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Sawston Free Church – Little Abington URC – Castle Camps URC

Sawston FC Regular Church Activities but please check diary below for full details or contact the relevant group.

Sunday	Every Sunday except 4 th (see below) 1 st Sunday of month 2 nd Sunday of month 3 rd Sunday of month 4 th Sunday of month 5 th Sunday of month	10.30 am 3.00 pm 10.30 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm 10.30 am	Morning Worship Messy Church No evening service Holy Communion as part of Morning Worship Quiet Time with God Evening Communion Go4th Praise Service No evening service No evening service
Monday	Alternate - see diary	10.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	Term time only	6.15 – 9.00 pm	Boys' and Girls' Brigades
Wednesday	Fortnightly see diary	2.00 pm	Wednesday Fellowship
Thursday	Term time only	10.30 – noon	Time for Tots
Saturday	Last Saturday of month	10.30 am	Monthly Prayer Meeting
For further details of these activities, please contact one of the Elders (see back page). Four housegroups meet regularly. For information contact the Minister or Church Secretaries.			

Three Churches Services and Dates for Your Diary

Date	Sawston	Lt Abington	Castle Camps
Sun 3 Feb	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mr Jacob Bali 3.00pm Messy Church	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Bob Parkin	10.30am: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron
Mon 4 Feb	10.00am: Craft Group (page 13)		
Wed 6 Feb	2pm: Wednesday Fellowship (page 13)		
Sun 10 Feb	10.30am: Morning Worship & Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron 6.00pm: Quiet Time – Valerie Kerr	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Jacob Bali	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mr Mark Hayes
Sun 17 Feb	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mr Jacob Bali 6.00pm: Evening Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	2.30pm: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.30am: Family Service - Faith Paulding
Mon 18 Feb	10.00am: Craft Group (page 13)		
Wed 20 Feb	2pm: Wednesday Fellowship (page 13)		
Sun 24 Feb	10.30am: Go4th - Rev Bruce Waldron & Mr Jacob Bali	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Peter Sammons	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Norman Setchell

This diary appears on the website. If you know of anything else you would like on the web diary, email: contact@sawston.com

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	Car	Flowers		Car	Flowers
Feb 3	Helen Sharpe 834805	Rosemary Livings	Feb 17	Tony Moss 834220	Margaret Wilson
Feb 10	John Conway 833953	Joan Moore	Feb 24	Gordon Heald 833983	Julie Robinson

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From the Minister's Desk



Our Lent Studies, beginning on March 11th, will be focussed on the **HOLY HABIT OF FELLOWSHIP**.

Fellowship, in this case, is being defined as that unique way that Christians relate to each other, through the vehicle of the Holy Spirit.

The church is the place where the Kingdom of God is lived out, as a sign for the world to see. In this example of the kingdom, each person knows that life is not about themselves, as an individual, but about living as an organic part of God's design. In this, the church represents an eco-system. Well, St. Paul did say in Romans 1.20, that God's nature, His eternal power and deity can be plainly seen in what God has made.

Like in an eco-system, what is essential is the ongoing flow of receiving and giving. Plants take in air and nutrition from soil and leaf. They feed it back to the forest. The creatures that live in the forest both receive from and contribute to the health of the eco-system.

In marked contrast to the individualism of our western way of thinking, where the focus is on acquisition and making sure we are able to "save up" and acquire, in Kingdom of God thinking, the most important focus is that my life is a good conduit of the goodness of God. The more I give the more I receive. The more I receive the more I give. There is a healthy, life giving flow, for the blessing of all. This, contrasted with the concept of protecting what is mine, of amassing. Christian faith is not capitalism. It is eco-system. And the Fellowship of the church is about a whole community living out this healthy free-flowing as an example of the Kingdom of God.

Still water stagnates. Flowing water purifies itself as it flows.

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What's love got to do with it?... *Jacob Bali*

If you were asked to say what you think God considers to be the most important thing that we should do, what would you say? We needn't look far because the Bible gives us the answer.

When questioned about what the greatest law is, Jesus said to 'love the Lord your God... and love your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:25-28). A direct quote from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:17-18.

In February, much of the world celebrates a whole day dedicated to love... Valentine's Day. Whether we meet this day with open arms or envisage cheap chocolate and sappy films on TV, the fact remains that for millions of people in Britain, Valentine's Day is significant as a day of love. But the question remains, 'What's love got to do with it?' - Tina Turner.

