



Notices for Sunday 31st January 2021

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Worship and Fellowship on Zoom

Sunday Worship – 10:30am

31st January – Rev Nick Witham
7th February – Rev Sue Baker-Maher
14th February – Local Arrangement
21st February – Colin Webber
28th February – Local Arrangement

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

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

Afternoon Tea and Chat

3:00pm, alternate Wednesdays.
Next session: 3rd February

Evening Fellowship

7:30pm, alternate Wednesdays.
Next session: 10th February

Please use the same meeting ID and password as for Sunday services

All are invited to join us for any of these activities – please get in touch if you need help getting connected. If you are unable to join using Zoom, you can still take part by dialling in on 0203 481 5240 and entering the meeting number and password on your phone keypad. Please note that calls to this number are treated as standard national rate calls.

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 **Alconbury** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Sawtry Village Academy**
- The family and friends of **Audrey Paterson**
- The family and friends of **Rita Corcoran**
- **Graham** (Tess's nephew)
- **Louise** (a friend of Martin)
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Alicia Nicholls**
- **Eleanor and Gary Kernaghan**
- 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

This Week's Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

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

Greetings from Joyce and Tim in Nova Scotia. Joyce writes, "I want to tell you my good news! I finally, after 7 weeks, got my biopsy results back, and all is clear!!! Praise the Lord! Thank you, and all of Sawtry Methodist Church, for all your prayers on my behalf! I really appreciate each one of you!!"

Lent Preaching Series. This year, our Sunday services through Lent will focus on Jesus' "I am" sayings. Starting from Sunday 21st February, the themes will be "the bread of life", "the light of the world", "the good shepherd", "the resurrection and the life" and "the way, the truth and the life".

Parliamentary Covenant Service. From Methodist Central Hall, 6pm, Sunday 31st January, with prayers for parliament. Join live or view later at <https://mchw.live/live-stream/31-jan-pm>

Dear all

How is your week?

I write ahead of a few days off, conscious that as many have lost loved ones, suffer anxiety for the safety of family and friends, and concern for those in the front line as the situation stretches on and on. As the impact continues to emerge at home and abroad, I find it hard to accept that the best thing many of us can do to help is stay home. On good days I take comfort that for me this might be a time of mending nets – doing what I can that will stand me in good stead when the lock down eases, rather than fretting about what I can't. It's all rather Lent like – a time of digging deeper in respect of our personal relationship with God. I am also mindful to keep a count of my blessings, and it is always surprising just how many I find. Luke 6:20-26 reminds us that in Jesus, God turns the order of this world upside down. At a time when we see all too clearly our lives so disrupted, we need to dig deeper to see how God is calling us now to embody his love to those around us. And Matthew 6:25-34 always comes to my rescue.

If you are feeling, like me, a little discombobulated and have a mobile phone I am starting a WhatsApp group just to share our joys and worries as they occur. If you would like to join in, text your number to me on 07483 153948. And for those who don't, do ring if I can be of any help over the next few weeks.

In Christ

Rev Sue