

CONTACT

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Sawston Free Church – 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 3.00 pm	Morning Worship Messy Church
	2 nd Sunday of month	10.30 am	Holy Communion No evening service
	3 rd Sunday of month	10.30 am	Morning Worship No evening service
	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
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 Church secretary.</p>			

Churches Services and Dates for Your Diary

Date	Sawston	Castle Camps
June	All Services and Groups suspended this month	All Services and Groups suspended this month
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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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The closing date for **July Contact** is Friday **19th June**

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Moving Forward

In these strange times it is hard to know where moving forward might take us. So far as the vacancy for a minister is concerned, all is now in place, and we are looking – but, before anyone gets too excited, I am bound to say that the search very often takes quite a while these days. We simply have to wait and see what happens.

In the meantime, we need to navigate the situation caused by Coronavirus. It is frustrating that, as I write, the church building is closed, with no immediate prospect of that changing and, when it does, there are likely to be all sorts of restrictions and limitations on what is possible for any initial period. Social distancing, a careful cleaning regime and risks assessments will probably impact the activities and hiring of the church.

There is a great deal of talk of a 'new normal', but we don't yet really know what that will look like.

In the meantime, despite the restrictions on the use of the building, Sawston Free Church is most certainly not closed. Indeed, we are alive and well and engaged in all sorts of acts of kindness and prayer.

However, we do need to be ready to move into the next phase when things change. I would encourage you to think about what are the good things that the enforced lockdown changes have brought about. What might we want to keep that's been different? What might we want to change? What have we learned?

The Synod Moderators have prepared a lengthy, but helpful, document that offers lots of pointers, lots of food for thought.

As it says: "We are on a journey through a pandemic, not knowing our destination, but aware we follow in a line of saints of old, who have set off before us in the footsteps of Jesus, walking the way. Like those before us, we may travel with faith and doubt, hope and fear, and, perhaps, have a holy encounter along the way. That we travel at all will mean that we are changed.

Pilgrimage is about taking and risking such a journey, faith is knowing that we are accompanied by God, hope is in a Kingdom destination, and love may be experienced with companions.”

Meantime, I am enjoying working with and alongside you, not least in learning the challenges of leading Zoom worship.

If there is anything you think I might be able to do that's not happening, do get in touch.

Paul Whittle

This Sunday at SFC

During covid-19 restrictions,
join us every Sunday for church online.

We cannot meet in person, so we meet in Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in, whether a long term member or new. All will receive a warm welcome!

Just email secretary@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk and you will be sent a link to the zoom connection for Sunday morning. All you then need to do is click on the link and follow the instructions.

AND PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE FULL (AUDIO & VISUAL) RECORDING OF EACH SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WATCH ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE.

**It's only our buildings that are closed.
Sawston Free Church is very much open & alive!
Please join us on Sunday.**



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Greetings from Castle Camps.



We hope that the lockdown is giving you time to think about all sorts of things that have been on your minds for a long time and there is no avoiding them at the moment.

I find it is very therapeutic to actually deal with them and enjoy the feeling of relief afterwards. I go down to the field and hide in an old summerhouse and then come back later with my spiritual armour on.

The children at the farm are working hard at their school work, but are also helping in lots of practical ways. Their small flock of sheep are lambing now and the 14yr old twin girls are quite experienced shepherdesses. Most years they have to go round the Ewes before school and feed any lambs that need a little extra care and then after school the same again. They are used to helping with lambing and their mother has taught them what to do. They are always late lambing, because when 3 or 4 farmers share a Tup (Male Sheep) the flock he visits last are last to lamb. The only good thing is the lambs have better warmer weather not so cold and wet. The children's father has started silage making, so it is all systems go and this morning one twin was up and amongst the sheep at 6am. It is good for young people to have some responsibilities and at the moment it helps to structure their days and makes schoolwork a bit of a break.

With the lack of aircraft and much less traffic, it is lovely to sit out in the garden and listen to the birds (rooks excluded!) and some of us have heard a cuckoo and we are also seeing the arrival of swifts and swallows.

The village celebrated VE Day 75 and a lot of villagers sat out in their front gardens. 75 years ago, the school closed for a few days so that the children could celebrate. In late 1944, a V1 flying bomb landed near the village and took out all of the windows of the school, so they had a lot to celebrate.

