



Notices for Sunday 4th April 2021

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Worship and Fellowship on Zoom

Sunday Worship – 10:30am

4th Apr – Easter Day – David Ward
11th Apr – Local Arrangement
18th Apr – Rev Sue
25th Apr – No Service

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

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

Afternoon Tea and Chat

3:00pm, alternate Wednesdays.
Next session: 14th April

Evening Fellowship

7:30pm, alternate Wednesdays.
Next session: 21st April

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

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.

Taking a Break. In order to give our local team a break, as well as giving everyone a chance to attend online services from elsewhere, we have decided to take a break from our Zoom worship on **Sunday 25th April**. Services are available from other churches in our circuit (details in our regular Circuit newsletter), at Sawtry All Saints and elsewhere, and all are encouraged to seek out one of these alternative worship opportunities on this Sunday.

New Life at Easter. If you have passed by the church this weekend, you will have seen the cross that has been placed in front of the grass outside the church. The children who attended our Good Friday Light Factory/Messy Church session have been invited to place decorated crosses in the grass around the large cross. If you are able, please stop by sometime over the next few days and attach a flower or two to the cross (using the wire provided) as a symbol of new life and resurrection this Easter.



Spring Harvest 2021 Online. This year's online Spring Harvest event, with the theme, "*Unrivalled: Why We Worship*", is taking place this week, 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. Proceedings will kick off at 7:00pm today with a celebration service, followed at 9:30pm by a Gospel music concert from IDMC Gospel Choir.

This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

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. There will be a short meeting of the Church Council at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th April, via Zoom, to discuss our roadmap to restarting in-person services at Sawtry Methodist Church. The link will be the usual one for our meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206794550>. Meeting ID: 842 0679 4550.

Easter Offering. As in previous years, we are being invited to make an offering towards the work of the Methodist World Mission Fund this Easter and you should by now have received a pack including a gift envelope. If you are able to give, please do so using the envelopes and contact any member of the leadership team to arrange for your gift to be collected. Cheques should be made payable to "Sawtry Methodist Church" – we will then make a single payment to the World Mission Fund, including any gift aid we are able to claim.

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 **Ramsey** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **CARESCO**
- **Graham** (Tess's nephew)
- **John** (Chris Merton's uncle)
- **Pete and Chris** (friends of Martin)
- **Louise** (a friend of Martin)
- **Anke and family**
- **Rev Becky Dyball** as she prepares for a major operation later this month
- **Sharon Atkins Mitchell** – a friend of Alan and Dorothy's who has had a hip replacement this week.
- **Ted and Pam Pepper** (All Saints)
- **Pete and Pat Ayres** (All Saints)
- **Joan & Ian Meiklejohn** (Glatton)
- **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

Quote of the Week

"Far from being incompatible, politics and Christianity are, in reality, inseparable. What don't mix are Christianity and social apathy."

Steve Chalke