:30am	All Age Nativity
Tuesday 25 th	10:30am	United Christmas Day Service at All Saints Church

Concert. Sawtry Chorale are performing their Christmas concert at All Saints Church on *Saturday 15th December*, starting at 7.30pm. They would love to welcome everyone to enjoy a mixed programme of Christmas choral pieces, well known carols, Christmas songs and solo performances. Any profit from the concert will be shared between the Chorale and All Saints Church. Tickets are £10, available from the Church or Chorale members or by calling 01487 831435, children of Primary School age come free.

Our Leadership Team is:

**Rev Paul Beard, 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 2nd December 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.

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Today	10:30am	Colin Webber
Wednesday	7:00pm	Growing Together in Faith - Making Disciples
Saturday	9:30-11:00am	Coffee Morning
Next Sunday	10:30am	Sue Kinder
	3:00pm	Carol Service at the Community College

Village Carol Service at Sawtry Community College, 3pm, *Next Sunday 9th December.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our friends in the **Buckden** congregation
- **All Saints Church**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Jo Anderton**
- **Joan Potter**
- **John Steeden**
- **Derek Craft**
- **Chris & Su's niece, Victoria**
- **James Ellerbeck**
- The friends and family of **Frances Mason**
- **"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: £166.71

Coffee Morning: £24.50

Building Fund Box: £5.01

Thank you for your generosity

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Next Saturday	Coffee – Emma, Martin & Team	
Next Sunday	Door – Su & Chris	Vestry – John
	Coffee – Felicity & Allen	

Growing Together in Faith

Our fortnightly fellowship group continues with **Making Disciples** at 7pm on **Wednesday 5th December.**

All are welcome.

Derek Craft. Derek has now moved to Brookfields hospital, Mill Road, Cambridge, where he is in Byron A ward.

United Fellowship News. A rose bush called "Thinking of You" has been planted in the Church garden near the south facing wall which is the boundary with the bungalow. It is in memory of four past members of the Fellowship, namely, Stella Hill, Ruth Griffith, Molly Chivers and Monty Gaits. Joan Potter was welcomed back to the meeting/carol service held last Monday after she had recently spent two sessions in Papworth Hospital. She thanked everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

Christmas Cards. Thanks to all those who have been busy delivering cards including details of our Christmas services around the village this week. There are just a few packs left to be delivered if you can help out.

Do you have a Servant Heart? Each week there are many opportunities to serve, such as helping with coffee mornings, welcoming to services, praying with the preacher, arranging flowers or serving refreshments. If you would like to help with any of these over the coming year, please speak to a member of the leadership team.

Advent Prayer Diary. Wendy Beard has kindly put together an Advent Prayer Diary and a number of these are available in the porch. If you would prefer an electronic copy, please speak to Liz.

Sabbatical. Rev Paul Beard is now on sabbatical until the end of February. During this time, the other Circuit staff will be covering Sawtry. Please consult the Circuit Plan for contact details or pass on any pastoral concerns via a member of the leadership team.

Shoe Boxes. We have not organised a formal "shoe box Sunday" for Operation Christmas Child this year, but if anyone has been putting a shoe box together with gifts for an underprivileged child, these can still be delivered via the Circuit. Please speak to Kate.