We throw around the word love like it is going out of fashion, but is this the kind of love that God meant when He said, 'love one another just as I have loved you'? (John 13:31-35). The Greek has four words to our single word love. They are... *philia* (φιλία) friendship love, *érōs* (ἔρως) romantic love, *storgē* (στοργή) family love and *agápē* (ἀγάπη) charity/unconditional love.

It is the last word *agápē* that Christ used in the gospel passages and it is this unconditional charity by which we are to love one another. Yet, how do we love people if we do not feel like it or if they do not love us back? Well *agápē* love is not based on our emotions but is a choice we make by God's grace. It is the choice to be with those who society considers to be untouchable, the choice to go out with charities like Street Pastors, the choice to have the difficult conversations, to take the unpopular position, to speak out for the voiceless, to remember the forgotten and to serve behind the scenes.

There is a countless myriad of ways for *agápē* love to be expressed, but the hardest part is not only sharing God's love when we do not feel like it, it is also having the willingness to set our pride aside to receive the love of others too.

God's love for creation is not just for a single day in February, rather it is a love that endures for eternity and it is this love that we are to share to one another. As Valentine's Day comes and goes, may we be willing to extend *agápē* love to everyone we meet all year round and may we have the humility to receive *agápē* love from other people too.

Message From Castle Camps



As I write this (15th January 2019), it is a momentous day for our country. I have come into a quiet room to try and think about something other than Brexit, which seems to have been dominating our thoughts for so long.

It has been a mild winter so far and some of the Spring flowers are just starting to appear, but it sounds as though the cold is going to catch up with us towards the end of the week. The birds are a little confused by the temperatures and today the Bluetits were inspecting some of the bird boxes.

Things have quietened down since Christmas and that is a bit of a relief.

Our treasurer has had a car accident; a rather extreme ploy to step down from his post! Fortunately, neither he nor his wife was badly injured, and we were pleased to learn they are recovering well now and back in harness.

We have moved into the schoolroom to hold our services, now that the decorations are down. It is cosier in there, but the main Chapel looks a bit bare.

Over the Christmas period we had visitors attending our services and the dogs from a local farm attended as usual on Christmas Day and brought their people with them.

We wish our friends at Little Abington and Sawston a Very Happy New Year
Best wishes from Castle Camps

God's blessing to you all.

Val and Friends.

You may have heard concerning news about Traidcraft over past weeks and months, but we would like to reassure you. We've faced severe financial difficulties recently, but following an extensive consultation process, we're thrilled to be able to say that we've created a plan to move the business forwards. Many of our customers, friends and supporters were kind enough to contribute to this process, and for this we thank you.



TRAIDCRAFT IS NOT CLOSING. INSTEAD, WE ARE EVOLVING.

The new Traidcraft will be slimmed down, and the product range will be smaller. This does mean that we won't be able to work with as many producers as we have previously, but the good news is that we will still be able to work with some of the groups that we've developed relationships with over the years. We're working with our sister charity [Traidcraft Exchange](#) to help those groups who are worst affected.

It isn't going to be easy, but that's why you - our customers, friends and supporters - are crucial to Traidcraft's future. Next year is our 40th birthday, and we're planning to approach it like the fair trade revolutionaries we are.

So what are we going to do?

We're going to re-imagine how trade is understood and practised.

We have an aspiration to make transparent the costs, prices and profits involved in every Traidcraft product that we sell, which carries on the fair trade tradition of challenging and disrupting the market.

CEO Robin Roth said: "We want our members to be co-conspirators in changing how trade is understood and practised. We want to tell consumers who gets what from the Traidcraft products they buy. We want to annoy and irritate those who profit unduly through the non-transparency of their trading activities."

We've come full circle.

Over the years we've caused some pretty good trouble, and we're getting ready to do it all again from 2019 – just as those six fair trade pioneers who started Traidcraft did back in 1979.

Want to know more?

Keep your eyes open for more Traidcraft updates that will be coming your way over the coming weeks.

TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD

Our site is, and always will be, an impactful collection of fair trade, organic, eco-friendly, and sustainable products from around the world.

As we evolve, we won't always have all of the pieces you see today on the site. These handcrafted pieces are genuine limited editions – soon to disappear off our shelves.



