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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	1 st Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship
		3.00 pm	Messy Church
	2 nd Sunday of month	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Quiet Time with God
	3 rd Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship
		6.00 pm	Reflective Service with Communion
	4 th Sunday of month	10.30 am	Go4th:Worship of Song, Prayer, Praise with the Worship Band
			No evening service
	5 th Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship
			No evening service
Monday	Alternate - see diary	10.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	Term time only	6.15 – 9.00pm	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
<p>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.</p>			

Three Churches Services and Dates for Your Diary

Date	Sawston	Lt Abington	Castle Camps
Sun 4 Aug	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Mike Wilson	10.15am: Morning Worship TBA	10.30am: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron
Sun 11 Aug	10.30am: Morning Worship/Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	2.30pm: Morning Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.30am: Morning Worship - TBA
Sun 18 Aug	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.15am: Morning Worship TBA	10.30am: Family Service - Rev Norman Setchell
Sat 24 Aug	10.30am: Monthly Prayer Meeting		
Sun 25 Aug	10.30am: Go4th –Rev Bruce Waldron	10.15am: Morning Worship TBA	10.30am: Morning Worship Wendy Roe

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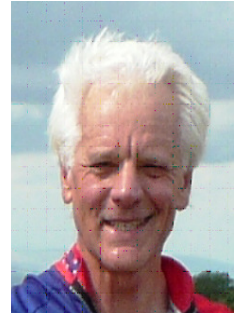
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From the minister's desk

I frequently say, before Sharing Time on Sunday morning, to keep an eye open to God's presence at work in the ordinary things of life, because it is important, to have eyes open to see.

In the Gospels, the disciples ask questions about how God is exercising His sovereign power and Jesus answers with stories about farmers with sheep and barns, women making bread or cleaning house or looking for lost jewellery, family troubles, sheep and orchardists.



The kingdom of God is all around us, but it isn't easily visible to our eyes if we've not learned to look. God is at work in the mundane, the ordinary, but it is a questing mind, people who don't just look but see, who will notice the reality of God at work.

The disciples are often bemused, not understanding Jesus' parables and stories. And yet, they are called blessed, not because they understand but because they are puzzled, because they are questioning, because they are seeking, looking, not thinking they know but aware they are dealing with great mystery, aware that mystery is all around them, hidden in plain sight. Because they know this, they are blessed.

The mind that "knows" the answers will miss seeing, because it knows what it's looking for, and will see just that. The mind that understands God is always beyond its grasp, will see, because it is in the seeking, questing, being open to the God whose thoughts are not ours, whose ways are not ours, that we may begin to find a real revelation of God possible.

If we think we know, we've lost it, because there is no room left for the God who is always way ahead of us. A humbleness of spirit is essential if we are to leave space in our hearts and minds to meet God.

I love the following little story I found one morning in my daily devotional readings. A young woman, Brie Stoner, is on a retreat, a course to help find God more real. She tells her experience in the "Living School" as a mother of young children.

God Interrupting: Brie Stoner

I was sitting in the women's bathroom between sessions and had exactly thirteen minutes before the next talk to pump and dump my breast milk. Every woman walking by me would smile and exclaim how sweet it was that I was there, ask how old my baby was, and offer some kind of encouragement for the Herculean effort of simply being a mother.

I was so excited to have been admitted to the first class of the Living School and determined to somehow make it work even with a toddler and a nine-month-old at home. But as each day proceeded, the more uncertain I became: sure, I could have uninterrupted prayer sits *here* . . . here where the meals were provided for me and the dishes were picked up and cleaned by not-me. Here where I slept in a hotel bed (a whole bed to myself . . . just for me, with no one needing me, ever). Here where I had access to these wisdom teachers and a peaceful path through the Cottonwood *bosque* with a view of the Sandia mountains.

Finally, during one of James Finley's sessions I couldn't take it anymore.

"Jim, can we talk about how much harder all of this is when I'm back home? Because I get up sometimes at 5:00 a.m., desperate to have one prayer sit, and it's like my kids have radar and inevitably one of them wakes up ten minutes later. I mean, where is the icon of the mystic with one baby on the hip, a toddler crying at their feet, cooking dinner with one hand, trying to finish work on a laptop with the other? Because that's my real life."