Naturally, during the lock down we have missed out on meeting at the chapel and whilst watching Sunday services on television or on-line is good, it can't replicate the coming together. To assist keeping in touch with our congregation, we have produced a weekly newsletter, which was issued on-line, but for those of the congregation who are not able to view on computer, we have delivered hard copies.

To assist villagers, "The Oak" has been providing take-away meals. They were pre-ordered and each client was given a 10 minute slot to avoid contact. The meals have been delicious and they are to be congratulated.

Keep safe and as Yorkshire people say THINK ON.

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

Val & friends

Thomas Carlisle notoriously declared that 'the history of the world is but the biography of great men'. To tell the story of an event in history, one had only to pick out the heroes and tell their stories, warts and all. No hero is perfect. Their faults are often their downfall. But no matter. What a nation needed in a crisis, was not a man or woman of moral perfection, but a hero who possessed the vision, creativity and courage to grasp the essentials of the situation, to see what needed to be done, and to have the courage and charisma to lead the nation through it.

Modern social theories of history are dismissive of Carlisle. The modern view is that what happens in the world is to do with the great movements of societies and their thinking. Leaders are but the product of the hour, thrown up by the situation. In themselves they are of little account. I find, as I survey the attempts of our nation's leadership to get to grips with the current crisis, that Carlisle had a point. Come a crisis, leadership that is merely what has been thrown up by the system tends to be exposed for what it is. Its faults are clear for all to see. It is Carlisle's other bit that is lacking - courage, vision, and charisma.

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It is shocking to discover that you know almost nothing about something you thought you understood quite well. I have just finished reading two books by Jung Chang, her *Empress Dowager Cixi(1)* (say it 'Sixy') about the extraordinary woman who was in charge of China and empress in all but name virtually continuously from 1861 until her death in 1908, and *Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister(2)* , which, by telling the stories of these three remarkable sisters, tells the story of China from the death of Cixi to the establishment of the communist state in 1949.

Goodness! What I didn't know! For instance, I did not know that as she lay dying Cixi put in place the legislation to turn China into a democracy. After her death, for about four years, China was a democracy. (Astonishing Fact No. 1.) During her final years, one of Cixi's few friends was an American missionary. (Astonishing Fact No. 2.) After her death came a series of upheavals that led eventually to the undemocratic Nationalist rule of Chiang Kai-shek until his defeat by the communist forces of Mao in 1949 and his retreat to Taiwan (where his successors still rule.) The three sisters of the second book, like their father Soong before them, were all educated at Methodist colleges in the United States. Soong, in fact, took a degree in theology and was sent by the Methodists to Shanghai as a missionary. (Astonishing Fact No. 3.) The notorious Sun Yat-sen, who married the middle sister and is often called the '*Father of the Nation*' by the Chinese Communists, began adult life training as a medical missionary. (Astonishing Fact No. 4.) The youngest sister married Chiang Kai-shek, who also converted to Christianity. (Astonishing Fact No. 5.) I simply had not realised the extent of Christianity's (and especially American Methodism's) influence during the Nationalist years, especially through its role in providing modernising Western schools, and eventually universities, in China. (Astonishing Fact No. 6.)

Though Chiang was in many ways a feckless and incompetent leader, and a hopeless military commander, in some ways he handled the brutal triangular war between Japan, Mao and the Nationalists during WW2 quite well. After forcing Mao's army into making the Long March into a total wilderness, he had the communists at his mercy. So why, after the defeat of Japan in 1945, did he let them off the hook, and eventually lose the war? If Jung is to be believed, it was because his son, Chiang Ching-kuo, who had been sent to Russia to study, was taken captive by Stalin (and even sent to a gulag at one point) in order to coerce Chiang into letting Mao and his forces off the hook. Stalin's scheme worked. Mao escaped and the boy came home. Chiang had supposed that with his son safely home he could finish his business with Mao. But the bird had flown, the moment of opportunity had passed, and Mao, not Chiang, ruled post-war China. But is this Astonishing Fact No 7? If you look at Wikipedia (which is not always to be trusted), you will find this version of events vehemently denied (but without adequate supporting evidence, to my mind). After all, if true, it is not a story that the current Chinese regime would want publicised. Nor is it a story which reflects well on the Chiangs (father and son). Nor would the current Taiwanese government find it helpful. Plenty of people have an interest in its suppression. My guess is that it is not far from the truth.

