



## Notices for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Third Sunday of Advent

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#### December Services

##### Services in our Church

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

Candle-lit Carols

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

led by Vivien Almond

Please get in touch if you wish to attend any of these services, or join online via Zoom:

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

Dial-in number: 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

##### Other Services

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

Circuit Nativity Service on Zoom

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

Zoom-Tastic "Noisy Nativity" from All Saints

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm**

Circuit Carol Service on Zoom

**Christmas Eve, 3:00pm**

Crib Service for all ages on Zoom

**Christmas Day, 10:30am**

Churches Together at All Saints

**Services at Sawtry Methodist Church.** There are two more services in our building this month and the details are shown above. If you wish to attend one of these services in person, please read the letter and guidelines distributed previously (please get in touch if you need a copy) and let us know in advance by contacting Liz on 01487 830345 or by email at [admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk). Numbers will be limited due to distancing requirements and congregational singing will sadly not be allowed. Since not everyone will be able to attend, the services will also be streamed live via Zoom – and of course those joining from home will be able to sing as loud as they like.

**Circuit Nativity Service.** 10.30am, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Led by Rev Sue Baker-Maher, with music provided by our worship band, live from Sawtry. On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82032006967>. Meeting ID: 820 3200 6967 or dial in on 0203 481 5240.

**Other Services.** All of the other services listed above will be available on Zoom and some allow attendance in person. Check the Circuit newsletter for further details of Circuit services and the All Saints website [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk) for services taking place there.

## **This Week's Bible Readings**

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11    Psalm 126    1 Thessalonians 5:16-24    John 1:6-8,19-28

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](mailto:notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

**Advent Meditations.** Rev. Sue is continuing her series of Lectio Divina-style Advent meditations, with 7:30pm sessions on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. For more details see [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk).

**Offerings.** Many thanks to those who have already sent offerings covering their planned giving up to the end of the year. Please get in touch with Matt if you need bank details or if you would like someone to drop round to collect your own gifts.

**Doorstep Carols.** Two national 'doorstep carols' events are being promoted this year to fill the gap left by our normal community carolling opportunities. One is via Premier Christian Radio, taking place at 5:30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, while the other is via local radio stations (including BBC Radio Cambridgeshire) at 6pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to invite your immediate neighbours to join you in some festive carol singing, downloadable posters, invitations and carol sheets are available from [www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk](http://www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk) and [www.doortstepcarols.co.uk](http://www.doortstepcarols.co.uk), respectively.

**Carol Johnston.** It is with sadness that we report the passing of Carol Johnston, who was a member of our congregation for many years. There will be a graveside service at 3pm at All Saints Cemetery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, with a small gathering of close family and friends. Any others who wish to pay their respects are invited to be outside the Methodist Church as the cortege comes by on its way to the cemetery shortly after 2.30pm. Cards addressed to the family may be sent to Co-operative Funeralcare, 98 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UZ

### **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 **Huntingdon** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **CARESCO**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- The family and friends of **Carol Johnston**
- **Alicia Nicholls**
- **Eleanor and Gary Kernaghan**
- **Audrey Paterson** and those caring for her, especially **Kate**
- The **Johnson Family**
- **James and Clare** (Tess's niece and son-in-law)
- **Hannah** (Jo's niece)
- **Anne** (Helen's Sister in law)

If you have any items for prayer, please call 01487 830345 or send them to [notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)