Jim said, "Ok, you be you and I'll be God. And since I'm God, I'm watching you get up exhausted every morning, and I'm so touched that you want to spend this time with me. Really, I am! It just means the world to me. The thing is, I just can't bear how much I love you. It's too much! And so at a certain point I rush into the bodies of your children and wake them up because. . ."

Jim paused. "Because I want to know what it feels like to be held by you."

Yes, the interruption is the presence of God that I was so desperately trying to access in moments of stillness and silence. With or without the luxury of stillness and silence, God comes to us disguised as our very lives (as Paula D'Arcy has said).

In my case, Jim helped me to discover how my path as an exhausted young parent was the monastery of my own transformation. If I learned to let my heart open enough, I just might begin to recognize each cry, each diaper change, every choo-choo play time request . . . all of it, as the startlingly stunning, diaphanous infusion of infinite love colliding into the small shape of my very finite and ordinary reality. There, at the intersection of everything, is God with us . . . wanting to be touched, noticed, nurtured . . . held by us. All we have to do is behold.

Greetings from Castle Camps.



Greetings from Castle Camps. We hope you are enjoying the summer sunshine and the gardens.

We had our village Fete at the beginning of July and for a small village it was pretty impressive. We had a dog show, beer tent (We have a local artisan Brewery), teas, hot food, plant stalls, craft stalls, a bouncy castle, jewellery and a cake stall, as well as charity stalls and other things too numerous to mention. The day was blisteringly hot and some of us wilted a little, but it was a great success and most enjoyable.

One of our congregation, James Davey, is a professional choirmaster and he arranged for one of his choirs, "Chantage" to finish off the proceedings and they were splendid; a fitting end to a memorable day.

On the following Monday, some of us attended a lecture at All Saints' Church given by Professor David Thompson. His subject was the Rev J. E Bode, who was the rector at Castle Camps in the middle of the 1800s and who wrote the hymn "Oh Jesus I have promised." Professor Thompson outlined some of the social history and personal anguish which affected Bode at that time.

At Shudy Camps, our close neighbouring village, there was an exhibition of Rural Bygones. The owner, Mick Taylor, opens his treasure trove every year in aid of Macmillan Cancer. We were amazed at his collection. We had heard about it from several sources and we finally got there after Chapel on the Sunday. There was so much interesting stuff he has collected since childhood. Mr Taylor was so knowledgeable and interesting, we could have been there for hours and as we are "War Babies" a lot of his collection brought back memories!

There are several places of great interest close to Castle Camps should you ever venture up the hill, to the highest village in Cambridgeshire (well it was until Huntingdonshire was included!) and there are several of us in the congregation who would be pleased to introduce you to them.

Looking ahead, our first morning service in September will celebrate Merchant Navy Day and will be taken by the Rev. Norman Setchell, when many churches and councils acknowledge the sacrifices made by our seafarers in two World Wars and up to today.

We wish you all a very happy summer and hope to be joining you for some services before long.

Val and friends

Thanksgiving Service for Pets and their Families, June 30th at Sawston Free Church

I imagined an idyllic scene, lovely quiet pets sitting happily at their families' feet or on their laps in the shade of the pergolas, a few hay bales for atmosphere, and some deep and meaningful thoughts about thanksgiving for our relationship with our pets and God's giving us such wonderful diversity in our world..

There were six dogs that arrived, and the fourth, tied to a leg of a chair was delighted to see the sixth, and set off in delighted exuberance to welcome him with a jangle of chairs bouncing in train and in the midst of it all a chair-enmeshed and worried Sue shouting, "Help! Bruce!"

We sorted the chairs, calmed the dogs, extricated Sue, permitted the canine introductions, put the pergola back together, settled; "Let's pray." I said.

In the middle of the opening prayer, the neighbour's cat Fudge chose his moment to stalk past in disdain on the other side of the wire fence, tale waving haughtily in the air. Six dogs erupted in cacophonic discord.

We quietened them down, settled again, came to our first song, and in the middle of the second verse Fudge thought things were going far too smoothly and very slowly stalked back across the fence. Pandemonium!

Some poetry, a prayer of thanksgiving, some personal stories about our beloved pets and how we see God in them, during which Kai decided to be a little too friendly to Margot and Margot who had been previously so gentle and submissive erupted. Kai leapt back yelping in alarm and all other canine compatriots joined in the argument at full volume.

