



Notices for Sunday 3rd May 2020

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Sunday Services

Worship with All Saints Church

Time: 10:30am

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/987084188>

Dial-in number: 0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 987 084 188

Sunday Tea-break Service

Time: 3:00pm

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/172859764>

Dial-in number: 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

All are invited to join by phone or internet. Please get in touch if you need any help getting connected. Please note that calls to these numbers are treated as standard national rate calls – check with your service provider for rates.

Sunday Tea Break. *3pm every Sunday.* This is a very informal service of worship and fellowship, with opportunities for everyone to participate. To join in, you just need to make yourself a tea or coffee (cake/biscuits optional) and use the link or phone number shown above. This week's guest preacher: **Leonore Charlton.**

Daily Hope. This national initiative from the Church of England is available 24 hours a day on the freephone number 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including prayers and hymns (updated daily) and a recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All those in our communities who are suffering as a result of the current crisis
- Local and national leaders and those on the front line of our health and social services
- Our friends in the **Buckden** congregation
- **CARESCO**
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **The friends and family of Doris Dougherty**
- **Ben Sutton**
- **Chrissy Adams**
- **Roger and Rosemary Jubb**
- **Hannah Radley**
- **Abbie**

If you have any items for prayer, please call 01487 830345 or send them to notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk

This Week's Bible Readings

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week. If you have any thoughts or insights you would like to share with others via this news sheet, please send them to notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk

Keeping the show on the road

At the beginning of April, the members of our Church Council were consulted regarding the Church Leadership Team conducting business on behalf of the council during the lock-down period. This was duly agreed and implemented. The Leadership Team have been meeting regularly, averaging once per week, via Zoom. The main business of each meeting covers three principal areas: how is pastoral care taking place in the light of social distancing; how can worship be offered through Zoom; and how can the property development scheme be advanced so that when the church building may reopen we are in the best possible position to make progress?

The informal pattern of keeping in touch with the church family is working well. Please contact any member of the team if you become aware of any pastoral need that is not being covered and could be in these challenging times.

We have held 3.00pm Sunday Tea-Break services on Zoom throughout April, alongside the morning worship provided by our friends at All Saints. These afternoon services will continue with the excellent development of inviting some of our visiting preachers to take part.

Discussions and consultations about our property development projects are advancing well with some exciting possibilities. Once the Leadership Team have clarified a number of outstanding matters, a report can be made to the Church Council and then to the wider church for further consultation.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns please do be in touch with any member of the team.

Alan

Quotes of the Week

"If I have but enough for myself and family, I am steward only for myself and them; if I have more, I am but a steward of that abundance for others."

George Herbert (1593-1633)