



Notices for Sunday 8th December 2024

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Sunday Worship

8th Dec 10:30am – Neat Pellatt
15th Dec 10:30am – Rev James Bamber – Holy Communion
22nd Dec 4:00pm – Candle-lit Carol Service
29th Dec 10:30am – United Service at SMC

Most services are also accessible via Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/172859764>
Zoom for any who are unable to attend in person. 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.

Christmas Nativity Display. As you will have noticed, some crib scenes have already started to appear in the church. Once completed, the display will be open for public viewing on Saturday 14th December, between 10am and 2pm. Please speak to Su if you would like to bring a nativity scene to add to the display.

Christmas Services

Carols at the Greystones	6:00pm	Monday 16 th December
Candle-lit Carols	4:00pm	Sunday 22 nd December
Christmas Eve Communion at All Saints	11:30pm	Tuesday 24 th December
Christmas Day Celebration at All Saints	9:30am	Wednesday 25 th December

Humbug and Happiness – A Victorian Christmas Advent Course based on “A Christmas Carol”. Starting at 7pm each Thursday to 19th December. All are welcome.

Prayer Breakfast. Our communion service on Sunday 15th December will be preceded by a prayer breakfast, to which all are invited. Please come along any time from 9am to share breakfast, which will be followed by a short time of prayer, finishing at 10am, in time for the service.

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

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week.

Can you help? We will soon be updating the rotas for our Coffee Morning and Sunday refreshments for the next year, and we need some extra helpers. We would also welcome more volunteers to help with readings, welcoming and other roles on Sundays. Please consider whether you could help in any of these roles and speak to a member of the leadership team to volunteer or find out more. Also, if you are already on the tea/coffee rota, please let Matt know if there are any upcoming weekends when you will not be available.

Monday Friendship Group. The next session will be on Monday 16th December, 2:00-3:15pm, here at the church. This will be the last session of 2024. Meetings will resume on 6th January 2025. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret on 07794 607985.

Boardgames Café. Our next boardgames session will take place on Friday 20th December, starting at 7:30pm. All welcome – bring a friend.

REST. The next REST will take place at Sawtry Social Club on Thursday 2nd January, starting at 7:30pm. All are invited, so please take a flyer (or two) and bring along a friend or neighbour whom you think might be interested. Speak to Matt for more details.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- The ongoing situations in **Ukraine** and the troubled places of the world
- Our friends in the **Warboys** congregation
- **Wendy** (a friend of Martin)
- **Ellie & Dan** (Jenny's granddaughter and husband)
- **Claire Bristow**
- **Louise** (Su & Chris's niece)
- **Joy Kisby**
- **Ali** (Martin's sister)
- The family and friends of **Brian Newell**
- **Emily & David Ogden**
- **Matthew Ogden**
- **Jo Anderton**
- **Al Hibbins**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **John & Jean Garner**
- **Mary Watkins** (a friend of Roz)
- **Hannah** (Jo's niece)
- **Tom** (Debbie's friend)

If you have any items for the prayer list, please call 01487 830345 or email notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk. Please note that the prayer list will be 'reset' in the new year, so let us know who should be staying on the list for next year.

Quote of the Week

"Are the things you are living for worth Christ dying for?"

Leonard Ravenhill (1907-1994)