Finally, the service over, the final act happens. Bertie, our Border-Collie, sees the bucket of water I brought over. I said to Nicholas, when I arrived "See this bucket. It's there in case any dogs get into a fight. A bucket of water will break it up quickly and safely." and left the bucket by the fence.

We didn't need it; no fights ensued, and so Bertie, somewhat dry from sitting out in the sun, decides his bowl has been used by everyone else, so he'll drink from the bucket. Hendrix, the 4 month old pup, sees Bertie having his drink and decides, "Oh so that's what the bucket is for." but he has never seen anything deeper than a water bowl, so thrusts his head deep into the bucket and emerges spluttering all over the lawn.

I love this service; it's just like life, and we are thankful.

Bruce

Bruce's Challenge

During the Thanksgiving Service for Our Pets, Bruce challenged us to write some poetry. I came up with these two pieces, a haiku about the service and a little poem about our dog Kai.

"**Haiku**" is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines. The first and last lines of a Haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. The lines rarely rhyme.

Dogs barking loudly
Leads tangling and chairs falling
We are very blessed

Sun shining brightly
Hymns and Prayers, Love and Laughter
We are very blessed

Water, treats and toys
Tea, coffee, juice, scones and jam
We are very blessed

Thank you loving God
For all of your creation
We are very blessed

An introduction to Kai

We were devastated to lose our 12yr old staffy, Tycho, quite suddenly in February. He was a very much loved member of the Kerr family.

I have been supporting the Senior Staffy Club for about 5 years and receive updates of dogs looking for homes. There are some very sad cases of abuse and neglect, owners who have died, or dogs that have found themselves in the pound with no-one coming to claim them.

We weren't thinking getting another dog but in June we were asked to be temporary foster carers for Kai - just for a couple of weeks. Kai is 14 years old, has arthritis and wasn't happy in kennels. So we said yes, and the rest is history!

He settled straight in and after a week we knew he was here to stay!

Kai looks similar to Tycho but is very different and we are still getting used to some of his strange habits. Although I don't think I'll ever get used to him trying to eat all the bits of poo he sniffs out on his walks round the village! But he has helped take away some of the pain of losing Tycho and I like to think that Tycho would approve of another senior staffy joining our family.

Kai.....by Valerie

We saw you on the internet
Searching for a home
All you wanted was a place to stay
A family to call your own

We fell in love with your happy face
We hoped the time was right
We could offer you a safe warm bed
Somewhere to sleep at night

We're getting used to all your ways
The things you like to eat
The little chats that make us smile
And the way you lick our feet

We still miss our Tycho dog
And the things he loved to do
You're helping to heal our broken hearts
Just by being you

We saw you on the internet
And now you've found your home
A safe and loving place to stay
And a family to call your own



Our Church

I think you all love our church, and the buildings are always so well kept; people from outside of our church have commented on it to me.

It wouldn't feel that nice if it wasn't well kept. The care that's put into the building reflects our care and our community.

Please, please, please, I'm asking everyone from the Sawston Free Church, please put aside a few hours once every couple of months to come and help. Everyone can help. It's just a matter of choosing to for most. But if you like the place, if you use it and appreciate it, understand that it is only as it is because others take the time. No one gets paid for it.

Our next workday is the 14th September. We really need help. So please, put the morning, or some part of it aside, and tell Gordon. He coordinates it all and he can do this so much better if he knows how many volunteers he has. Please don't leave it to a few others. These buildings belong to you.

