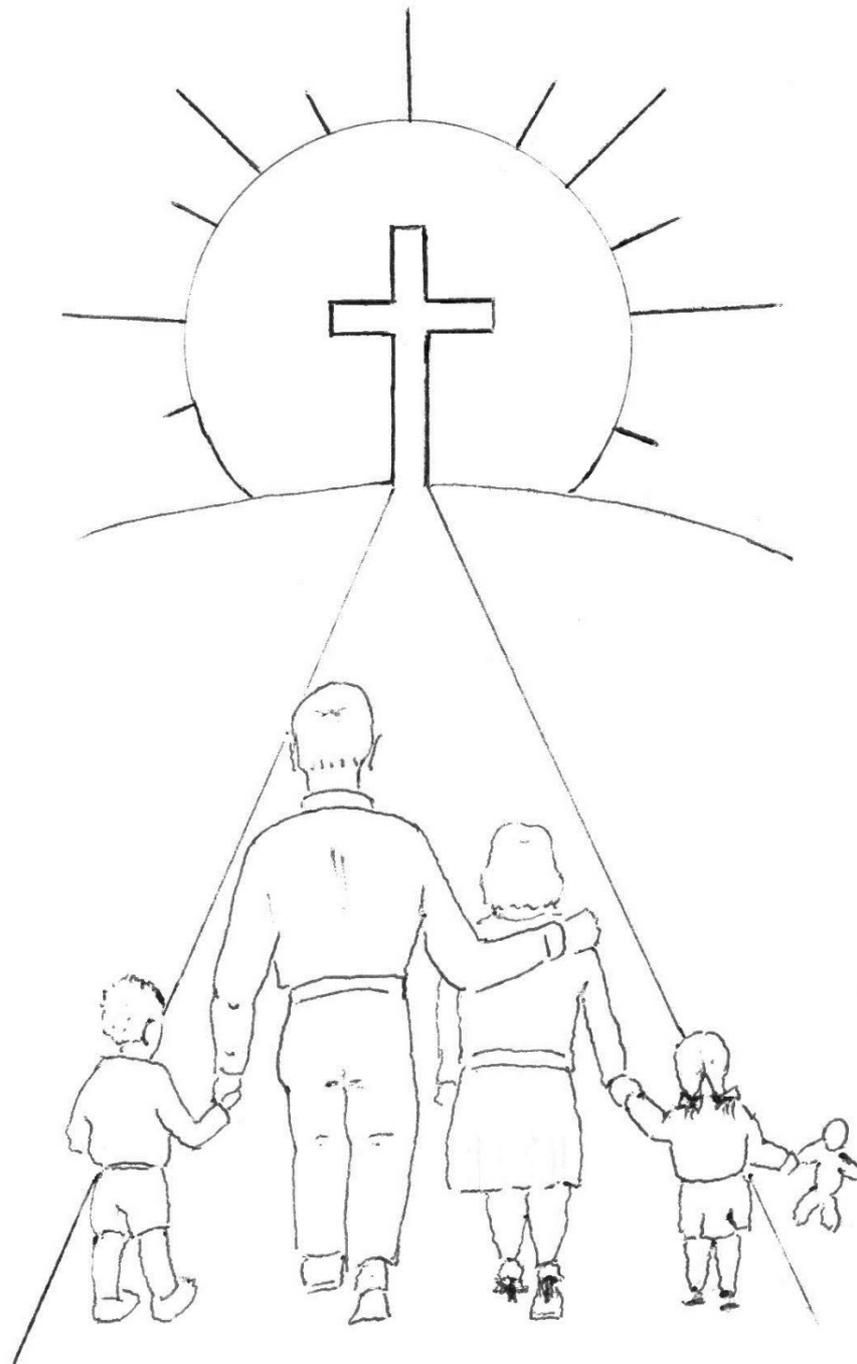


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Sawston FC Regular Church Activities but please check diary below for full details or contact the relevant group.

Sunday	Every Sunday 1 st Sunday of month 2 nd Sunday of month 3 rd Sunday of month 4 th Sunday of month 5 th Sunday of month	10.30 am 3.00 pm 10.30 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Morning Worship Messy Church No evening service Holy Communion as part of Morning Worship Quiet Time with God Evening Communion Go4th Praise Service (No evening service
Monday	Alternate - see diary	10.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	Term time only	6.15 – 9.00 pm	Boys' and Girls' Brigades
Wednesday	Fortnightly see diary	2.00 pm	Wednesday Fellowship
Thursday	Term time only	10.30 – noon	Time for Tots
Saturday	Last Saturday of month	10.30 am	Monthly Prayer Meeting
For further details of these activities, please contact one of the Elders (see back page). Four housegroups meet regularly. For information contact the Minister or Church Secretaries.			

