



## Notices for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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### Worship and Fellowship on Zoom

Sunday Worship – 10:30am

18<sup>th</sup> Apr – Rev Sue  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr – No Service

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

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

Please use the same meeting ID for all activities

Afternoon Tea and Chat

3:00pm, alternate Wednesdays.  
Next session: 28<sup>th</sup> April

Evening Fellowship

7:30pm, alternate Wednesdays.  
Next session: 21<sup>st</sup> April

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 on your phone keypad. Please note that calls to this number are treated as standard national rate calls.

**First steps to resuming in-presence services.** Following our Church Council meeting this week, it has been agreed that we will aim (subject to any changes in government guidelines) to have our first service in the building on **Pentecost Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. The service will start at 10:30am and will also be broadcast via Zoom for any who are, as yet, unable to attend. After this, we will aim for **one morning** service and **one evening** service per month through the Summer, and the arrangements will be reviewed at our next Church Council meeting in October. As before, we will need some **extra help** to steward the services, so please get in touch with a member of the leadership team if you are able to serve in this capacity.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Easter Offering.** So far, a total of **£172** has been received towards the work of the Methodist Church World Mission Fund, and this amount will be further increased by Gift Aid refunds. If you plan to give and have not yet done so, please let Matt have your offering as soon as possible.

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

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

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)

### **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 **St Ives** congregation
- **Sawtry Parish Council**
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Graham** (Tess's nephew)
- **Pete and Chris** (friends of Martin)
- **Louise** (a friend of Martin)
- The family and friends of **Derek Short**
- **Rev Becky Dyball**
- **Sharon Atkins Mitchell** (friend of Alan and Dorothy's)
- **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](mailto:notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

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### **Quote of the Week**

*"We desperately need the conviction of religious belief to guide us in the way we live on, and use, the planet. We have got to learn to balance the economic and scientific realities against the religious demands for responsibility and consideration for the created world. It is not going to be easy, but I am sure that belief and conviction are very powerful motives to care for our planet with all its diversity."*

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (1921-2021)