

# CONTACT

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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.

<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship
		3.00 pm	Messy Church
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		6.00 pm	Quiet Time with God
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship
		6.00 pm	Reflective Service with Communion
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Go4th:Worship of Song, Prayer, Praise with the Worship Band <b>No evening service</b>
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship <b>No evening service</b>
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

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
<b>Sun 2 June</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mr David Lloyd 3.00pm <b>NO Messy Church</b>	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr George Tadrous	10.30am: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron
Mon 3 June	10.00am: Craft Group (page 14)		
<b>Sun 9 June</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship/Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron 6.00pm: Quiet Time - Mary Simuyandi	10.15am: Morning Worship - Rev Elizabeth Caswell	10.30am: Morning Worship
<b>Sun 16 June</b>	10.30am: Trinity Sunday Shared Service At St Marys- Rev A Partridge/B Waldron 6.00pm: Evening Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	2.30pm: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.30am: Family Service - Faith Paulding
Mon 17 June	10.00am: Craft Group (page 14)		
<b>Sat 22 June</b>	10.30am: Monthly Prayer Meeting		
<b>Sun 23 June</b>	10.30am: Go4th –Rev Bruce Waldron	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Alex Jacob	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mr Mark Hayed
<b>Sun 30 June</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mrs Maureen Kendall	10.00am: United Service - All Saints, Castle Camps 6.30pm: Songs Of Praise

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## From the Minister's Desk Holy Habits



Our church agreed some time ago that we would work with the United Reformed Church's theme, "Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today." Our Moderator, the Rev. Paul Whittle, has encouraged us to do this through the theme of Holy Habits. This means, developing habits that are Christ-like, that enable us to live more like Jesus. So from the beginning of the year, we've been focussing on Fellowship, and looking at what that means.

We've had articles in Contact, preaching on the subject, and of course, our Lent Studies that we shared with Castle Camps, and with St. Mary's in Sawston and St. Peter's in Babraham.

I was wondering which direction we should go now, so I floated the issue with the elders when we met in May. The elders agreed it is time to move on, and we agreed that our next focus should be about "Worship".

**The Elders agreed it is time to move on from Fellowship, to Worship**

**I would like to invite anyone who feels they have something significant to contribute, to send it to David Nunn for Contact. The more we share with each other, the more we build our fellowship, our "Koinonia".** So we don't leave fellowship behind; we now enhance and extend it as we talk about "Worship".

I cannot **Worship** God in Spirit and in Truth if I do not understand what **Koinonia (Fellowship)** is really about.

**Fellowship is about our union in Christ.**

It is my oneness with Christ: I in Him, and Him in Me.

This is at the heart of Koinonia, Christian Fellowship, the essence of it.

My unique bond to you, and you to me, is not about whether I am like you, or whether I like or agree with you, but about that reality that my unity in Christ and your unity in Christ, bind me and thee together in a bond stronger than life and death. As St. Paul said to a church that were not understanding the meaning of worship and fellowship, "Has Christ been divided?" (1 Corinthians 1:13) The answer is clearly no!

Given this unbreakable unity between Christ and His people, if I come to worship and I am holding something against another member of Christ's body, my worship is flawed, weakened, divided, not full. Many people find worship difficult and the presence of Christ not real in worship, and don't connect this to a barrier between themselves and other followers of Christ. Judgements, barriers of the mind and heart, made without grace and love and effort to reconcile and understand, are judgements on Christ. How can our worship be full if we are judging and standing apart from a part of the body of Christ. So St. Matthew, recalling the words of Jesus to his community, reminds them that Jesus said, ***"So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."***

**Now this is all nice and easy with people who we know really well**, people who are like us, think like us, act like us, relate like us (us being the people we've always mixed with), but becomes a test of faith when someone comes into our fellowship who we don't know, don't fully understand, who acts, thinks, is motivated in ways that we are not or ways we don't understand. And often the judgement made isn't overt, or confrontational, or personal. We are too nice for that. It often comes out in judgements made, in subtle ways, in things said to those who we do know well, things thought and expressed without any deep effort to understand or reconcile with those we don't know well, don't understand.

