



## Notices for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

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### Sunday Worship

1<sup>st</sup> May 4:15pm – Afternoon Worship – Local Arrangement  
8<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am – Rev Heather Walker  
15<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am – Leonore Charlton  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 10:30am – Rev Sue Baker-Maher – Holy Communion

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.

**Christian Aid Week – The Big Brekkie.** In support of this year's Christian Aid week, we will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May during our normal coffee morning time. Some extra helpers will be needed to prepare and serve the breakfast, so please speak to Kate if you can help.

**Easter Offering** to the Methodist World Mission Fund. If you didn't receive an envelope last weekend, please take one this week, add your gift, and return it, along with your regular Sunday offering, by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**Methodist Women in Britain** East Anglia Spring District Day. St Ives Methodist Church, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 10.15am for coffee, 11am start. Speaker Sandra Goodwin, past MWiB Connexional President. More details are on the poster in the porch. Everyone welcome.

**Testimony Service** for Rev Sue Baker-Maher, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm, at St Neots Methodist Church. Please do try to come along to support Sue in this important moment in her ministry. Get in touch with a member of the Leadership Team if you would like a lift. Sue's ordination will take place in Shrewsbury on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, during this year's Methodist Conference. Please remember to pray for her as she prepares for this important step in her journey of ministry.

**School Governor Needed.** The Circuit is seeking a new governor for Ermine Street Church Academy (Alconbury Weald). If you would like to find out more about what is involved in the role, please get in touch with Rev James Bamber.

**Boardgames Café.** Our next boardgames evening will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7:30pm, and continuing on the first and third Fridays of each month. All are welcome – bring a friend.

## This Week's Bible Readings

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week.

**Giving.** As previously reported, the last two years have been very challenging for our church finances, and we are grateful to those who have continued to give faithfully by bank transfer, cheque or cash on a Sunday morning. According to the financial projection that was presented at our Church Council meeting last month, for the first time in several years, our income this year will be about in line with expenditure. However, our reserves are quite depleted and need to be rebuilt, so please think and pray about additional giving or any fundraising ideas that you could put into practice to help towards this.

**Light a Candle for Ukraine.** Depending on the availability of volunteers, we will continue to open 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. The church will be open at various times through the week, 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 **Brampton** congregation
- **Sawtry Infant School**
- **Rev Sue Baker-Maher** as she prepares for her ordination on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Roz Rowland**
- **Brian Rodger**
- **Ilya** (a colleague of Kate's with family members in Ukraine)
- **Anya Chaika** (a colleague of Alan's with family members in Ukraine)
- **Michelle** and **Jade** (friends of Sarah)
- **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**
- **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)

### **Quotes of the Week**

"Holiness consists of three things - separation from sin, dedication to God, transformation into Christ's image. It is in vain that we talk about the last, unless we know something experimentally about the first."

James H. Aughey (1828-1911)