Bruce



Prayer Diary For August



1. We are in the middle of Bramble Grove Holiday Club at Bellbird School Sawston, working with people from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes, to help children understand the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) Please pray for us.
2. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Please pray that we will not only teach these through the stories and activities, but in who we are.
3. The Holiday Club is over. It's Saturday. We are all recovering. May all of our churches find the fruits of the spirit are real in our communities, so that our churches will be heralds of the Kingdom of God.
4. Sunday: Maybe some of the children will have decided to come along to one of our Sawston churches. Wherever they are, whatever they are doing, we pray for these children whose lives have been touched by Bramble Grove Holiday Club
5. May God give us all safe travel on holiday-maker filled roads
6. May God help us to not be so intent on the destination that we miss the blessing of preparing for the journey,
7. May God help us to not be so intent on being on the journey that we miss the experience of the journey
8. May God help us to not be so intent on getting to our destination, that we overlook the needs of others, also on a journey.
9. We pray for those many people for whom a holiday is utterly unattainable.
10. For the homeless
11. For those struggling week by week just to get by
12. For those whose lives are marred by debt and worry
13. For those whose lives are ripped apart by war and violence
14. For those who are in prison
15. For those who are imprisoned by physical or mental ill health.
16. For those whose God given potential is ruined by injustice and greed.
17. For those whose families have broken and who long for peace of heart and soul, or just family to have holiday with
18. Today, we pause to look around, and thank God for the beauty of our earth
19. a. The plants that nourish, feed, shelter, hold the earth together, are the lungs of the earth
20. b. The sky, the air, waterer, protector, panoramic artistry of God each day.
21. c. Life, that amazing gift of God. Consider the ant, he too has circulatory, pneumatic, digestive, skeletal and neurological organs. To make such a creature would cost millions. Don't step on the ants. Thank God for the amazing part they too play in nature's delicate balance.
22. d. God made man and woman, in His image, he made them. Look today, and find the image of God in each person you meet, sometimes flourishing, sometimes impeded, sometimes wounded, sometimes joyful, sometimes struggling to be seen. And give thanks to God for God's image is also in you.
23. Give thanks today for someone who loves you
24. And someone you love.
25. Schools are beginning to think about the coming of the new academic year. Please pray for:
26. Management, School Councils, Heads, as they seek to make ends meet in a time when many schools are desperate for enough funding to simply do the basics.
27. Teachers, teaching aids, assistants, support staff as they begin to prepare for the year ahead.
28. Children (and their parents) both hopeful and scared of the coming year, new teachers, new schools, new classmates, new subjects.
29. Academics, professors constructing courses, students away from home for the first time, families missing their faces.
30. We pray today for Chaplains in schools and universities.
31. We pray today for Chaplains in hospitals and prisons.

Lord Trimble, David Trimble, has been in the news.⁽¹⁾ Having voted against the Civil Partnerships Bill in 2004, on 14th July this year he spoke in the House of Lords in favour of same-sex marriage being made available in Northern Ireland as it is in the rest of the UK. The reason for his change of heart? - his daughter, Vicki, marrying her partner Rosalind at a civil ceremony in Scotland.

Trimble said his change of view was 'forced' upon him, and that he 'acquiesced' to his daughter's marriage. Adverse criticism of his words is, I think, unfair. To 'acquiesce' is not to concede weakly or reluctantly, as some seem to think. It is to rest quietly. Trimble's love for his daughter has demanded a violent change within him. Nevertheless, he now rests quietly with it.

Trimble has done this before. The former first minister of Northern Ireland was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for his role in *The Good Friday Agreement* without which there would be no peace in Northern Ireland. What he did then demanded immense public courage of a man who does not change his mind lightly. He was bitterly accused of betrayal, and the Unionist Party was split asunder. What he has done now has taken immense personal courage.

It so happens that this summer the Conference (ruling body) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain debated the report 'God in Love Unites Us' on Marriage and Relationships.⁽²⁾ Treading broadly in the wake of the URC three years ago, the report will be sent to the churches for debate before going back to Conference for a final decision next year.⁽³⁾ It bids Methodists to recognise and honour the diverse spectrum of loving relationships in which today's Christians live, exploring the place of marriage (in its legal and theological senses) within that spectrum. It proposes that marriage 'is given by God to be a particular channel of God's grace, and that it is in accord with God's purposes when a marriage is a life-long union in body, mind and spirit of two people who freely enter it.' The suggestion is that the Methodist Church should no more sexually discriminate in this than it does in other matters. It proposes that individual churches should decide whether to apply for a licence to conduct same-sex marriages (as is already the case with mixed-sex marriages) and that no minister who in conscience cannot conduct such a ceremony should be compelled to. As with the URC, the vote in favour was massive - 247 to 48.

We have lived with sexual diversity in our congregations for many years now, and thereby have been taught new things about love and faithfulness. What in my mind links the Conference debate to the Trimble story is that it is easy to pontificate and theorise from a distance, but when the reality of it tears at your heart, in your family and in your congregation, it is very different. In this, I think I discern something of the courageous ways of Jesus.