Prayer Diary for February

“Please take some time out, somewhere each day, to bring the churches’ mission and ministry to God”

Week 1

- This week, our Trainee Minister Jacob is off on his Block Week. In this, the Trainees spend a week reflecting on their experiences as Trainees, how their theology melds with their practice, and being challenged with new thoughts, practices and skills.
- Wednesday Fellowship at Sawston Free Church: After seven years faithful and effective service as the Co-ordinator of Wednesday Fellowship, Helen Sharpe believes she is being called to step back from this service. We hold Helen in our prayers, with thanks for her work in this field. We pray for the elders as they fulfil their obligation to respond to God’s guidance in this matter. We pray for the Wednesday Fellowship.
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Week 2

- Please pray for the elders of Sawston Free Church. In this last year, already low in numbers from the last AGM, the elders have reeled from the loss of Chris Sales. Another elder has been hampered in the last month or so with injury to her knees. Another elder has not been well for the last month or so. With greatly diminished resources, the elders have still managed to fulfil all of their obligations in oversight and presence at worship, monthly meetings, pastoral care of the church and active engagement in the work and mission of the church. Please pray that God will gift us with new elders at the next AGM, and for strength and encouragement for those who are serving in difficult and demanding circumstances.
- Often it is not realized how much faith and commitment is required by a small number for the village chapels to continued their ministry. So please, in this week, hold before God the office holders of Castle Camps and Little Abington churches. We are very blessed that people offer themselves for active service often under circumstances where in a larger church, retirement might seem a reasonable thing to expect. But for love of their church and God’s mission they take on significant responsibility, often in areas outside of their comfort zone and expertise. So for treasurers and secretaries and elders in our village chapels, our prayers this week, and continuing please
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Week 3

- At Castle Camps. Faith Paulding will be leading a family service this Sunday (17th) We pray for the ministry of this village chapel with its families, its constant engagement with the village school and its willingness to continue to try and be a church for all ages
- At Sawston, this Sunday morning will be our Covenant Service. We offer to God our response to the challenge of the Covenant Prayer

*Eternal God,
In your faithful and enduring love
You call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.
In obedience we hear and accept your commands;
In love we seek to do your perfect will;
With you we offer ourselves anew to you.
We are no longer our own but yours.*

*I am no longer my own but yours,
Your will, not mine, be done in all things.
Wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
Where there is work for me and where there is none;
When I am troubled and when I am at peace,
Your will be done
When I am valued and when I am disregarded;
When I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
When I have all things and when I have nothing,
I willingly offer all I have and am
To serve you, as and where you choose,*

*Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.*

Amen

Week 4

- Prayer is not about us bringing our wish list to God. It is about a relationship, ongoing, in which all of our living, our mundane to outrageous, our terror and our commonplace, our failures, successes, hopes and sorrows, repentance and thanksgiving are constantly offered to God as we seek to walk the way of Jesus, and live out His life through us, today.
- Prayer is a two way conversation. As God knows a lot more than us, and is a lot wiser, it is better to be silent and offer God space to speak, than to fill our prayer time with our words and thoughts.
- Prayer is not about asking for some kind of divine favour to make our lives easier. It is about offering ourselves, as we are, to God's purposes, and watching to see what God does with that.
- Prayer is the confidence that in all of our conversation with living, God is an active conversant, and that conversation makes our experiences and what we offer and receive, very different.
- Prayer is not the words we say, but our openness of heart and mind to the Living Word of God.
- "If our prayer don't make us easier to live with, it's not worth naught." (An old Yorkshire Minister)

The phone rings. A distant, foreign voice says,

'Good morning Michael. How are you today?'

'I am fine, thank you. How are you?'

'I am fine too, Michael. I am ringing you from BTConnect /your internet supplier/ blah/blah because we need to correct a fault in your internet connection. Are you online right now, Michael? I need you to answer some simple questions, or otherwise your connection will be cut off

What do you do? Sometimes I just put the phone down. Sometimes I pretend to be more stupid than I am and string them along for as long as I can with idiot-talk until a buzzer goes off at their end, and because they have not made a kill in the allotted five minutes or whatever, the line goes dead. Sometimes, I confess, I am very rude to them.

As I write this, it was yesterday morning that the phone rang. 'Raj' explained that he was phoning on behalf of BTConnect (yet again). Margaret picked up and listened on another phone. After the usual 'How are you today' stuff, he asked me whether I had seen a film - something about somewhere in New York and wolves, was it?