But to go back to where I began: the stories of Cixi and Chiang (and of course Stalin and Mao) are the stories of hugely influential, powerful, flawed people. In Cixi's case, a person who, in 1907, nearly pulled off an astonishing transformation of China into a modern democratic monarchical state. In Chiang's case, less success and much more failure. In the end, their flaws found both out, and their weaknesses led, directly and indirectly, to today's world.

So I am left thinking that Carlisle, in common with the authors of the books of 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings (where they tell the tragic stories of David and his son Solomon) must surely be partly correct. Great leaders and their flaws determine the lives of their people for good and ill, sometimes for centuries after they themselves are dead.

Jung says that Cixi recognised that the greatness of her opposite number in the West, Queen Victoria (in whom she was in some awe), lay not in Victoria herself, but in the democratic governmental system of shared government over which she reigned. It was this that led Cixi to believe that China's modernisation and China's democratisation should go hand in hand. So perhaps Cixi herself would side in part with Carlisle's detractors: Victoria's greatness lay not in herself, but in the system over which she presided.

Those authors of those biblical books would insist on another point which, they would say, was more fundamental than either Carlisle's point or his detractors'. They would say that however a nation is ruled, what matters most is that its rulers (be they individuals or an entire system of government) recognise that their power is not truly theirs. They hold office as trustees, under the sovereignty of the love of God. Forget that, and no matter how able they are, all is lost.

(1) *Empress Dowager Cixi*. Jung Chang, Jonathan Cape 2013

(2) *Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister - three women at the heart of twentieth-century China*. Jung Chang, Jonathan Cape, 2019

Sawston Messy Church Update

Messy Church carries on under the banner “Messy Church at Home”.

During May, we have thought about rainbows and Ascension Day through the sharing of YouTube links and activities. And our Facebook page is full of ideas.

Our puppets Dave, Kev & Gloria even managed to use technology to share a video message with us. Follow this link if you haven't seen it yet. It's lots of fun! <https://tinyurl.com/messypuppets>

Even though Ascension Day & Pentecost might be over when you read this, we would like to share this poem with you. The “tune” is “Two Little Dicky Birds, sitting on a wall...”

It is about us, taking over Jesus' work:

Eleven amazed disciples
Sitting very still
Listening to Jesus
Up on Olive Hill

"Time to go", said Jesus
And then a cloud came down
"I'll send the power that you need.
Just wait inside the town"

Fade away Jesus
Walk home friends
Come soon Spirit
A promise that He sends

Church Rainbow

Now Jesus was in one place
In Israel, where He came
But soon He will be everywhere
We'll all call His name

Fade way Jesus
Walk home friends
Come soon Spirit
The power that He sends

Jesus had begun His work
And showed us what is true
He goes away
But power will come
Because now it's over to you.

Fade way Jesus
Walk home friends
Come soon Spirit
The power that He sends

Love from Valerie, on behalf of the Sawston Messy Church team



Isaac & Abbie with their Messy

***the Rainbow is now displayed on the doors
at the front of the church***

Multi-coloured and patterned scrubs a 'hit' with staff



SFC Scrubbers and Friends are among the individuals and groups making scrubs for Royal Papworth Hospital - as reported by Alex Pope of BBC News Online: 8:06am 6 May.

Forget wearing the usual scrubs made from blue or raspberry coloured fabric - NHS workers at one hospital are rocking some new threads.

A number of scrubs have been donated from sewing groups and individuals from across Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire, to staff at Royal Papworth Hospital in Cambridge.



The outfits, ranging from Thomas the Tank Engine to exotic plant patterns, have been a "real hit with staff", a spokesman said. "We're so grateful to everyone who has made them for our teams - they've made a huge difference and helped to keep us smiling," he said.

And knowing that has helped keeps us here motivated and cutting out/stitching.

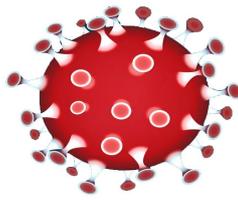
To support this:

- You could give fabric - polycotton, washable at 60 deg, used or new
- Offer to cut out fabric - we can provide patterns and donated fabric
- Offer to machine stitch garments, using running stitch, zigzag or overlocking



For more detail Please contact Rosemary Heald – Tel: 833983 or email: timefortots@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk

Photos by Royal Papworth Hospital



COVID-19 UPDATE



As the UK-wide lockdown continues, all physical events remain cancelled.

