

This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matt 2:1-12

Happy New Year

Author: Catherine Pulsifer, adapted by KP

- H** is for happiness. Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations, let God be God.
- A** is for attitude. Attitude is just as important as ability. - Keep your attitude positive, know that God is faithful and true.
- P** is for passion. Be passionate about your faith. Find your passion for God this year! - Do what you love and it will never seem like work.
- P** is for positive. Positive thoughts make everything easier. - Stay focused on Jesus and how He sees you, stay positive that He loves you as you are.
- Y** is for You. You are unique in God's eyes, He gave you special gifts and talents, use them. - Never forget how special you are to Him.
- N** is for new. As in new beginnings - it's never too late to start again with God, each new day is a fresh start, this new year is a new beginning.
- E** is for enthusiasm. Be enthusiastic about your faith. Enthusiasm is the true secret to a success life.
- W** is for wishes. May your wishes turn into goals. May God give you the perseverance to achieve them.
- Y** is for years. The years that go by too quickly, may God give you the time to enjoy them. As your wisdom grows share it. Learn from your elders, make time to listen.
- E** is for energy. May God grant you lots of it. Take care of yourself, your body is a temple.
- A** is for appreciation. Appreciate life, don't take it for granted. - Live each day that God has given you to the fullest.
- R** is for relax. God invented the sabbath, take time to relax in this coming year. Keep a balance in your life, there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

So all that remains is to wish you all a very happy and very blessed New Year!



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Notices for Sunday 6th January 2019

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 Pam Siddall
Saturday	9:30-11:00am	Coffee Morning
	11:00am	Organ Meeting
Next Sunday	8:45am	Prayer Breakfast
	10.30am	Rev Alan Taylor – Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our friends in the **Great Barford** congregation
- **Sawtry Junior Academy**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Joan Potter**
- **John Steeden**
- **Derek Craft**
- **Chris & Su's niece, Victoria**
- **James Ellerbeck**
- **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

Finance (last two weeks)

Offertory: £167.98 + £176.21 (plus £250.00 Bank Transfers)
 Coffee Morning: £16.50 Coffee after Service: £9.30 + £6.90

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<u>Rotas</u>		
Next Saturday	Coffee – Roz & Angela	
Next Sunday	Door – Su & Chris	Vestry – Alicia
	Coffee – Felicity & Allen	

Growing Together in Faith

Our fortnightly fellowship group will resume at 7pm on
Wednesday 16th January.
 All are welcome.

Organ Update. Thanks to John Garner, who has been hard at work over the last few weeks, we are now able to use the organ again – though with some reduction in functionality. A long-term decision still needs to be made and there will be another meeting immediately after Coffee Morning at 11am on *Saturday 12th January* to discuss the options and hear about the latest developments. All are welcome to join in the conversation.

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?

Rotas. Copies of the rota for January to June are now available. Spare copies can be obtained from the noticeboard.

Pray & Do. *Saturday 19th January.* Starting at 12 noon with a bring-your-own lunch (tea/coffee provided), followed by a short time of worship and prayer before getting on with some cleaning and maintenance tasks around the church. Please come for as much or as little of the afternoon as you can.

Our next **Churches Together** united service will be on *Sunday 20th January* at 6.30pm in our church, when members of St Benedict's will be leading our thoughts.

Quote of the Week

"Salvation is from our side a choice, from the divine side it is a seizing upon, an apprehending, a conquest by the Most High God. Our 'accepting' and 'willing' are reactions rather than actions. The right of determination must always remain with God."

A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)