If I love Christ, I will love those who love Him. I will love them. If I do not love them, I am not loving Christ. I cannot love Christ and not love that which is a part of Him. My worship will be impoverished, my closeness to Christ maimed, my fellowship with Him wounded.

**If I love Christ, I will love those who love Him.**

The same passionate love Christ has for you and me, is the passionate love we are urged to hold for all who are in Christ, not emanating from a bonhomie of people with good will, but impelled by the Spirit of Christ who loves that person I don't understand, don't connect with at a human level, but am bound to in Christ's Spirit, to love them as much as He loves me. That is the meaning of Koinonia and that is at the heart of worship.

When we sing, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you Jesus", that's exactly what it is. For in worship we "all" are joined, "In Christ!" This is Koinonia and Koinonia (Fellowship) is at the heart of our worship because Christ is.

### **Please pray for the people of Syria.**

As one woman put it, "In Idlib, we are witnessing a humanitarian catastrophe. People are trapped under a relentless wave of Russian and Syrian regime bombs."

It is unimaginable to us, the constant roar of the jets, the constant blasting of bombs, hammering of bullets, every moment knowing your life might end, and the lives of so many you love already have.

Living amongst the maimed, wounded, desolate and dying, and no power to do anything about it. Please pray for these people, and have compassion on those who are refugees.

**Bruce**

## Greetings from Castle Camps.



This year, we have been visited by numerous rooks, which have made their nests in the trees behind the chapel. Although they are very noisy, they have not interrupted any of our services, but our neighbours must find them a distraction early in the morning! In English folklore, rooks build their nests – the rookery – near to places where money is to be found.

In Victorian times, the 12<sup>th</sup> May was traditionally known as Young Rook Pie Day and it was considered suitable for boys and young ladies, who would gather on this day with rifles for a genteel sport. The practice has long gone, but some of the oldest villagers can still remember it. (If anyone is interested, we understand that the recipe can be found in Mrs Beeton's Cookbook!)

In our May message, we mentioned the annual tractor run on Easter Saturday in memory of Roy Haylock and his daughter Sarah and we have now heard that 37 vehicles took part and they raised £1,200 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. Well done!

We enjoyed joining Sawston in a Bring & Share Lunch to say goodbye to Jacob and Esther. They have been a joy to meet and we wish them happiness in their new life. We shall miss them.

Recently, we have had some very sad news that Cayden, the beloved grandson of our friend, Richard Hart, had died of a brain tumour. He was only 11 years old and our hearts go out to the family. Our thoughts are with them

The following Sunday, Bruce re-wrote his address in order to talk about bereavement and it was very helpful and comforting.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, we shall be with our Anglican friends for a United Service at All Saints' Church, Castle Camps starting at 10am and in the evening we shall have our Songs of Praise starting at 6.30pm.

The Elders and Congregation of Castle Camps URC send you all our best wishes.

***Val & friends***

## Christian Aid Fortnight



Thank you to all those who donated goods for the car boot sale. We have enough left over to do a second one in the summer. Thank you to all those who attended and helped with the Cream tea/ Tea dance, and all those who helped with the collection tins outside the Co-Op. Everyone has been so amazing and very supportive. To date we have raised over £700 and the correct updated total will be announced in the next Contact.

Thank you yet again, it will be of great help to all those people in need.

*Mary, Pam and Tony.*



# As I see it ...

by Mike Wilson

## Come thou long-expected Jesus

In one of the Welsh sagas of Alexander Cordell (my guess would be *Rape of the Fair Country*) a famous revivalist preacher comes to the mining village. As I recall it, they all cram into the chapel. They sing hymn after hymn. Then the singing ceases. The preacher mounts the pulpit, stares at his pocket watch, pauses, and looks up. He roars, '*Now is the acceptable time! Behold! Now is the day of salvation!*' (II Cor 6: 2). The place rocks.

