



Notices for Sunday 9th May 2021

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Worship and Fellowship on Zoom

Sunday Worship – 10:30am

9th May – Barbara Spencer
16th May – Local Arrangement
23rd May – Rev Sue Baker-Maher *
30th May – No Service

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

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

Afternoon Tea and Chat

3:00pm, alternate Wednesdays.
Next session: 12th May

Evening Fellowship

7:30pm, alternate Wednesdays.
Next session: 5th May

Please use the same meeting ID for all activities

* This service will take place in the church and will also be accessible via Zoom for any who are unable to attend in person. Note that there will be a limit on numbers, so if you plan to come along, please let Liz know in advance by phone or email. Those attending will need to wear a face covering throughout and there will also be no congregational singing on this occasion.

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.

Lectio Divina Style Meditation. Resumes Friday 14th May, 7:30-8:15pm. Led by Rev Sue Baker-Maher. Please get in touch with Sue for the Zoom link.

Date For The Diary. Annual Church Meeting. Thursday 3rd June, 7.30pm on Zoom.

Coronavirus Crisis in India. You will have seen the devastating scenes taking place in India in recent weeks. In response, All We Can and the Methodist Church have launched an appeal to provide essential support for vulnerable communities in India. If you would like to find out more and/or contribute, please go to <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/indias-coronavirus-crisis-urgent-support-needed/>

Aldersgate. 22nd or 24th May 2021, 9.30am-12.15pm via Zoom. A “quiet morning” exploring Wesley’s spiritual journey, led by Rev Judith Jessop, a Methodist pioneer presbyter from Sheffield. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Gill Dascombe, chair@reflectretreats.co.uk stating which date you prefer, or if you can be flexible. There is no charge for this event, but a £5 donation is suggested. This is the first of two sessions. Part 2 will be held in the early autumn, dates to be advised.

This Week's Bible Readings

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

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

First steps to resuming in-presence services. Following our recent Church Council meeting, 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, 23rd 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.

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 **Warboys** congregation
- **St Benedict's Catholic Community**
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- The family and friends of **Luise Addison** (a friend of Martin)
- The family and friends of **Derek Short**
- **Rev Becky Dyball**
- **Pete and Chris** (friends of Martin)
- **Louise** (Su's niece) and her mother **Nicola**, who is terminally ill
- **Brian Rodger**
- **Ted and Pam Pepper** (All Saints)
- **Pete and Pat Ayres** (All Saints)
- **Joan & Ian Meiklejohn** (Glatton)
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Alicia Nicholls**
- The **Johnson Family**
- **Eleanor and Gary Kernaghan**
- **Graham** (Tess's nephew)
- **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

"The gospel alone is sufficient to rule the lives of Christians everywhere - any additional rules made to govern men's conduct added nothing to the perfection already found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

John Wycliffe (1328-1384)