Three Churches Services and Dates for Your Diary

Date	Sawston	Lt Abington	Castle Camps
Sun 3 Jun	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Mike Wilson 3pm: Messy Church	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr John Luke	10.30am: Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron
Mon 4 Jun	10am: Craft Group (page 15)		
Wed 6 Jun	2pm: Wednesday Fellowship (page 15)		
Sun 10 Jun	10.30am: Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron 6pm: Quiet Time - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mrs Wendy Roe	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev E Caswell
Sun 17 Jun	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron 6pm: Evening Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	2.30pm: Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.30am: Family Service - Rev Norman Setchell
Mon 18 Jun	10am: Craft Group (page 15)		
Wed 20 Jun	2pm: Wednesday Fellowship (page 15)		
Sun 24 Jun	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron 6.30pm: Go4th : Waldon / Purdy	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Jim Taylor	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mr Mike Hayes

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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Jun 10	Tony Moss 834220	Sylvia Goddard	Jun 24	Gordon Heald 833983	Barbara Camp

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From the Minister's Desk



Last month I mentioned that I would be attending the URC Minister's Conference. **Discipleship** was the theme of the Walking the Way Conference I attended at Yarnfield Conference Centre with 316 other ministers from across the UK.

The URC's theme is '**Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today**'

It's a great aspiration. If only it was simple.

How often do you find yourself in the same pickle that Paul expresses when he says that the good he wants to do he doesn't, and the evil he doesn't want to do, he does?

How often do you find that the best intentions you have, fall apart in the face of aspects of the situation you hadn't countenanced.

How often do you find that you're best intentions fail because in the heat of a moment you've been too wrapped up in your own feelings or myopic perspectives to understand that what you are doing is actually not helping, even though at the time you thought it was the way to go?

Or perhaps, you've simply failed, and in the failing, done damage.

Have a read of the gospels. You will find that all of these human conditions are there in every one of the disciples. And every time it happens, Jesus corrects them, redirects them, rebukes them, reassures them, and then sets off again, still with them.

Even their church meetings failed. Read in Acts, thinking he's doing the right thing, Peter asserts to the disciples (everyone who is there with the community in the post crucifixion/resurrection gathering) that they need to choose a replacement apostle for Judas. They choose lots and end up with Matthias as the replacement. We never hear of him again in the scriptures (although there are legends but they are uncertain).

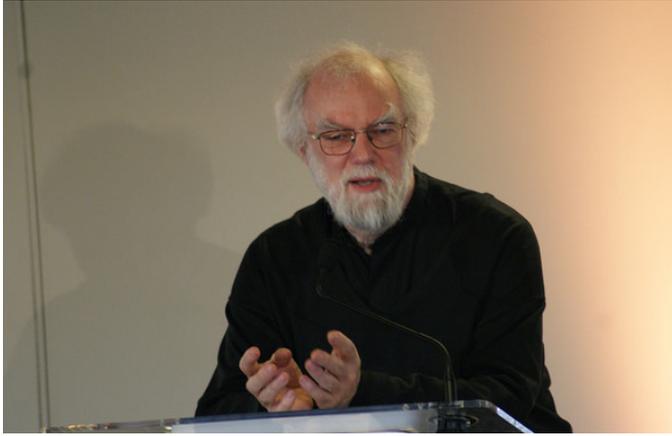
We too are disciples, if we are following Jesus, and like them we are capable of extraordinary things, both brilliant and foolish. God works with ordinary compromised and contradictory human beings, from the outset. In the Hebrew Scriptures, it is hard to find a hero of faith who doesn't struggle continuously with being very human.

Discipleship is not synonymous with being a perfect person. It is synonymous with believing that God's love and grace is greater than our faults, flaws and failures, and in following, in seeking to walk the way, living the life of Jesus today, by the miracle of grace and the presence of God's Holy Spirit, God's work will be done.

Next time you feel you have failed God, say to yourself "Hang on, we're not Jesus, we're the disciples!"