Margaret and I attended a Quaker funeral earlier this year. The coffin was on trestles in front of the crematorium curtain. We filed in and sat in silence in a horseshoe around it. At last, someone rose, welcomed us, and spoke quietly of Jenny. More silence. Others spoke in loving and prayerful tones, frequently with a chuckle, about our late friend. It was profoundly worshipful and moving.

We recently took friends to Ely Cathedral for the Sunday morning sung Eucharist. Entering the cathedral was stunning. It was well attended. The building, the procession, the robes, the candles, the organ, the choir, the elegant words of the liturgy (delivered entirely by women), the dignity of the prayers, and Rowan Williams' preaching on John 12:8. A profoundly worshipful occasion.

A common theme here - be it revival, funeral, cathedral - formal or informal - is expectation. In each case, from the very start, the worshipper sensed that this was to be a very moving occasion. As a result, it was.

Margaret and I collect our Sunday paper on our way to church. We make a mistake, I think, if we walk into church in the same frame of mind as we walked into Spar. There, we'd gone for the paper. Here, we've come to be in the presence of God. There, our expectations were modest and ordinary. Here, our expectations are vast and extraordinary. I don't want anything to puncture that expectancy. A warm and friendly greeting? Yes please. Laughter? Of course. Triviality? No thank you. Hugs and kisses? Only if *everyone* is going to be hugged and kissed - we are all equally precious to the Lord. Later, over coffee, I *might* talk about last night's football, or Margaret's new glasses, but my expectation is that the intervening worship will by then have given me something much more important to think and talk about. My task, as I approach the front door, is to begin (even then) making sure that 'it' happens - for me, of course, but equally, for everyone else as well.

Expectation is infectious. You can pick it up from others. But they can also take it from you. You can give it to them. But you can also snatch it from them. Flippancy, that so-British disease, kills it stone dead. (I should know. I'm a shocker for flippant chatter.)

I've come here, to Sawston Free Church, with my friends, to encounter God, to be moved by God, to be reproved by God, to be reassured by God, to be fired up by God, to be fed by God. I don't want to go home disappointed or unfed. I don't want my friends to go home disappointed or unfed either.

***Expectation is essential.***

AISI.72.5 Editor' note:

Mike says of the 'reader's response' that appeared in Issue 60/4 - April, that he always writes his pieces to provoke thought, but never to provoke conflict. He never writes to hurt or upset. He wholeheartedly agrees with virtually every word of that response. In future, he will be very careful about using **bold type** because it is clear that, like capitals in emails, the reader can feel they are being shouted at. Heaven forbid.

## Elders In-Service: Why do you do it?

In early May, the elders in our Partnership were invited to the Synod for an Elders' Road-Show. Basically it was a night intended to inform and encourage our elders.

Paul Whittle started the night, with the question "What are you doing it for?" He talked about how important it was to inspire churches to see new possibilities but he wanted us to think about our motivation, and as he put it, the real question is "why you do it", not "what are you doing".

Paul talked about how important elders expectations are. He told us that expectations help people achieve their potential so if elders encourage people to believe they can achieve, then it encourages them to achieve beyond what they expect of themselves.

He said "People who never fail have not been trying hard enough".

Paul asked the elders two primary questions. He asked us "What is God calling you to do?" and "What is God calling you to challenge others to do?"

We reflected on the theme "Here I am: What a mess!" and after a bit of laughter were encouraged to realise that if we jettisoned everything we didn't want about ourselves, we would also jettison a lot that is helpful and beautiful, that God has created. We were encouraged to:

PRAY - In whatever way works for us

STUDY - Whenever. Faith development is pivotal

ENJOY our COMMUNITY - Have fun

REVIEW - Our spiritual commitments. Review stops us getting in a rut.

CELEBRATE - Give thanks and surround every day with thanks

**Lindsey Brown our Synod Training and Mission Officer took us through the particular responsibilities that our denomination puts upon elders.** The list was long. Elders, according to our manual are supposed to foster service, outreach and education, to make sure there is regular and appropriate worship, to be responsible for the welfare of the congregation and exercise pastoral responsibility, provide a secretary, make sure the standards of our membership are high and that our roles are kept and to look out and spot people who have a calling to ministry; elders are required to make sure that the church has a proper system of looking after our assets and to be the go between for the wider church and the congregation. So if our congregation saw something going on in the wider church that they wanted talked about, the elders would be responsible to make sure it went to the Synod for discussion.