I laughed. *'No, I haven't. Why should I want to watch that?'*

'Because watching it would make you happy, Michael.'

'Really? Do you find that watching films makes you happy, Raj? I don't think that happiness comes from watching films. What makes you happy, Raj?'

'I would like to be rich, Michael.'

'Do you think being rich would make you happy, Raj? I know lots of people who have a lot more money than I have but they are not as happy as I am. Some of them are horrible.'

'What makes you happy, Michael?'

'Knowing that I am loved deeply and well by people for whom I have the greatest respect, and that I love them deeply and well too.'

'And that makes you happy?'

'It does. I am a Christian minister, Raj. I have baptised many people's children. I ask them what they want for their children when they grow up. The wisest ones say that they want to know that when their children grow up they will be good people, loved and respected by good people, and loving and respecting good people in return. That is what makes us happy, Raj. It is all about love.'

We think we heard a sob. Raj said, *'Thank you Michael. I shall also tell my father what you say.'*

'Being rich won't make you happy, Raj.'

This conversation, which I have here compressed significantly, took quite a while. I was alarmed for Raj. Why had he not cut me off? Had he pressed an over-ride? His supervisor would be sure to be on his back, and I had no wish to be responsible for his losing his job. So I said,

'Raj, I don't know why you phoned me this morning, and I don't know what you were hoping for. You need to know that I have no connection with BTConnect whatsoever, that I have no intention of doing business with them, and therefore I know that your call was a fraud. Do you think it time we ended this conversation?'

'Michael, thank you very much for talking to me.'

'God bless you Raj.'

I put the phone down feeling very weird indeed. Margaret and I looked at each other in astonishment. Primarily, I was left concerned lest at the very last minute I had messed up. I had ended the call out of real concern for Raj. Should I have let him make that decision rather than make it for him? Who knows. All I can do now is say into the ether, *'God bless you, Raj.'*

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Fund Raising for Christian Aid

Rosie and I will be holding a Car Boot Sale at the Trumpington Park and Ride site in May to raise funds for Christian Aid. Please let me know if you have any items we can sell from the list below by the end of April, and I can collect or you can drop off at my home. My telephone number is 01223 837433

Kitchenware

China

Brick-a -brak

Unused,unwanted gifts

Bags

No books,toys, Cds, videos or clothes please

Thanks Mary and Rosie.

Quiet Time

I know what you're thinking. "How do I find time for a quiet time in the midst of the craziness of life?!" I get busy! I also understand what it's like to feel drained and empty. This is why finding time alone with God is not just a luxury, it's vital to our survival!

A time of devotion is not to earn "brownie points" with God. It is a time set aside to be with Him without distractions, a time to rest in His presence and know Him.

So let's keep it simple. A quiet time does not have to be long and does not have to be in a certain place. This is a time to do as God says in Psalm 46:1 - *"Be still, and know that I am God."* The "know" in this verse does not mean to know about; it is in reference to knowing through a growing relationship. Take a few moments to pause and become aware of His presence; He is near.

First let's look at some creative "on-the-go" ideas which can be implemented right away; then we'll look at ideas for moving into a more scheduled quiet time routine.

Quiet Time on the Go

We can have a quiet time even while we are on the go by learning to use moments already in our day to refocus our sight on Jesus rather than our circumstances. With or without technology, this can be done in many ways.

- **Waiting.** How many minutes of our day are spent waiting - waiting in car line to pick up the kids, waiting to checkout, waiting on an appointment, etc.? Turn this "waiting time" into a "quiet time." Be still. Quiet your spirit. Recognize God's presence. Remember His promises. Count His many blessings! Use your smart device to read Scripture from a Bible App. (I am a huge fan of YouVersion!) Review Bible verses you have memorized. Write verses on sticky notes or index cards or in notes on your phone to pull out during these times of waiting. Look around and pray for those you see or think of during this time. Use our Bible Seeker Object Lesson Devotions to help you continue to meditate on God's message throughout your day.
- **Lunch Breaks.** You may be used to eating at your desk alone or joining a group for lunch. Instead, what if you invited God to have lunch with you? As you eat, try to disperse any distractions and focus on Who He is. Take time to read a Christian daily devotion or a few verses giving Him your attention. Talk to Him about what's on your heart and mind. Include Him in your day.
- **Drive Time.** If you do any commuting or driving to and from places alone, this is an opportune time to include prayer, worship music, and even listening to Scripture. So often we put our minds on cruise control when we could be allowing God to speak to us and us to Him.
- **Exercise Time.** Why not exercise spiritually along with physically?! Discipline your thoughts along with your muscles. Worship to music, listen to Scripture, practice memory verses, pray. Focus your thoughts on Jesus and listening for His Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. Paul says in 1 Timothy 4:8 - *"for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."* I love to walk around our neighbourhood; it's a wonderful time to notice God's creation and also pray for our neighbours or other things on my mind.