Next time your fellow Christian fails, or in your estimation appears to have failed, do remind yourself of exactly the same thing won't you.

As the old hymn goes "Brother, sister, let me serve you. Let me be **as Christ to you!**"



The first keynote speaker was Rowan Williams who shared with us three examples of “saints”, modern day disciples who were quite unlikely candidates for sainthood, yet because of their encounter with God did some extraordinary things in ordinary places.

In June I will be sharing these three encounters, in our Wednesday Night House group “Faith In Life”, meeting in the church.

We have the videos of Rowan’s talks and they will stimulate some deep conversations. Please keep the 13th & 27th of June and the 11th July free in the evenings to come and watch and discuss these addresses. Rowan’s addresses took us into the heart of these people’s encounters with God and the thinking and faith they wrote about and shared in their service to God.

In our faith community, we know the value of listening for God in each other’s perspectives, so the discussion is as important as the address. However, if you cannot get along to the House Group, then here are the links.

1. Disciples in the Modern City: Maria Skobtsova - Race, Refugees and Martyrdom
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGILm6QyxWY>
2. Disciples in the Modern City: Dorothy Day – Homelessness, Peace and Poverty
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EujUjW2zQIE>
3. Disciples in the Modern City: Madeleine Delbrel – Ordinary Holiness for People in the Street
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i--mnGqammk>



Our second keynote speaker was Peggy Kabonde, General Secretary of the United Church of Zambia, speaking about the Challenge of Discipleship in the 21st Century. These talks are also available online, and may generate a further series of House Group discussion.

1. The discipleship challenge in the 21st Century pt 1
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJBdrnLEapc>
2. The discipleship challenge in the 21st Century pt 2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P2f504PL8A>
3. The discipleship challenge in the 21st Century pt 3
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ds1G23eMBOY>

An Idea for Your Faith Reflection

One of the great ideas that was shared at the Ministers' Conference.

As we move through the church year, each month, take a figure from any one of the Christian festivals we celebrate, and for a week, immerse yourself in that person, their experiences, their responses, their encounters.

I'm writing this as I'm preparing for Pentecost Sunday and the reading. So take up your Bible, look up the story in Acts 2, choose a character, explore him/her, put yourself in your character's shoes, imagine what they might have thought, felt, what stood behind their words and actions. Imagine yourself as them. It is a great way to enter into Bible stories in a more personal way.

So, who will it be?

- One of the many disciples, experiencing this phenomena of the tongues of fire and glossolalia (speaking in other people's languages),
- one of the bewildered onlookers hearing this happening,
- one of the sneerers,
- Peter,
- one of the people "cut to the heart",
- one of the three thousand who devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and breaking bread with them

Bruce

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SEASIDE SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY CLUB

**Christians
Together in
Sawston**

**30th July – 3rd August 2018
9.30am-3.30pm
at Bellbird Primary School**

Holiday Club is on the horizon again and this year we're going to the seaside! For five days primary school children (from end of Reception up to Year 6) will be meeting up with Jesus and His friends on the beach to find out 'What does a disciple need in their bucket'!

Message From Castle Camps



After a busy Easter, we are having a quieter time in our services, but Spring has arrived with an overwhelming rush. The hedges are covered with May blossom and the verges are clothed with cow parsley. The lambs are growing apace. We are so lucky to live in this beautiful countryside.

We have been invited by the Parish Council to attend the Annual Parish Meeting along with other organisations and charities within the village. Bruce and Alan are attending and it is a good opportunity to tell the village what we shall be doing during the coming months. – a good opportunity for a little self-advertisement !

It has been suggested that a defibrillator should be installed within the village and as the chapel is virtually in the centre, we have suggested that it be fitted to the wall of the chapel. We are currently in conversation with the Parish Council and an electrician to complete the operation as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to the Rev, Norman Setchell taking our family service in June. This will be the first time that we have had the privilege of his ministry this year, as his earlier visit had to be cancelled due to snow.

As we write this, Mary is in hospital and we wish her well.

We send you our best wishes and God's blessing to you all.

Val and Friends.

Sawston Free Church - Flower Rota



Brenda has reluctantly decided that she will have to give up her flower arranging 'overseeing duty'. Thank you so much Brenda for all your help over the years. *Janet.*

At present there are 4 of us who are responsible for a month at a time, to either arrange flowers on someone's behalf, or to make sure there are flowers in the church each week during that month - so it would mean covering about two months in each year (spread throughout the year). If you or anyone you know, would like to join our flower team, please have a word with Janet Parr.

