



Notices for Sunday 16th August 2020

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Taking a break from the Tea Break.

As previously announced, there will be no Tea Break service this week. Instead, all are invited to our ecumenical service of prayer at 10.30am, which will be led by representatives from the three Sawtry congregations and will focus on prayer for the needs of our local communities, for the wider world, and for those who have been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Joining details are in the box.

Ecumenical Service of Prayer

10.30am, Sunday 16th August

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

Meeting ID: 987 084 188

Dial-in number: 0208 080 6591

Our Tea Break service will resume next **Sunday, 23rd August**, when we will be welcoming **Rev. Sqn. Ldr. Dawn Colley** to share with us again.

Circuit Worship Service on Zoom. Sunday mornings at 10.30am.
<https://zoom.us/j/82767532960>. Meeting ID: 827 6753 2960. Please get in touch for the meeting password.

Dial-a-sermon. Call 01480 200195 to hear reflections from Rev. Nick or 01480 597118 to listen to Rev. James' Sunday message – both available through the week.

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 **Eaton Ford** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Sawtry Village Academy**
- Our new Probationer Minister, **Sue Baker-Maher** and her family, as they move into our Circuit.
- **Simon & Wendy Merton**
- **Alicia Nicholls**
- **Jean Garner**
- **Ron Cobley**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Audrey Paterson** and those caring for her, especially **Kate**
- The **Johnson Family**
- **Laura** (Tess's daughter)
- **Clare**
- **Julia**
- **Mel**

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

This Week's Bible Readings

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28

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

Church Council Meeting. *7.30pm, Monday 17th August*, via Zoom. The meeting will include important updates on our property development, finances and the pattern of our worship over the coming months. This will also be the last Church Council meeting before Alan steps down as our minister. All are invited to attend so please get in touch if you need the joining details.

Financial Update. As the end of our church year approaches, I thought it would be appropriate to bring everyone up to date with where we stand financially. First, I would like to thank those who have sent cheques and made bank transfers over the last few months, which has helped to keep us financially solvent. Unfortunately, we have still suffered a significant drop in overall offering income and this, together with the loss of lettings income previously reported, has meant that we have had to dig deep into our reserves to pay our bills.

I would therefore like to ask you to prayerfully consider, *if you have not done so already*, making a single gift to cover the amounts you would have given over the 5 months (April-August) while we have been unable to meet together – or even a little more if you are able. If you would like to arrange a bank transfer (or better still, set up a monthly standing order), please get in touch for the account details. Otherwise, I would be very happy to drop round to receive any offerings in the form of cash or cheques, so just let me know.

There will be a more detailed report at our Church Council meeting on Monday, but please do let me know if you have any questions. I can be contacted by email at treasurer@sawtrymethodist.org.uk or by phone on 01487 830345.

Matt Coates – Treasurer

Coming Up...

Circuit Socially-Distanced Bring-your-own Picnic at Huntingdon Riverside Park, *Sunday 30th August*. There are two sessions available – *12.15 to 1.15 and 1.15 to 2.15*. To comply with Government guidelines, numbers are restricted, so please email snhmcc@outlook.com to book your place.

Welcome Service for our new Probationer Minister, Sue Baker-Maher. *7.30pm, Tuesday 1st September*, via Zoom. More details to follow.