On top of all that, elders are the trustees of the local church, so they have a legal responsibility to make sure the church is what it should be. That was a bit scary.

WE talked a lot about how we make sure the church is a safe place for everyone, and then we finished with this thought given to us by Nicola; this isn't just a responsibility for elders, it's for every one of us who follow Christ:

***"Everyone should feel valued, loved and respected when they come into contact with us.***

***No matter what they look like, sound like.***

***We are on Christ's behalf, beholden to acceptance without judgement.***

***We are called, to just listen, because God is listening."***

# JOTTINGS FROM



SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY SINCE 1995

SPRING 2019

## *Dear Friends*

Well it's Spring time again, daffodils, hazy sunshine, scattered showers and of course chocolate. All of these elements go toward forming a difficult mosaic of support for us here at Jimmy's. We continue to use sleeping bags at a rapid pace, more tea and coffee than ever, extremely hectic moments to go alongside the usual hustle and bustle of daily life at Jimmy's. Variety is indeed the spice of life. So what is the daily routine of our support workers ?

Well, the phrase intensely varied springs to mind. No two guests are alike and everyone comes with their own support needs and purpose in life. We do have familiar benchmarks throughout the day, breakfast from 7 til 9 am, guests to be out of their rooms by 09.00 in the week and 10.00 at the weekends. Then starts the business of the day, life skills classes, guest catchups, cooking, arts and crafts, cinema, pop ins from other agencies, the list goes on, and then the usual pressures that life brings to everyone. Phone calls to make, people to see, appointments to be met, all needing support and management on both parts to ensure a

successful day.

Then there's cleaning, washing, domestic chores that need undertaking to ensure the smooth running of the centre. Bed changes, room checks, assessment of new people, handovers, professional queries to answer, donations to log and thank, food orders, meal preparation, not to mention 101 ad hoc issues in any given day. All of these occur, every day, of every week, of every year but the best thing we do by far is listen.

Ten minutes listening can save hours of recovering a situation. We work hard to listen, understand then plan. That's the skill we feel we demonstrate the most and that is not at all easy during the melee of a "usual" day in Jimmy's.

So with support, kindness, boundaries, faith and no end of tea we seek to find the elements that drive our guests forward. Harness that belief and strengthen resolve to build a stable and solid foundation from which a new life or way of life can begin. So how do we get results ? it is in these small steps that success is forged and sustained. We are not in the miracles business, but overall and with time we do produce remarkable results.

## A VIEW FROM OUR HOUSES

This Spring has been a busy time at Jimmy's move-on houses. One resident successfully bid on a property on Home-Link and has moved into to his own tenancy. Several residents are in work or studying to further their job prospects. This includes personal training, book keeping, doorman and CCTV training. One resident, who is a professional chef, now volunteers to cook the Sunday lunch at 451 when he can. The abstinence house has continued to be successful, leading to a resident being awarded an A band and hoping to move into his own tenancy. Three other residents have also been awarded an A band and also hope to move on to more independent living. Staff continue to support residents to medical and DWP appointments when needed, and offer floating support to residents that have moved on from a Jimmy's move-on house.