(1) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-49004816>

(2) <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/11601/conf-2019-10-marriage-and-relationships-task-group-2019.pdf>

(3) <https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/2084-the-united-reformed-church-votes-to-allow-the-marriage-of-same-sex-couples-in-its-churches.html>

Good Friday ref: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-43668867>

From the July meeting of the elders.

(A summary of matters discussed that are not confidential.)

- Bruce and Valerie brought to the elders a proposal for an Outdoor Communion at Foxearth Meadow on the afternoon of Saturday 14th September. The idea is for a picnic, followed by a Sensory Walk and then Open Air Communion. Foxearth Meadow is a sanctuary/reserve for dragonfly, damselfly, birdlife and butterfly. With beautiful walks along the Stour River, it has small lakes and boardwalks, and is run by Arocha. The elders supported the proposal and it will be taken to church meeting and then advertised through our church connections, encouraging our people to invite others to the event.

Look for this event on our noticeboards and in Contact

- The Summer Holiday Club (Bramble Grove) at Bellbird from 29th July – 2nd August, is full and there is a waiting list. More volunteers from St. Mary's have come into the team.

Massive thanks to Faith Paulding for the backup this year, and for initiating and overseeing this great outreach for the last few years, and to Nicola Grieve who has arranged and resourced all of these.

Thanks to Maggie for coordinating it this year. Had she not stepped into the breach this outreach would have failed.

- The elders discussed the review questionnaire for Go4th Morning Worship, and the responses have been taken on board by the Go4th team.
Of the 35 responses,
 - 86% liked Go4th and wanted it to continue in the morning worship,
 - 9% wanted it to continue even though it wasn't quite their thing but recognised it's value,
 - 5% wanted to revert to more traditional worship.

Elders recommended that Go4th continue as our morning worship on the 4th Sunday of the month and brought this recommendation to the July church meeting, where it was agreed.

- Whenever the elders meet, the first quarter of an hour is dedicated to care and prayer for people and situations where there is need, hurt or distress.

Sawston Free Church

Picnic, Guided Walk & Communion Service



2-5pm, Saturday, 14th September
Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve
Nr Cavendish, CO10 7GA

Contact Rev Bruce Waldron or Valerie Kerr for more details

More about Worship

I was intrigued: I had spotted a website about a place called Foxearth Meadow, not far from here, a place full of Dragonfly and Damselfly and all kinds of insect and birdlife, a place with boardwalks around ponds, and run by Arocha, the organisation set up to help churches be environmentally active in their mission. And they had a place only 30 miles away.



But what intrigued me most was that at the same time, Valerie came to me with a document, an outdoor Communion Service that she told me “has parts of it that just keep coming back to me.” This seemed to be too much of a coincidence to be an accident.

These little God moments in our normal daily life, where what is committed already to God is a welcoming place for God’s serendipitous prompting, are part of what it means, I think, to live out what St. Paul wrote, that we should “... present our bodies as a living offering, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable spiritual worship.”

So Valerie and I sat down and prayed together and then set to work, looking at the service she had, and thinking “What would work with our community, what would deeply touch them, and us?” And Valerie too was excited about the idea of doing such a service at Foxearth Meadow, and it said

on the website that the Caretaker, Mark Pina, would be happy to assist and introduce people to The Meadow.

Sharn and I went out there one Monday to have a look. It is beautiful. Just past Cavendish you turn off to the right at a sign that says "Picnic Site", wind down a little laneway, over the River Stour, past the Fisheries compound and then turn left at the crossroads, and there, on the left is the car park. Conveniences even. The main gate into The Meadow was locked because there were grazing stock, but we followed a signed pathway along the edge of The Meadow, delighted to see Falabella ponies in the field, fully grown, just a couple of feet high (8 hands I'm told is their max) and a couple of donkeys wanting to say hello. We ambled on down to the kissing gate and went into the Meadow, wandering along beside the Stour River, a completely untamed pacific piece of waterway with all the delights that brings, then back to the pathway that leads along the Southwest Boundary and there was the place for our Outdoor Communion, a shady spot, under the natural canopy of great Willow Trees. We ambled on, exploring The Meadow, the boardwalk, the small lakes and I came back, excited, to tell Valerie, "This is the place!"

