



## Notices for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### Worship and Fellowship on Zoom

#### Sunday Worship – 10:30am

14<sup>th</sup> Mar – John Green

21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Local Arrangement

28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rev Sue

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

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

#### Afternoon Tea and Chat

3:00pm, alternate Wednesdays.

Next session: 17<sup>th</sup> March

#### Evening Fellowship

Postponed during Lent.

All are invited to join us for any of the above 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.

**Worship and Fellowship.** In line with the current government advice and guidance from the Circuit, no worship or other activities are currently taking place in our building. We will continue with our Zoom-based worship at 10:30am each Sunday until further notice. **During Lent**, our Sunday services and the Lent study groups are focussing on the “I am” sayings of Jesus. Please do join us by internet or phone if you can.

**Offerings.** Those who attended our recent Church Council meeting will already be aware that we are facing the prospect of a significant financial loss this year, due to both a loss of income from lettings and a reduction in offerings while our building is closed. This means that we will have to dig deep into our reserves to pay all of our expenses. As the end of the tax year approaches, March is a really good time to get up to date with your offerings, particularly if you are a tax payer and have signed up for Gift Aid. Please get in touch with Matt if you have questions about making your gifts to the church. Many thanks to those who have been making regular offerings by cheque or bank transfer over the last year – it really makes a difference to our ability to maintain the life and ministry of our church.

**Spring Harvest 2021 Online.** This year’s online Spring Harvest event, with the theme, “*Unrivalled: Why We Worship*”, is taking place between 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April, and includes the usual mix of worship, teaching, Bible study and entertainment for all ages. Tickets cost £55 per household and can be obtained from [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org). **Latest news:** Proceedings will kick off with a celebration service at 7:00pm on Easter Sunday, with Abby Guinness, Tim Hughes, Cris Rogers and others, followed at 9:30 by a Gospel music concert from IDMC Gospel Choir.

## This Week's Bible Readings

Numbers 21:4-9    Psalm 107:1-3,17-22    1 Ephesians 2:1-10    John 3:14-21

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)

**Exploring Membership.** Despite the lockdowns over the past year, God continues to work in our churches and in the lives of individuals within our congregations. A number of people have been considering their next steps in discipleship and for people who are not already formal members of the Methodist Church, some are considering taking this step.

As we are still not able to meet in person at the present time we are offering an initial Zoom meeting where people can ask some of the basic questions about membership of their local Methodist Church and opportunities for exploring further whether God is calling you on to another stage of your discipleship journey.

Please contact either Rev Sue ([sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk)) or Rev Nick ([nicholas.witham@methodist.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.witham@methodist.org.uk)) to discuss further. Or you can phone or text Sue on 07483 153948.

## Circuit Lent Activities on Zoom

### Lent Study Groups

Mondays 2:00pm Rev James  
Tuesdays 7:00pm Rev Sue  
Wednesdays 7:00pm Rev Nick

### Lectio Divina Style Meditation

Every Friday 7:30pm Rev Sue

The same Zoom link can be used for all events: <https://zoom.us/j/83752592088>.  
Meeting ID: 837 5259 2088.

### 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 **Hilton** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Sawtry Infants School**
- **Graham** (Tess's nephew)
- **John** (Chris Merton's uncle)
- **Anke and family**
- **Ted and Pam Pepper**
- **Pete and Pat Ayres**
- **Joan & Ian Meiklejohn**
- **Pete and Chris** (friends of Martin)
- **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)

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