

'Crisis in Zimbabwe'

How often have we seen this headline over the past three decades? We had hoped that with the change of leadership, the situation for Zimbabweans might have improved. However, this has proven not to be the case. It seems that the economy has gone beyond repair. There is no health system for ordinary Zimbabweans and hospitals are deserted, with no medication. Doctors have been on strike for the past three months for a living salary and consequently the government is sacking the doctors.

Zimbabwe is without proper water due to a 40-year drought possibly due to global warming and also a lack of electricity. At the same time there is high unemployment especially among the young people who are resorting to drug and alcohol abuse. It seems that a whole generation is going to waste. At present at least 30% of the population are living on food from the world foodbank

Under the guidance of Rev. Mary Sachikonye, the Global Mission's Committee (District World Action Team) has adopted this as a major concern, with a particular desire to support the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe. How this can be done remains under discussion to be brought before District Synod at a future date.

In the meantime, your prayers are asked for the people of Zimbabwe, at this very stressful time.

Rev Bernard Arnold

On behalf of the District World Action Team

Our Leadership Team is:

**Rev Alan Taylor, Matt & Liz Coates,
Kate Paterson, Martin Baker & Su Merton**

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 22nd December 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 us 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 James Bamber
	6:30pm	Candle-lit Carols
Saturday	9:30-11:00am	Coffee Morning
Next Sunday	10:30am	Rev Pam Siddall

Our joint Christmas morning service will take place here at 10.30am, led by Rev Becky Dyball.

Candlelit Carol Service. 6.30pm, today. Contributions of mince pies will be gratefully received.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our friends in the **Warboys** congregation
- **Sawtry Infant School**
- **Beryl Ayres**
- **Stan Langshaw**
- The family and friends of **Pete Scott**
- **Mike Bird (Liz's Dad)**
- The family and friends of **John Gillis**
- The family and friends of **Stephen Short**
- **Judi Finnegan**
- **Jessica Dickinson**
- **"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: £143.83 (plus £100.00 Bank Transfers)

Coffee Morning: £19.10 Coffee after Service: £6.00

Thank you for your generosity

<u>Rotas</u>		
Next Saturday	Coffee – John	
Next Sunday	Door – Felicity & Allen	Vestry – John
	Coffee – Martin & Frances	

Growing Together in Faith

Our fortnightly fellowship group is now on a break until January.
A date for the first meeting of the year will be announced
in due course.

Rotas. Copies of the rota for January to June 2020 are now available. Spare copies can be obtained from the noticeboard.

National Methodist Choir. 2020 will see the launch of the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain. The choir brings together singers from across the Methodist Church in Great Britain. NMCGB is a living demonstration that the Methodist Church wasn't just born in song, but is thriving in song now, too. Open, contemporary, ambitious, hospitable, forward-facing, celebratory, and joyful in sharing the Good News through the best of music, from all musical genre. Details of the first course will be announced in the New Year. If you would like to be kept up to date, follow the choir on Facebook: fb.com/methodistchoir or email info@thecalltour.com.

World Compassion are a long-established Christian charity that helps Churches and Christians who face risk because of their faith in Jesus – taking the gospel across unsafe borders. They operate in Iraq, Iran, China, Myanmar and Cuba. They are seeking Christians to become Champions who will pray, inform others and find ways to support Christians in hostile nations. It is free to be a Champion and they will supply Champions with resources including prayer points, stories, images, videos and ideas that can be used in churches and small groups. For more information, pick up a contact form from the noticeboard.

Quotes of the Week

"I don't want a Christmas you can buy. I don't want a Christmas you can make. What I want is a Christmas you can hold. A Christmas that holds me, remakes me, revives me. I want a Christmas that whispers, Jesus."

Ann Voscamp