



Notices for Sunday 17th October 2021

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Sunday Worship

10:30am 17th Oct – Local Arrangement
10:30am 24th Oct – David Ward – not on Zoom
10:30am 31st Oct – Rev Dawn Colley
6:00pm 7th Nov – Rev Sue Baker-Maher

All services are also accessible via Zoom for any who are unable to attend in person.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/172859764>
Meeting ID: 172 859 764
Dial-in number: 0203 481 5240

All are invited to join us for worship at either 10:30am or 6:00pm each Sunday. For the moment, any adults attending are requested to use face coverings and no refreshments will be served after the services. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please remember that you can participate via Zoom.

Imagine. Thanks to everyone who took part in yesterday's 'Imagine' workshop, and especially to Leonore who organised the session and guided our thoughts. A report based on the topics raised in the discussion will be made available soon and used to help us plan future developments.

No Zoom next week. Our service next Sunday, led by David Ward, will be more traditional in style and will unfortunately not be accessible via Zoom. If you are unable to attend in person, please refer to the Circuit worship sheet for details of other online services.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our friends in the **Buckden** congregation
- **Sawtry Village Academy**
- **Stephanie** (a friend of Alexis)
- **Roz Rowland**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Louise** (Su's niece) and her mother, **Nicola**
- **Brian Rodger**
- **Ted and Pam Pepper** (All Saints)
- **Pete and Pat Ayres** (All Saints)
- **Joan & Ian Meiklejohn** (Glatton)
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- **Alicia Nicholls**
- **Donna and Jake Johnson**
- **Eleanor and Gary Kernaghan**
- **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

This Week's Bible Readings

Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

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

Annual Report. Copies of our annual report are now available. Many thanks to Rev Sue, her daughter Charlotte and everyone else who contributed. Please speak to Liz if you would like a printed or digital copy.

Thelma Baker. Thelma is recovering well from her hip surgery and has now been transferred to Hinchingsbrooke hospital before returning home. Please keep both her and Martin in your prayers.

Finance Update. At our Church Council meeting on Thursday, it was reported that, as a result of a growing deficit over the last few years, our financial reserves have been severely depleted. We now have a number of new lettings and, in response to appeals over the last year, we are thankful that giving has increased, so the projection for this year looks more positive. One action that was agreed at the meeting was to temporarily direct income from our Saturday coffee mornings to general funds, rather than the building fund. However, we will need to further increase our income (from giving, fundraising and lettings) in order to replenish our reserves over the next few years. Please keep this situation in your prayers and do look out for any fundraising opportunities.

Boardgames Café. Our first boardgames evening took place on Friday and was enjoyed thoroughly by all who took part. The next session will be at 7:30pm on **Friday 5th November**, with the intention of continuing on the first and third Fridays of each month. All are welcome.

Noticeboard. There are now a number of important notices attached to the noticeboard in the porch, including future services, special events and safeguarding information. Please remember to take a look on your way into church each Sunday.

Volunteers Needed. Starting very soon, we plan to reintroduce after-service refreshments, which has always formed an important part of our fellowship. To make this a reality, we will need a small team of volunteers to prepare and serve drinks, ideally on a rota so that you will only need to be on duty once every few weeks. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you are willing and able to help out.

Lectio Divina Style Meditation. Continues every Friday, 7:30-8:15pm. Led by Rev Sue Baker-Maher. Please see the Circuit newsletter for the Zoom link.

Quote of the Week

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Raymond Teller