*...believing in people*



## Prayer Diary in June



### *Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups*

1. We remember with great affection and love, Joyce Hutley who has been such a faithful and lovely member of our church and who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We pray for her family. Joyce's funeral was held at SFC last Friday.
2. Each first Sunday of the month, Castle Camps have their monthly Communion Service. So today we pray for the Castle Camps URC, for the people who attend their worship, for their ministry in that village. (Please include 5 as the Fete is also today – Bruce's deliberate mistake!!)
3. When Bruce retires on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Rev. Paul Whittle will take on the role of Interim Moderator. We give thanks for this and hold Paul in our prayers, in his role of Moderator of the Eastern Synod, and we continue to pray for him and all his family.
4. We pray for the staff at our Synod Office, for Sue in Admin, David in Finance, Nicola in children's ministry, Lindsey in Training and Mission, Penelope in property. We give thanks for them and their dedication.
5. Please pray for Valerie Kerr as she coordinates the Marquee at the Sawston Village Fete, and for the Craft group, Time for Tots, Brigades and Messy Church as they prepare their displays and activities. (Should read '2')
6. Sawston Free Church Time For Tots is meeting today: Please pray for the organising team
7. Prayer requests from GenR8: Give thanks that three new people are considering being part of our assembly presentation teams.
8. Prayer requests from GenR8: For the children who attended Xcellr8 and GYL that they will continue to grow closer to Jesus.
9. Prayer requests from GenR8: For our family and the quality and quantity of time we have together.
10. Prayer requests from GenR8: For the summer tour on the theme of 'The Bible'- pray that we will have a good number of teams to visit schools.
11. Prayer requests from GenR8: For the 'It's Your Move' week in July - that we will have a good number of young people on team to visit year 6 students making the transition to secondary school.
12. Prayer requests from GenR8: To be more trusting of God in his willingness to do amazing things with 5 loaves and 2 fish!
13. Holiday Club at Sawston: Bramble Grove Holiday Club, running all week, 9.30 – 3pm from the 29<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for Maggie Jones who is responsible for the massive job of putting together the club together.
  - a. Time For Tots are meeting today: In this month of Prayer for Toddler Groups, please pray for them.
14. Holiday Club at Sawston: Holiday Club is a unique opportunity to share Jesus' message with up to 50 young people but we cannot accept children if our leader numbers are too low. **Please pray for the volunteers to come forward now**, so that we can allow children to come.
15. Holiday Club at Sawston: Please pray for Nicola Grieves, the Synod Children and Youth Worker who will be masterminding and running so much of the actual programme content and structure.
16. Holiday Club at Sawston: We give thanks for Faith's expertise and support offered to Maggie.
17. Holiday Club at Sawston: We give thanks that we are able to use the Bellbird School for this, and much gratitude to the school.

18. Holiday Club at Sawston: Please pray for all of the team who are coming on board for this.
19. Holiday Club at Sawston: Please pray for those team members who have already met and those who are meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July.
20. Time For Tots are meeting today: In this month of Prayer for Toddler Groups, please pray for them.
21. Every Friday night, the band, Mike, Peter, Eddy and Bruce, spend about two hours practising together so that Go4th will be musically well led. Please pray for them.
22. Worship would not be worship as we know it without our musicians. Please remember in your prayers:
  - a. Keith who plays the organ for Castle Camps URC each Sunday
  - b. David who plays keyboard for Little Abington URC each Sunday
  - c. Rosemary and Lucy who share the music ministry of Organ and Piano at Sawston Free Church
23. Each third Sunday, Little Abington URC meet at 2.30 in the afternoon, rather than their usual 10.15am slot, so that Bruce can be present each month to lead the Communion Service. We hold the Little Abington congregation in our prayers.
24. Zimbabwe were looking to recover from a drought, when the terrible floods of a couple of months ago, swept away all the planted crop. Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe. Oppression is still rife and support is often milked away through corruption.
25. As the elders of our three churches begin to plan in preparation for when Bruce goes on to retire from full time parish ministry, they need our constant prayer.
26. Our Sawston church needs more elders. Pray that people might be called to this ministry.
27. In April, Wednesday Fellowship was concluded with an Easter Service. Members of that Fellowship Group have decided to meet monthly in the Footprints Café. Please pray for them and for what might come out of these meetings.
28. We continue to pray for the Footprints Café staff, Ange, Claire and Katie and we give thanks for the volunteers and students who make such a difference to the Café. You will often see Brian working in the Café, cooking up a storm.
29. We give thanks for the people of the Café Support Group who meet monthly to help sort out problems and support Malcolm in his management role. We also give thanks for Kevin McMullen who is a trustee and significant in the success of obtaining registration with the Learning Disabilities Partnership Network.
30. Each Sunday we come to church and are grateful for our lovely buildings. Please remember to pray for our cleaners and setter-uppers, Simon and Glen who are here every morning in the wee small hours.

