



Notices for Sunday 12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent – Persevere

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Sunday Worship

12th Dec 10:30am – All Age Nativity Service
19th Dec 6:00pm – Candle-lit Carols
25th Dec 10:00am – Christmas Day Service at All Saints Church
26th Dec – No Service

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.

Candlelit Carols. All are invited to our carol service at 6:00pm on Sunday 19th December, which will be followed by seasonal refreshments. Sadly, due to a rise in Covid infections at the school, we will no longer be joined by members of Sawtry Junior Academy choir, but please do bring along any family, friends or neighbours who might enjoy the opportunity to sing some traditional carols in the lead-up to Christmas.

More Community Carol Singing. 6:00pm, Monday 13th December, outside the Greystones, followed by seasonal refreshments, courtesy of Sawtry Parish Council.

Keeping Safe and Warm at Church. In line with the increase in national precautions, we will continue to require the use of hand sanitisers on entering our building and face coverings while moving around and for singing. We also need to keep the church well ventilated, so please make sure you wrap up warm.

Got questions? Alpha allows you to explore questions of the Christian faith in an open-minded and friendly environment. There's no cost and no pressure. Just lots of great conversation and space to think. Starts on Monday 10th January, 7:30pm, at the Greystones, and includes a delicious hot meal served from their kitchen. The course is being organised by All Saints church, but members of our own congregation will be taking part. Speak to Matt or Debbie to find out more.

This Week's Bible Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

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

Christmas Tree Festival. There's still time to visit the display at All Saints' Church, 1.30pm–5.30pm on Saturday 11th and 1.30pm–4.00pm on Sunday 12th. Entry is free of charge and refreshments will be available when the Church is open. The chosen Charity this year is "Over and Above", which is the North West Anglia NHS Trust Charity which covers Stamford, Peterborough, Ely and Hinchingsbrooke. Our tree is at the front of the church by the communion rail.

Pop-up Christmas Cinema. At All Saints Church, Tuesday 21st December. 4pm – The Snowman and The Snowdog, with hot chocolate and popcorn. 7pm – It's a Wonderful Life, with mulled wine and mince pies. Free entrance – donations for refreshments welcome.

Advent. This week is the third Sunday in advent. All are welcome to attend one of the advent Bible studies, which continue each week on Zoom – even if you have not attended the earlier sessions. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/8375252088>. Meeting ID: 837 5259 2088. See the poster in the porch (also supplied by email) for more details and passcode.

Advent Studies

Three repeat sessions each week in Advent.

Mondays at 2:00pm

Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Fridays at 7:30pm

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our friends in the **St Ives** congregation
- **Sawtry Junior Academy**
- **Stephanie** (a friend of Alexis)
- **Roz Rowland**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **Louise** (Su's niece) and her mother, **Nicola**
- **Brian Rodger**
- **Maureen** (Tess's sister)
- **Laura** (Tess's daughter)
- **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 nephew-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

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

Charles Dickens (1812-1870)