- Please **DO NOT BRING DONATIONS TO ANY OF OUR DONATION DROP LOCATIONS** until the lockdown is over.
- At the present time it is unlikely we will be able to proceed with the poncho sewing sessions in May, but are still hoping to be able to run June's convoy.

But please continue your support!

We would urge you, if you can, to continue to donate to CamCrag online.

Additional Virus Alert:

Our website was hacked recently and has had to be taken down to fix the problem. It may be obvious, but please do not download any suspicious programmes or unusual links. With the world moving online, there has been a huge increase in cyber crime. You have probably not won a new computer and definitely not from CamCrag!

News from France

Over 300 migrants around Calais were moved into temporary accommodation by Easter weekend, but many more remain on the streets. The first two cases of COVID-19 were reported among the migrant population at the beginning of April.



Arrangements are being made for regular webinars, which volunteers can join, when a representative of one of our partners in France or Greece will give a report on what is going on where they are. Details will be on our Facebook page when finalised.

RCK have had to close during the lockdown so no hot meals are being provided from the Auberge des Migrants at the moment.

RCK (like CamCrag) is none the less supporting the Calais Food Collective, which is collecting and distributing ingredients and cooking utensils. The Calais Food Collective has raised enough funding for the next few weeks so CamCrag is replacing our April convoy with a donation of £2k to buy gift packs of dates for Ramadan.

New Tents for Old

Our partners in Calais, Collective Aid, are very concerned that as soon as the lockdown is over, as many as 1000 migrants who have been temporarily housed during the crisis will be turned out onto the streets of Calais and Grande Synthe with no sleeping bags and no tents.

It looks unlikely that there will be much festival salvage this year, so we would be very grateful for suggestions for sourcing tents.



Meanwhile, we hate waste and would also love to hear ideas for repurposing tent material as there are always mountains of broken tents in Calais, which usually end up in landfill.

Izzie from our poncho team, has been turning the zips from broken tents into cool bags and pencil cases. It would be great to find something creative and clever to do with the fabric as well.

The money raised from homemade crafts could buy new tents for Collective Aid.

Frontline Funding



We may not be able to send volunteers, tents or sleeping bags where they are needed, but we can send funds.

CamCrag will be sending £1.5k per month for the next three months to provide WASH facilities on Lesvos, where the overcrowding is at its worst.

These images show volunteers with Watershed Foundation building a WASH facility in Moria camp, Lesvos.

Just in case you are doing clearing out in your homes, please remember our refugees across the Channel and elsewhere. Men's clothing is still needed and old tents and sleeping bags.

I can collect from you ready for the next convoy whenever that will be.

Thanks Mary

Eggy Toast Apple Dessert

This will serve two people.

Ingredients:

1 large bramley apple.
Sugar and cinnamon to your taste
2 slices of bread
1 flan dish 30 inches circumference
1 medium egg

Method:

Slice up the apple thinly and place in the flan dish with a little water.

Pop in the microwave and cook until tender.

Mean time break an egg onto a large dinner plate and whisk with a fork until well mixed.

Dip both the slices of bread into this until they are well coated. Cut each slice into two triangles.

When the apple is cooked flavour with sugar and arrange the three triangles of bread around the dish and the fourth in the middle.

Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over the bread and bake at 150 degrees for about 20 minutes or until it has a toasted look.

If we have any leftovers of this dish we normally pop them in the 'fridge for the next day. Some how they vanish bit by bit. Anything naughty that happens in our house is blamed on Maisie Mouse but we have yet to find out how she gets into the 'fridge.

NB:

I should have mentioned the following about the recipe for Orange and lemon conserve that was in the last copy of Contact. When the mixture is at setting point let it boil a bit longer so that you see the mixture thicken.

Beryl Penny

Charlotte-Ann Kerr

Hello everyone at Sawston Free Church!

I've just completed my degree at the Arts University Bournemouth and my mum Valerie thought you might like to hear a small update from me.

My degree was in Film Production and I have spent the last 3 years making short films and learning about the film industry. The final year involved a specialisation in Production Design, which gave me the opportunity to build film sets and design small worlds in which films take place.

