



Notices for Sunday 31st March 2024

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Sunday Worship

31st Mar 10:30am – Easter Sunday – Vivien Almond

7th Apr 10:30am – Rev James Bamber

14th Apr 10:30am – Local Arrangement

21st Apr 10:30am – Holy Communion – Rev Pam Siddall

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, in person or on Zoom.

Easter Offering. Envelopes are now available for our Easter Offering, towards the Methodist World Mission Fund. Please return with your offering any time over the next two weeks.

Spring Harvest. As in previous years, a group from our church will be attending Spring Harvest in Skegness, from Monday 1st to Friday 5th April. Please pray for all those who will be taking part. Day tickets are available for anyone who would like to visit during the week – speak to Matt if you would like to know more.

Church Finance. As previously reported, the last few years have been very challenging for the church financially, and we are grateful to those who have continued to give faithfully by monthly/weekly bank transfer or in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. It costs about £425 per week to keep our church open and serving our community, most of which has to come from offerings. According to the financial projection presented at our recent Church Council, our income this year is likely to be about 10% short of our expected costs. Please think and pray about whether you can consider increasing your regular giving or put into practice any fundraising ideas. If you are a taxpayer and have not yet completed a Gift Aid declaration, please get in touch with Matt to receive a form.

Car parking. A number-plate recognition system and payment terminal is now in operation in the Greystones car park. Thanks to the generosity of the landlords, free parking is still available for anyone attending Sunday worship, but you will need to send your car registration, make and model to Matt in advance, so that it can be added to an exemption list (for Sundays only). Alternatively, you can simply pay for your parking at the machine, following the instructions displayed.

This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week.

Fortnightly Friendship Group. Please note there will be no meeting on Monday 11th March. The next session will be on Monday 25th March, 2:00-3:15pm, here at the church. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret on 07794 607985.

Boardgames Café. Our next boardgames evening will be on Friday 19th April, starting at 7:30pm. All welcome – bring a friend.

District Farewell Service for the Chair of the District, Rev Julian Pursehouse. As many of you will know Rev Julian Pursehouse, the Chair of the East Anglia District, will be leaving the District in 2024. A District Farewell Service for Rev Julian Pursehouse will be held on **Sunday 14th July 2024** at 3pm at Thetford Methodist Church. Following the service there will be the opportunity to chat with Julian and fellow friends over a light buffet tea. For now, please do put the date in your diary. More details will follow nearer the date.

Community Café. First Saturday of every month, 12-3pm, Sawtry WI Hall. All are invited to come along for a meal and a chat. No charge for food. Board games, magazines, activities and play area with toys and free Wi-Fi.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- The ongoing situations in **Ukraine** and the troubled places of the world
- Our friends in the **Ramsey** congregation
- **Wendy** (a friend of Martin)
- **Ellie & Dan** (Jenny's granddaughter and husband)
- **Claire Bristow**
- **Louise** (Su & Chris's niece)
- **Joy Kisby**
- **Jo Anderton**
- **Al Hibbins**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **John & Jean Garner**
- **Helen Reece**
- **Levan** (Debbie's friend) and family
- **Dawn** (Kate's friend)
- **Mary Watkins** (a friend of Roz)
- **Brian Newell**
- **Hannah** (Jo's niece)
- **Kara** (Debbie's friend)

If you have any items for the prayer list, please call 01487 830345 or email notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk

Quote of the Week

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works."

James Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)