## **Saturday Prayer Meeting**

I have tried to attend the monthly Saturday morning prayer meeting at Sawston Free Church as often as I can because I believe prayer is one of the foundations of Christian life. It is by spending time with God that our relationship with Him deepens and with that our faith.

Prayer is the opening of one's mind and heart to God. To praise Him for His greatness and love towards us, to give Him thanks for His mercy and blessings. To confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness. To ask God for His help in all aspects of our lives and for His protection when we feel things are against us and we are afraid. Prayers can be said for a particular person or others we don't know, and for any situation either local or global.

Our world needs so much prayer for God's help.

## Saturday Prayer Meeting (cont)

There is no right or wrong way to pray, it can take many forms. Alone, in couples or in a group, as in the Saturday meeting. It can be silent meditation, spoken in set words or a persons own words. You can be still or move around. Praying can be at a particular time and place or whilst engaged in any of life's activities. When I was a nurse I was not allowed to share my faith with my patients. That did not stop me silently praying for them as I went about my duties. Prayer walking can be a good way to pray for the community. Prayers can be written down and shared or just raised to God privately.

The only thing that matters is that we are honest and being ourselves. After all God made each one of us just the way He wants us so we should talk to Him just as we are.

I believe that God never ignores a prayer, but sometimes we have to wait on Him. He answers our prayers when and how He knows is best for us, not what we think is best. Sometimes we only see the results years later.

There is also another reason to meet with God in silence - so that we can listen to what He may be saying to us. It is only by spending time with God that we can know His purpose for us as individuals, for the church/group we belong to. In every organisation everyone has to listen to the "boss" to understand the vision and the way forward for that organisation.

Our God equips us, strengthens us and lights our way forward so we can fulfil the purpose He has for each one of us, but we need to be in communication with Him to know what that purpose is.

The Saturday morning prayer group is about praying together, sometimes called corporate prayer. I believe this can have a powerful effect; the disciples often prayed together. I don't think the hand of God acts more or quicker than by an individual praying but group prayer can be an encouragement to the group members, leading to the forming of bonds and a deeper understanding of one-another. A unity of purpose can build stronger spiritual links between the people praying and the ministries they pray for.

So, I shall continue to attend the 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 about the things we feel led to pray for. Sometimes someone brings a newspaper article or an object on which to focus our prayer. Whatever happens we endeavour to be led by the Holy Spirit in our prayers and to listen to what God is saying to us.

No-one has to pray aloud, speak or do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable in the meeting. We are just there to talk with God, our Father together.

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 Lelliott.***

## From the United Reformed Church's Daily on-line devotions on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Written by Liz Cam, a CRCW (Church Related Community Worker) at Levenshulme Aspire

### **St Luke 21:1 - 6**

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.' When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

### **Reflection**

Almost as a tag on line to this intriguing story, Jesus mentions the unimaginable; one day, the Temple - the permanent and literal house of God will be no more. The beautiful work of artisans, the innumerable sacrifices and dedications to God, the holy atmosphere, the historical community focal point, God's presence, all gone. It's an unthinkable situation.

What would the destruction of the Temple have meant to the woman who gave all that she had to the collection box? Deep sorrow and loss? Bitterness? Relief? Freedom?

We don't know why the woman put in all that she had. Was it because:

she loved God;

she loved the Temple;

she was able to place her well-being in God's hands;

or because, whilst being watched by those with plenty, she felt ashamed not to?

Can you imagine a time when your church is no more? For many out there this will already be a painful reality, or one close enough to touch. What does church mean for you? Is God's presence limited to those 4 walls, the beauty in the building, that group of people, the rituals you share together, the weekly meetings and activities, the history of prayers made in that space?