After giving a daunting pitch to my course of 120 people where I proposed to write a story about a 10 pin bowling team, I was lucky enough to have my film selected to be made! I wrote a 15 page script for the comedy film and could then begin to design the set.

The best experience was creating and building a bowling alley from scratch, I painted yellow and pink walls, and constructed functioning bowling lanes. When we were on set filming, it was one of the lighting teams birthdays so she was even able to have a go on the film sets lanes, luckily she scored a strike!



Thanks to an amazing film crew and raising money from friends, family and the community, we raised almost £7000 to make the film the best it could be. Our film, *Gutter Girls*, was supposed to be premiering at the BFI (British Film Institute) in London this summer, but due to current circumstances this has been postponed, but our course leader has promised it will definitely happen. This is a picture of the set that I built and designed, the most fun part of the film is the 'STRIKE' sign lighting up whenever someone scored a strike.

Living by the beach during my time at university has been amazing for my health and positivity, and I have managed to come out of it with friends for life, all who will go on to do amazing things in the creative industries. *(Picture – Celebrating end of degree)*



Unfortunately my hopes to enter the film industry after moving from Bournemouth have been affected by COVID-19, as due to the amount of talented people in one place it takes to create films, they have had to stop production. This just means that my journey into the art department on film will be postponed, but for now I can create films from home with my friends to build up my portfolio, and work on writing more short stories.

My memories from being a child at the church and in the Girls Brigade have always motivated great stories to tell my friends, and I will always be grateful for the creativity, community and skills I learnt during that time of my life.

***With love,
Charlotte-Ann Kerr***

Dad's Poem

Her hair was up in a ponytail,
her favourite dress tied with a bow.
Today was Daddy's Day at school,
and she couldn't wait to go.

But her mummy tried to tell her,
that she probably should stay home.
Why the kids might not understand,
if she went to school alone.

But she was not afraid;
she knew just what to say.
What to tell her classmates
of why he wasn't there today.

But still her mother worried,
for her to face this day alone.
And that was why once again,
she tried to keep her daughter home.

But the little girl went to school
eager to tell them all.
About a dad she never sees
a dad who never calls.

There were daddies along the wall in back,
for everyone to meet.
Children squirming impatiently,
anxious in their seats

One by one the teacher called
a student from the class.
To introduce their daddy,
as seconds slowly passed.

At last, the teacher called her name,
every child turned to stare.
Each of them was searching,
for a man who wasn't there.

"Where's her daddy at?"
she heard a boy call out.
"She probably doesn't have one,"
another student dared to shout.

And from somewhere near the back,
she heard a daddy say,
"Looks like another deadbeat dad,
too busy to waste his day."

The words did not offend her,
as she smiled up at her Mum.
And looked back at her teacher,
who told her to go on.

And with hands behind her back,
slowly she began to speak.
And out from the mouth of a child,
came words incredibly unique.

"My Daddy couldn't be here,
because he lives so far away.
But I know he wishes he could be,
since this is such a special day.

And though you cannot meet him,
I wanted you to know.
All about my daddy,
and how much he loves me so.

He loved to tell me stories
he taught me to ride my bike.
He surprised me with pink roses,
and taught me to fly a kite.

We used to share fudge sundaes,
and ice cream in a cone.
And though you cannot see him,
I'm not standing here alone.

"Cause my daddy's always with me,
even though we are apart
I know because he told me,
he'll forever be in my heart"

With that, her little hand reached up,
and lay across her chest.
Feeling her own heartbeat,
beneath her favourite dress.

And from somewhere here in the crowd of dads,
her mother stood in tears
Proudly watching her daughter,
who was wise beyond her years.

For she stood up for the love
of a man not in her life.
Doing what was best for her,
doing what was right.

And when she dropped her hand back down,
staring straight into the crowd
She finished with a voice so soft,
but its message clear and loud.

"I love my daddy very much,
he's my shining star.
And if he could, he'd be here,
but heaven's just too far

But sometimes when I close my eyes,
it's like he never went away."
And then she closed her eyes,
and she saw him there that day.

And to her mothers amazement,
she witnessed with surprise.
A room full of daddies and children,
all starting to close their eyes.