In the meantime, Valerie had been working on a "Sensory Walk" What it is, is a guiding note that encourages us, as we walk, to see, smell, hear, touch and taste - all in wonder at the God who creates for us such beauty, such delight.

Now we've set the date. We are imagining that everyone will come around 2pm with picnics. There's a lovely grassy picnic area near the 'ponds' (more like small lakes) where blankets and picnic chairs would be great. We're going to bring some pergolas in case it's too sunny (or if it sprinkles) and then around 2.45, Mark Pina, the Caretaker is going to spend a few minutes with us, telling us about Foxearth Meadow. At around 3-ish, we set off on our sensory walk and then before 4pm, gather back at the Willow canopy to share in an outdoor communion. We think it will be great and we hope lots of people will come and bring their children along for a wonderful afternoon.

There will be disabled access. Mark Pina will open up the large gate and the path is solid so wheelchairs would be OK if they are needed. If you would like to come along, could you please let Valerie or Bruce know, because we want to encourage car sharing (environmentally friendly) and we want to know if we have more cars than the car park will take. There is a friendly farmer nearby who will open up his field if we have need. We found out that all the animals we had seen, he had rescued. That's what he does. He's a vet and he saves animals. They were so cute.

Just today, half an hour before I wrote this, I received a note from the new Synod Green Advocate, a chap called Jeremy Flack, and he's keen to come along. And last week, talking to Alan Partridge about it, he has asked if he can come too, not to say anything, just to come along and bring some of his friends from St. Mary's, and be a part of it.

Worship with a difference. I hope you'll love it. Do let me and Valerie know though. We need to have some idea of who is coming, and we'll arrange transport for you too if you need it. Remember the car sharing.

Bruce

General Events

URC joins thousands at mass climate change rally

United Reformed Church (URC) ministers and workers from across the denomination joined thousands of people at 'The Time Is Now' mass lobby against climate change in Westminster on 26 June. After gathering at St Martin-in-the-Fields in London's Trafalgar Square, the group joined URC General Secretary, the Revd John Proctor, and other faith leaders, on a march towards parliament.



Crossfire Camp

Forty-seven young URC members enjoyed a weekend of fun at the annual Crossfire camp.

Each year, youths from across the denomination come together for an exciting weekend of camping, worship, teaching, discussion and fun activities at Stathern Lodge, Leicestershire. Nic, a youth worker, said: 'My young people love coming and I have watched them grow in their faith because of the provision the weekend gives for them to meet God.'



Windrush

On 22 June, the UK celebrated National Windrush Day to honour the contribution of the Windrush generation and the British Caribbean community to British society. Between 1948 and 1970, nearly half a million people moved from the Caribbean to Britain, which in 1948 faced severe labour shortages in the wake of the Second World War. The stories of those people were celebrated at All Saints Church, Luton, through music, songs, stories, an exhibition, a film and Caribbean refreshments.



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"Seas the Day" Dragon Boat reference number
(for A.C.T Pastoral Care Cancer Role) : **341425DBF**

5th July 2019

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Chaplaincy Department at Addenbrooke's hospital have committed to raise funds in aid of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) by entering a boat in the **15th annual Dragon Boat Festival on the River Cam which will be held on Saturday 7 September 2019**. Our team will join over 40 other teams who will participate in exciting races throughout the day, and there are bankside entertainment options for all who attend.

ACT is currently funding a full-time post through our department that is dedicated to cancer patients. This Pastoral Care for Cancer role is there to offer accessible and compassionate care, both when someone receives a new diagnosis and throughout their care in hospital. Participating in this event will help us ensure the funding for this vital role continues.

To do this, we have created the 100 Envelope Challenge! We currently have 100 envelopes in our office, each labelled with an amount 1-100. For example, envelope 1 = £1, envelope 37 = £37, etc. To participate, individuals or groups simply tell us which envelope they would like to sponsor and give that amount. **If all envelopes are claimed, we will raise £5050!**

Would you please consider sponsoring an envelope to help us reach our goal?