- **Computer Time.** Aside from actually working on the computer or our smart device, how much time do we spend just surfing, shopping, looking at Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram? What if we turned our electronics off and spent a portion of that time with God?

These are just a few examples of "go time" that we already have available to spend a few moments of quiet time with God enjoying His presence, His calm, His peace. In these moments God can refill us in ways nothing else can.

Structured Quiet Time

Making the most of our spare moments to have quiet times with God throughout our day is important. Carving out a planned daily time to spend with God regularly is our goal though.

Why is a quiet time important? Here are just a few reasons:

- To really know someone, you have to spend time with them.
- No one can fill our cup or meet our needs like God can.
- Our kids and others are watching. Having a quiet time demonstrates to others God is our priority and also provides an example for them to follow.

Time

Think about when your "best time" of the day is. I am a morning person, so getting up a little earlier and having coffee with God is the time I am most alert.

Space

After carving out a regular time, whether it is ten minutes or an hour, next carve out a little space. This may consist of a room, a closet, a chair, or maybe just a basket you can move to a quiet corner.

Tools

I usually keep my Bible, a pen or pencil, a composition notebook, and a devotional in a basket by a chair in a quiet corner where I am near a window to look out.

What to do

Be still.

Pray; ask God to draw near as you draw near to Him. (James 4:8) Sometimes I listen to a worship song to put my focus on God and stir my heart for Him.

Read a devotional and/or a few verses of Scripture. Write which verses seem to speak to you. Spend time listening for God to speak. Jot down thoughts. Let this be a time of communion with God, knowing Him, being in His presence.

At first you may feel like you're just going through the motions. Give yourself time as you continue to discover Him through His Word and prayer.

Extended Quiet Time

Sometimes we need to draw away from the world and soak in God's presence for an extended time. Maybe we are in the midst of a trial or seeking direction in life or absolutely empty with nothing more to give. It may be a day; it may be a weekend; it may just be a few hours.

During spiritual retreat quiet time, try to go somewhere different. Being out of routine can give us new perspective on life. I love anywhere near a source of water. It may only be a fountain in a park, but it just reminds me that He is the Living Water, my source for true life.

With thanks to the Creative Bible Website

The Duck & the Devil

"The Duck & the Devil" is one of my favourite story illustrations! How we all fall into this trap from time to time. If we would only realize that God's sees and knows everything already; He's just waiting for us to come and ask for His forgiveness.



There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practised in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck.

Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved.

In a panic, he hid its dead body in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen. Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.!

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's... he finally couldn't stand it any longer.

He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

- Original author unknown

The Lesson:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.), ..whatever it is....You need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing..... He has seen your whole life; He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven.

He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets..... It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

Bible verses:

"O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways" (Psalm 139:1-3).

"And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."(Hebrews 8:12)

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. "The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:34-36)

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (1 John 1:9)

With thanks to the Creative Bible Website

Television By Roald Dahl

(especially for the Children)

The most important thing we've learned,
So far as children are concerned,
Is never, NEVER, NEVER let
Them near your television set --
Or better still, just don't install
The idiotic thing at all.

In almost every house we've been,
We've watched them gaping at the screen.
They loll and slop and lounge about,
And stare until their eyes pop out.
(Last week in someone's place we saw
A dozen eyeballs on the floor.)

They sit and stare and stare and sit
Until they're hypnotised by it,
Until they're absolutely drunk
With all that shocking ghastly junk.
Oh yes, we know it keeps them still,

They don't climb out the window sill,
They never fight or kick or punch,
They leave you free to cook the lunch
And wash the dishes in the sink --
But did you ever stop to think,
To wonder just exactly what
This does to your beloved tot?