Who knows what they saw before them,
who knows what they felt inside.
Perhaps for merely a second,
they saw him at her side.

"I know you're with me Daddy,"
to the silence she called out.
And what happened next made believers,
of those once filled with doubt.

Not one in that room could explain it,
for each of their eyes had been closed.
But there on the desk beside her,
was a fragrant long-stemmed pink rose.

And a child was blessed, if only for a moment,
by the love of her shining star.
And given the gift of believing,
that heaven is never too far.

Author Unknown

June is the National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups



This National month of prayer will be highlighted in the Zoom Sunday morning worship on 7th June 2020, led by Rev Deborah McVey.

Details will be available from secretary@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk and you are invited to join us.

When Time for Tots last met on Thursday 5th March, we enjoyed a lively session and the Church building was buzzing. Covid-19 has changed everything. Yet we must somehow continue to “show and share God’s love” to those who need such groups once the Covid-19 crisis is over.

Earlier in the year, a reading (Isaiah 43 v18-21) was chosen to run through June. This is the opening section:

*“Forget the former things;
Do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”*

What are we being told?

Please pray this month for the families and volunteers who have been part of our church’s Time for Tots.

Rosemary Heald

Christian Aid

I apologise since this should have been in May’s contact. But even though Christian Aid week has passed please feel free if you are able to donate to this well deserving charity.

Christian Aid week was from May 9-16th. As this year all fundraising events have been cancelled, we are still celebrating Christian Aid week and the work it does and what it is doing at present.

Covid-19 has impacted on the poorer countries of the world as you can imagine. They are struggling with healthcare and loss of income during this Lockdown time. We are asking you all to please support this charity and instead of supporting our events, or using the envelopes in the church, please donate on the Christian Aid website www.christianaid-org.uk/give-money/make-donation or telephone 02075232269.

Alternatively you could give us a cheque (made payable to Christian Aid) or cash which can be collected from your homes if you let us know.

Please support this charity if you are able.

Thank you, and stay safe Mary, Pam and Tony.

To My Dear Friends

I came across this song a couple of weeks ago. The words really spoke to me at the time and I find myself returning to it often as a form of prayer - adding my own verses as thoughts come into my head during my quiet times with God.

I hope it helps you too during this time.

Love, Valerie Kerr

Father, I place into your hands the things I now can't do.
Father, I place into your hands the times we're going through.
Father, I place into your hands the world as it is now,
for we need your courage, strength and hope.

Father, I place into your hands my friends and family
Father, I place into your hands the people I can't see.
Father, I place into your hands those finding life lonely,
for I trust that you are with us all.

Father, I place into your hands all of the NHS.
Father, I place into your hands all those now full of stress.
Father, I place into your hands my prayers for you to bless,
for I know you hear my requests.

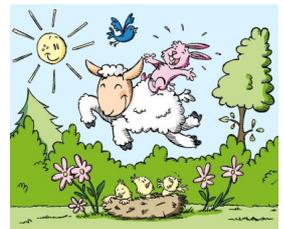
Father, help me to see your face, help me to hear your voice.
Father, help me to sing your praise and in your name rejoice
Father, give to me peace of mind, and to the dying - rest,
for I know how much we need you now.

Father, I want to be with you and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones that you are loving too,
may I know that I am one with you.

**Adapted by Denise Creed from the original hymn by Jenny Hewer (b. 1945)
Denise is a Methodist deacon in the South Holderness Circuit.**

Cambridge Methodist Circuit

Our Circuit Churches can't currently meet together but there are resources available.
Please see cambridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk
Or you can watch services from Methodist Central Hall live stream



Dear Friends,

I am writing to inform you that worship will be suspended in the Cambridge circuit churches until further notice. This has been done on the advice of the national Church, and following the examples of the Church of England, the Baptist Union and the URC.

This is a shocking thing to do but a necessary one for public health reasons. The Methodist Church is producing a brief worship service for home use on Sundays and this is available on the website. Though public worship and prayer services have been stopped, this remains a very important time for prayer. We can all do this in our homes.

Like so many people in the circuit I am isolating myself because of lifelong asthma and more recent diabetes. The circuit meeting and all church meetings, including synods, are postponed. We will have a lot of catching up to do when we surface.

I wish you well and send my love and prayers.

The Revd Colin A Smith, Superintendent

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