To participate, please respond by emailing or calling to tell us which envelope you would like to sponsor. Once you choose an envelope, we will mark it as claimed and you can send your payment online or through the post (see detailed instructions below). You can see which envelopes are available and/or donate online at this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cuhchaplaincy>

We are grateful for the many years of partnership we have shared with you all and are grateful for the opportunity we have to serve East Anglia through the Chaplaincy. We appreciate any contribution you can make to our team for this event, and all the support you give in other ways.

Do share this information with others who might like to be involved, and please come along with your friends and family to cheer on our team "Seas the Day" in the Dragon Boat Race on 7 September at Fen Ditton!

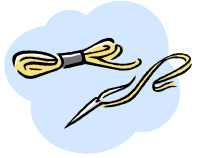
With all good wishes,

The Chaplaincy Staff

Sawston Free Church

Craft Group

There will be no meetings in August – our next meeting is on the 9th September

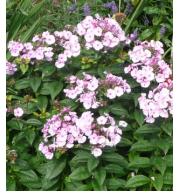


Flower Rota 2019

It is always welcoming to see the flowers in church. So please remember to put your name down on the **flower rota** which is at the back of the church.

For more information please contact Rosemary Harriss on 832854

or any of the other flower ladies: Rosemary Livings, Linda Moxon, Janet Parr or Vivien Ford (when in Sawston)



Time For Tots at Sawston Free Church

No sessions during August, term time only.



Prayer Meeting

Please remember the monthly prayer meetings held at 10.30am on the last Saturday of each month to spend time with God and others who come to do the same. Often we have a chat first.

Everyone is welcome to come to pray or just be with us - you would be most welcome.

If anyone would like to talk to me about the meeting I would love to hear from you. Please ring me on 520383 – **Sue Lelliot**



Important Dates

Saturday 28 September – Jacob's Ordination & Induction at Crossway URC

Sunday 10 November/Remembrance Sunday – Elders Service

Saturday 16 November afternoon – Bruce's farewell do – **NEW DATE**

Sunday 17 November 10.30am – Bruce's last service – 3 churches

Christian Aid update.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated not only money, but goods for the two car boot sales, helped and attended the Cream Tea Dance, helped with the collections outside the Co-Op in the village, filled the envelopes in the two churches, and supported us so well. It was a record total this year of £1,737. Well done everyone.

Pam, Tony and Mary.



THE ROYSTON FRINGE EVENTS COMING UP IN THE AUTUMN

Look out for posters nearer the time or speak to Brian, Sue or Joan for more information

Saturday 21st September – 7.30pm

The Cambridge Clarinet Choir

Tickets: £10, from Sue on 01763 243815, email: walter962@btinternet.com *

Thursday 26th September – 7.30pm

The Life and Times of Simon Gogerly Grammy: award winning music mixer and producer

Tickets: £5, from Sue: 01763 243815 or email: walter962@btinternet.com *

Saturday 28th September – 2.30pm

Kaleidoscope of Life

Judy Wynn, the Flower Guild Chairman of Ely Cathedral and co-designer of their recent flower festival

Tickets: £5, from Sue: 01763 243815 or email: walter962@btinternet.com *

Sunday 29th September – 2.30pm

Friendly Folk

with Jancis Harvey and Michael King with David Hayzen

Tickets: £5, from Sue: 01763 243815 or email: walter962@btinternet.com *

* or on-line from www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1

Saturday 28th September – 10am to 5pm

Sunday 29th September – 11am to 5pm

Art Exhibition and Art Competition

Refreshments will be available all weekend

Events for August 2019

Circuit Diary for the CAMBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT

For more details contact The Circuit Administrator: Mrs Miriam Webb
Circuit Office: Wesley Methodist Church, Christ's Pieces, Cambridge CB1 1LG
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AUGUST

Sun 4th	5.45pm-6.45pm	Professor Morna Hooker will be giving the inaugural Eileen Stamper Memorial Lecture at the Vacation Term for Biblical Studies on the subject: 'There's glory for you!' - An exploration of a biblical theme. The lecture is open to the public.	Westminster College, Cambridge
Sat 10th	10.30am-12.30pm	Coffee Morning at 37 Maids Causeway by kind invitation of Rev Colin A Smith to help raise funds for the Nyambene Synod Youth Centre, Kenya. Free Admission with include opportunity to buy gifts from the Kenya Craft stall and make a donation to the project.	Cambridge CB5 8DE

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