*it rots the sense in the head!
it kills imagination dead!
it clogs and clutters up the mind!
it makes a child so dull and blind
he can no longer understand
a fantasy, a fairyland!
his brain becomes as soft as cheese!
his powers of thinking rust and freeze!
he cannot think -- he only sees!*

'All right!' you'll cry. 'All right!' you'll say,
'But if we take the set away,
What shall we do to entertain
Our darling children? Please explain!'

We'll answer this by asking you,
'What used the darling ones to do?
'How used they keep themselves contented
Before this monster was invented?'
Have you forgotten? Don't you know?
We'll say it very loud and slow:

THEY ... USED ... TO ... READ! They'd READ and READ,
AND READ and READ, and then proceed
To READ some more. Great Scott! Gadzooks!
One half their lives was reading books!

Television (cont)

The nursery shelves held books galore!
Books cluttered up the nursery floor!
And in the bedroom, by the bed,
More books were waiting to be read!
Such wondrous, fine, fantastic tales
Of dragons, gypsies, queens, and whales
And treasure isles, and distant shores
Where smugglers rowed with muffled oars,
And pirates wearing purple pants,
And sailing ships and elephants,
And cannibals crouching 'round the pot,
Stirring away at something hot.
(It smells so good, what can it be?
Good gracious, it's Penelope.)

The younger ones had Beatrix Potter
With Mr. Tod, the dirty rotter,
And Squirrel Nutkin, Pigling Bland,
And Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and-
Just How The Camel Got His Hump,
And How the Monkey Lost His Rump,
And Mr. Toad, and bless my soul,
There's Mr. Rat and Mr. Mole-

Oh, books, what books they used to know,
Those children living long ago!
So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.
Then fill the shelves with lots of books,
Ignoring all the dirty looks,

The screams and yells, the bites and kicks,
And children hitting you with sticks-
Fear not, because we promise you
That, in about a week or two
Of having nothing else to do,
They'll now begin to feel the need
Of having something to read.
And once they start -- oh boy, oh boy!
You watch the slowly growing joy
That fills their hearts. They'll grow so keen
They'll wonder what they'd ever seen
In that ridiculous machine,
That nauseating, foul, unclean,
Repulsive television screen!
And later, each and every kid
Will love you more for what you did.

Sawston Free Church

Craft Group

We meet in the back hall of the Church on alternate Monday mornings between 10am & 12noon.

Dates for February: 4th and 18th. For more detail please contact **Yvonne** 473937 or **Pam** 834220



Wednesday Fellowship

We meet alternate Wednesdays from 2 – 3.30 pm in Sawston Free Church.

The program for February:

- 6 February - Chronicles of Knightsbridge the horse/queen/beach - with Jacob Bali
- 20 February - **Compassion** with Rachel Simonson

We aim to bring a variety of speakers and topics, interspersed with in-house members' meetings. The meetings are open to all ages and it would be good to see more men attending and I do find it sad that our church folk are so under represented in Wednesday Fellowship. Please visit us one Wednesday and experience the warm Fellowship – along with refreshments to follow!

No joining fee. Pay £2 per fortnightly session. Enjoy a talk, cup of tea and a biscuit. Please contact **Janet Parr** for more information: 832840

Flower Rota

Please remember the **2019 flower rota** at the back of the church. It is always welcoming to see the flowers in the church. Please contact **Janet Parr** for more information: 832840



Time For Tots at Sawston Free Church

Showing and Sharing God's love

Time for Tots is a church run group for babies and preschool children and their carers. During our weekly session there is time to play, make things, chat, have a drink and snack, have a bible story and sing some songs.

For more information please contact **Rosemary**. Email: timefortots@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk



Another baby and toddler group you could go along to is Refresh – 2pm-4pm every Monday (except bank holidays) in St Mary's Church. This is a 'drop in' session with refreshments and CAKE!

For more information please contact **Becca**. Email: rebecca.r.herrick@gmail.com

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Christians in Politics – The Influence Tour

Friday 1st March, 19:30 – 22:00
The C3 Centre, Cambridge, CB1 3HR

This national tour with Christians in Politics is coming to Cambridge! Co-hosted with Jubilee Centre, this event is for anyone who is considering how to engage meaningfully in politics and public life. In our increasingly fractured society, the need has never been greater to call Christians into brave relationships, putting aside differences to work together for the common good and to see God's values represented in the public sphere. We'll be exploring the biblical call to engage, the strategic need in the nation and sharing stories and inspiration from Christians in public life.

