



Notices for Sunday 3rd April 2022

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Sunday Worship

3rd Apr 4:15pm – Afternoon Worship – Rev Sue Baker-Maher
10th Apr 10:30am – Local Arrangement – Palm Sunday
17th Apr 10:30am – Rev Pam Siddall – Easter Sunday – Holy Communion
24th Apr 10:30am – Rev James Bamber

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 each Sunday. For the time being, any adults attending worship are requested to wear face coverings for singing.

Light a Candle for Ukraine. In response to the situation in Ukraine, we are opening up the church a few times each week to allow anyone who so wishes, to come in to light a candle and say a prayer for Ukraine. Most weeks, the church will be open 10am-12pm on Monday, 12-2pm on Tuesday and 2-4pm on Thursday, as well as during our coffee morning on Saturday. Please do drop in during one of these times if you are able. We are also looking for more volunteers who would be willing to be around to welcome any visitors, so please get in touch with a member of the leadership team if you are able to help.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- The ongoing situation in **Ukraine**
- Our friends in the **Tempsford** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Roz Rowland**
- **Brian Rodger**
- **Maureen** (Tess's sister)
- **Laura** (Tess's daughter)
- **Ilya** (a colleague of Kate's with family members in Ukraine)
- **Anya Chaika** (a colleague of Alan's with family members in Ukraine)
- **Stephanie** (a friend of Alexis)
- **Cathy** (a friend of Jo's)
- **Mary Watkins** (a friend of Roz)
- **John & Jean Garner**
- **Irene Taylor-Peach**
- **Tim Baker** (Martin's Brother)
- **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

This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week.

Holy Week Devotionals. The Circuit are organising a series of devotionals through Holy week, Monday 11th to Friday 15th April, at 7pm on Zoom. Each session will be led by a different member of the Circuit Leadership Team. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/82995322148>. Meeting ID: 829 9532 2148

Stations of the Cross. Our friends from St Benedict's Catholic Community are organising their traditional Stations of the Cross event this year. This will take place in our church at 7.30pm on Monday 11th April. All are invited to come along to be reminded of the events of Good Friday.

Good Friday Walk of Witness. On Good Friday, 15th April, we will be re-establishing our traditional practice of a walk of witness between the two churches in our village. The walk will start from at All Saints at 10am, stopping to hear parts of the Easter story along the way, and finishing with a service at the Methodist Church at 10:30am, followed by refreshments.

Spring Harvest. For the first time since 2019, Spring Harvest is taking place at Butlins in Skegness during Holy Week, 11th-15th April. If you might be interested in attending, for the whole week, or as a day visitor, please speak to Matt or Liz.

Same Sex Marriage. At our church council meeting on Saturday 26th March, the meeting voted to allow same sex marriages and blessings to take place in our church. Please speak to a member of the leadership team for more details.

Walking with Micah. The Methodist Church is seeking input on how we can respond to issues of injustice around the world. All are invited to join in conversation and feedback cards are available if you would like to participate. Further details on the poster in the porch.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

You may be aware that the government has released information about Homes for Ukraine for those in the UK able to offer accommodation. We are asked to help get the word out that the Homes for Ukraine scheme has opened, and people and community groups can find information about this on gov.uk/homes-for-ukraine. Reset UK, which is the government funded capacity building at www.resetuk.org, also offer a 'matching' site for potential hosts and refugees who do not have or who don't know a family they can name. The schemes so far are for individuals. There will be scheme for groups (including churches) which will be announced at a later date. Offering accommodation is unlikely to be possible for many of us, but there are many other ways we might be able to support refugees arriving in our area. Coming together to provide information packs on facilities in our areas for example, offering the use of our buildings for displaced people to meet, socialise and network or providing language support as well as offering general hospitality and friendship. As the situation develops, we will be looking to share information about people arriving in our areas and how those wanting to help can get involved.

Rev Sue