In this story we see the frailty of our need for religious security. Whatever reason the woman gave all that she had to the Temple, the resulting vulnerability surely meant that her very life was in God's hands; perhaps, in her poverty, she already knew strength in that reality. Perhaps the destruction of the Temple would be easier for her to comprehend than for those who measured their very worth by their relation to it. The Temple was eventually destroyed, but around about the same time, word of God's love in Jesus was spreading to the ends of the earth. God goes before us, each day, into every place. Go out and seek God, seek resurrection in the darkest of places – and maybe even in the Church.

### **Prayer**

*Omnipotent God,  
was the woman in this story,  
brave, or foolish, or faithful  
when she gave all that she had  
to the Temple?  
God can you make me all three for you?  
Brave enough  
to let go of those physical things I cling to,  
foolish enough  
to trust your strength in my vulnerability,  
faithful enough  
to work out your love in all that I do,  
Amen*

## The Time is Now

Reprinted from the A Rocha Website:

*A Rocha UK CEO Andy Atkins looks behind the new wave of climate protests.*



In recent weeks climate protests have mushroomed.

A lone demonstration by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg has inspired an international movement of school students walking out of classes to demand politicians take action to safeguard their future from climate breakdown. In the UK, Extinction Rebellion has blocked major roads and bridges in our big cities to demand action on climate change and species extinction. Over one thousand people have been arrested. The group is backed by notable scientists and academics, including former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rev Dr Rowan Williams. What is going on?

Basically, science and our own senses are combining to wave a big red flag for humanity to stop our climate-destabilising ways, now. In autumn 2018 a UN report by some of the world's top climate scientists gave us twelve years to peak and sharply reduce greenhouse gas emissions or face catastrophe. In the UK, February was as hot as May used to be, breaking temperature records for the 'winter' month. Yet the UK is falling behind in meeting our carbon reduction targets. Many people are losing patience with the complacency of government in the face of an accelerating climate emergency.

A Rocha supporters may vary in whether we think the form of some recent protests is justified. But silence no longer seems an option. Many of us will have a strong desire to convert our own biblically-based concern into the most effective action.

Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> provides a golden opportunity. The Climate Coalition of charities is convening a peaceful mass lobby of the UK Parliament called *The Time Is Now* to demand faster UK climate action. Christians and Churches, witnesses to a loving creator God, should be at the centre of it. A Rocha UK is joining with others as part of an interfaith initiative to organise activities for supporters – from workshops to a Walk of Witness – before the afternoon lobby where all will be helped to speak to their own MP.

***Join us in speaking up together.***

Register for the rally here: <https://www.thetimeisnowmap.co.uk/>

Sign up for workshops and Speaker event: [www.thetimeisnowfaithevents.eventbrite.com](http://www.thetimeisnowfaithevents.eventbrite.com)

## From the May Elders Meeting

We take very seriously our wide and varied responsibilities as elders. Some highlights from our most recent meeting,

- We spoke about how we felt SFC is doing in general – we felt there’s a lot of positivity and life at SFC.
- Holiday Club – Maggie is busy recruiting volunteers and has had a really good response to her appeal. We do need a couple more children’s leaders though.
- It was confirmed that we are carrying out a Go4th review(via a simple questionnaire) in May and will bring the findings to the July Church Meeting to decide what changes to make if any.
- And of course we spoke about being a part of the local community with the Fun Run(free cakes!) coming up, followed by Sawston Summer Fete in June. Valerie Kerr is coordinating the marquee this year which will include lots of displays about what goes on at SFC – we want it to be very welcoming and interactive, and build on our successes from previous years. There has been a lot of enthusiasm already from various group leaders. Wonderful!
- Huawei have been speaking to local churches about becoming involved in the local community. We acknowledged there are some reservations about Huawei given the current headlines.
- Liz Talbout who is heading up Sawston Timebank, will be coming to talk to the May Church meeting. Looks like a really good initiative for Sawston and something that SFC can benefit from too.
- The Elders are continuing to work with the Fabric committee to finely tune the Sunday morning Fire Evacuation Plan.