Cambridge speakers include **Andy Flannagan (Executive Director, Christians in Politics)**, **Anna Smith (Cambridge City Councillor)** and **Tim Lornie (Just Love, Cambridge)**.

To register, visit the [Eventbrite page](#) or contact: info@jubilee-centre.org

Kind regards,

Charlee New

Communications and Marketing Officer
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SEEING THE Spiritual



A Guide to the Methodist Modern Art Collection

Seeing the Spiritual: A Guide to the Methodist Modern Art Collection

Paperback 210 x 210 mm £7.99

Publisher: Methodist Publishing

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No. Pages: 108

Published: 07/11/2018

This expanded and revised edition of the Guide to the Methodist Modern Art Collection is based on an original text by Roger Wollen, with additional contributions by members of the Management Committee of the Methodist Modern Art Collection.

The Collection drives us to think about what Christ means to us, and to look again at the Bible story: this has been the role of the visual arts as part of the language of the Church for most of its history.

Foreword by the art critic Richard Cork

New Preface by Ann Sumner, Chair of the Management Committee of the Collection

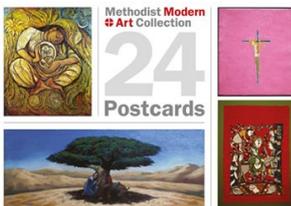
Introduction by Graham Kent

Famous names from the British art world of the past 100 years are represented, such as Norman Adams, Edward Burra, Elizabeth Frink, Maggi Hambling, David Jones, Ceri Richards, William Roberts and Graham Sutherland.

International artists include Georges Rouault from France, F N Souza and Jyoti Sahi from India, Sadao Watanabe from Japan, and John Muafangejo from Southern Africa.

The Methodist Modern Art Collection travels widely to town and city galleries, cathedrals, churches and schools, usually showing at four to five venues a year.

For more information on the Collection and on its programme of exhibitions, please visit - www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection



Methodist Modern Art Collection Postcard Booklet

24 colour postcards

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148 x 105 mm landscape £4.99

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No. Pages: 24

Published: 28/03/2018

Postcard booklet -containing 24 detachable postcards from the Methodist Modern Art Collection.

The 24 works reproduced on these postcards are some of the most popular in the Methodist Modern Art Collection, selected and arranged to tell the gospel story.

Starting with the Nativity, they progress through stories of Christ the teacher and of his miracles, to the events of Holy Week, culminating with the Ascension. Finally, we come full circle to Pentecost, regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church.

A valuable resource for house groups, for use in worship, or simply sent in the traditional manner for communicating with friends.

The Methodist Modern Art Collection is essentially a touring collection, administered by an experienced Management Committee on behalf of a trustee body, the Methodist Council.

Among the 55 paintings, drawings and prints that currently make up the Collection are works by world-class artists including Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink, Edward Burra, Ceri Richards and Craigie Aitchison; all are represented within this postcard booklet.

Further details about the Collection, associated resources, including a series of videos, and how the Collection might be hired by religious or educational bodies, can be found online at: www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection

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Events for February 2019



For more details contact

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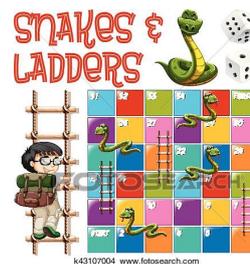
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February			
Tues 5 th	2.45pm	Fireside with Hilary Robinson 'A song for Will and the lost gardeners of Heligan' The best-selling children's author will be speaking about her recent book, which has been shortlisted for Historical Association Young Quills Award for 2018. All welcome	Wesley MC
Mon 11 th	7.15pm for 7.45pm	Science Meets Faith: 'What will happen the Day after Tomorrow? The Ocean, Climate Change and Christianity with Professor Meric Srokosz, National Oceanography Centre, Southampton. All welcome. Light refreshments from 7.15pm talk will start at 7.45pm. Retiring collection.	Wesley MC
Fri 15 th	7pm	Come and join in a fun evening of games old and new. Tickets £7 for adults, £4 for children & students to include desserts. Tickets available from Kathryn Coles 4keac15ow@gmail.com	Histon MC

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Friday 15th February 2019

7.00 p.m.

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