*Maggie*

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### Important Dates

Sunday 2 June PM - Sawston Fete  
Sunday 16 June 10.30am – Trinity Sunday – shared service at St Mary’s  
Monday 24 June 10am - 4pm OWL Bikes pop up  
Saturday 29 June 10.30am - Monthly Prayer Meeting  
Monday 8 July 7pm – Church Meeting  
W/c 29 July - Holiday Club  
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

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## Sawston Free Church

### A message from friends and members of Craft Group

For several years our church has taken part in the Blythwood Care Shoe Box Appeal and this year we will again be asking you to make up a shoe box. The appeal requests toiletries, stationery, small toys and other items like hats, scarves and gloves or mittens. Things we often take for granted but which are luxuries to the adults and children who receive them.

Blythwood distribute the boxes to countries like Albania, Kosovo, Romania, Serbia and others where there are people in need. A filled box shows Christian love and kindness to a stranger.

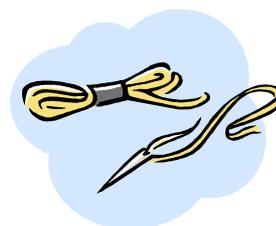
Friends and members of our church craft group are now making the knitted items particularly requested and will be offering them to you for a very reasonable price at the beginning of the Autumn session. It would be wonderful if EVERY box sent off from our church contained a hand knitted hat, scarf or pair of gloves hand made with love by one of our members.

We realise that Christmas is possibly the last thing on your mind at the beginning of June but please do think about what we are asking. All money raised will of course as ever, go to our church funds.

Thank you in advance for supporting us.

We meet in the Church back hall, alternate Monday mornings : 10am - 12noon.

**Dates for June:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. For more detail please contact **Yvonne** 473937 or **Pam** 834220



### 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



## JUNE is the National Month of Prayer For Toddler Groups



Our theme is linked to the Parable of the Mustard Seed - see the display on the Back Hall wall. We shall contribute to part of the morning service on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

A quote from Rev Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester:

“Toddler groups are a precious gift offered by churches to their wider community. In a place of welcome, relationship, play and care, toddlers and their adults are invited to experience something of the character of the living God. In this National Month of Prayer, we pray that toddler groups will

provide a space for children and adults to discover more of who they are and encounter the hope and love of Jesus Christ.”

Please pray for families to find their local group, especially families who may be struggling. And hold in your prayers this month all of our community who are involved - parents, child minders, grandparents, babies, children, volunteers from here, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Mary’s - that we may all maintain the strength to continue to "show and share God's love"

Thank you **Rosemary Heald** [timefortots@sawstonfreechurch.org](mailto:timefortots@sawstonfreechurch.org)

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](mailto: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](mailto:rebecca.r.herrick@gmail.com)

## Events for June 2019 Circuit Diary for the CAMBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT



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JUNE			
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	3-5pm	Afternoon Tea at the Queens with a musical atmosphere provided by Roger Gibbons, pianoforte. Cost £10 per head tickets from Sue Walter 01763 243815 <a href="mailto:walter962@btinternet.com">walter962@btinternet.com</a>	Royston Methodist Church
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm for 7.45pm	‘Science meets Faith: Hearing and Listening’ With Prof David Baguley, Hearing Sciences Research Group, University of Nottingham . All welcome. Light refreshments from 7.15pm talk will start at 7.45pm. Retiring collection.	Wesley Methodist Church
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Creating Safer Space Foundation Refresher Training. Please book a place at the Circuit Office <a href="mailto:office@wesleycam.org.uk">office@wesleycam.org.uk</a> so that a resource pack can be prepared for you.	Chesterton Methodist Church
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Mini Music Fest featuring Royston Saturday Morning Music School showcasing the musical talents of some of the young people of Royston. All proceeds will go to Penniwells Riding for the Disabled.	Royston Methodist Church

Save the date - July 13<sup>th</sup> Organ recital by Robin Walker at Royston Methodist Church  
Tickets at £10 from Sue On 01763 243815 or email: [walter962@btinternet.com](mailto:walter962@btinternet.com)

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