You Are So Extravagant Jesus



You are so extravagant Jesus –
unbelievably extravagant in everything you do.
You made a superabundance of things that are considered
of little value.

How many cast a second glance
at sunrises and sunsets?
Yet both go flaunting around the skies
like women parading new dresses.

How many of us bother our heads
about a field filled with varnished buttercups?
We can't eat them.
Yet you find buttercups so cheap and fascinating
to produce
that golden carpets flop around everywhere.

Then there are the huge heaving seas.
Why make so much water Jesus?
We can't drink it.
And all those snowflakes endlessly parachuting to earth.
Why send so many
and why each one a different pattern and shape?
Sheer extravagance.

No Jesus
you are by no means economical.
Even a picnic on a hill
resulted in twelve baskets filled with leftovers.

When Mary of Bethany was extravagant in her worship of you
people cried 'Economise!'
You said,
'This woman's extravagance will be praised and remembered for ever.'

Yes, my younger brother,
you are beginning to glimpse
a hue in the rainbow of My character:
creation demonstrates My extravagance
and may be considered outlandish, preposterous
yet it symbolises My love for you.

Commonsense is finite
a companion of timidity
and timidity produces economy.

I was not sensible
or calculating
or precise
when I loved you
from that hillside.

Economy takes no risks.
Without venture
there can be no adventure.

I tell you
My younger brother
that, alongside wealth,
economy has been deified.
However, I make no allowances for
cutting cloth accordingly,
nor for hoarding for rainy days;
you must give yourself extravagantly.
The security in the apparent wisdom of economy
is opposite to the nature of My Father
who delights in feeding millions of birds
with billions of insects;
Who cultivates grasses and invents flowers
simply for the joy of it.

Phil Streeter

With thanks to Lynne Riecansky

The Owl Café has closed

- After 15 years functioning as a place for people with learning difficulties to interact with our community
- After 15 years of being a place to chat, to meet, to be served and to serve
- After 15 years of response to a dream, the Café has closed

We cannot say at the time of writing what will replace it, but we are looking for volunteers to help us refurbish the space, for prayer partners to pray that we will use it as God would have us use it, for people who are dreaming new dreams to find ways of making them happen.

When loved institutions or functions end, it is always a grief. But God is also in the future, as much as in the past, and longing for what has been belies the faith we have that God has good things in store for us.

So grieve the past, but let it go. It can be an anchor holding us in the doldrums. Trust that God is in the future, whatever is coming, and will meet us there too.

Sometimes, when things end it is an opportunity for a beginning that could not occur unless the past came to its conclusion. So for Christians, we live in hope and optimistic trust that God is waiting around the corner to do new things, and sometimes we cannot imagine the new thing until we have walked well out of the old place we used to be.

On the 17th of June, we will be holding a service in our church in the morning, to celebrate with thanksgiving all that has been achieved through the OWL Café, to pray for the ongoing work of OWL in our village, and to give thanks for its staff and students and honour the many volunteers who have made OWL work.

Bruce



Prayer Diary for June

Week 1

Owl Café

- We pray for the staff of OWL as they face the reality of the absence of the Café
- We pray for those cleaning up and refurbishing the space that was the OWL Café
- We pray for those seeking to reinstate something like the Café and for their working together to begin a new venture
- We pray for the students who for years have relied on the Café as their social network and place of employment throughout the week.
- We pray for Angie who ran the Café and for many years has been at the heart of its function.

Week 2&3

Time For Tots: This is the **Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups:** So, during these two weeks, please remember in your prayer:

- The planning team who put together the programme for the year.
- Please pray each week in this month for the person preparing the story.
- The volunteers who turn up each week on a Thursday morning
 - the story teller
 - the refreshments providers
 - the people speaking with the mums/dads/carers, carefully listening for those God moments when you know that the conversation is unexpectedly very important.
 - the people creating the crafts for the day.
 - the snack bowl makers
 - the setting up and cleaning up
- On Thursday, at 10.15am, would you please stop for a moment so that you are with the team as they pause for prayer before the arrival of the eighty or so people who come to our T4T group.
- Please pray for our T4T group as they prepare for worship on Sunday where we will be focussing on Toddler Groups and their mission.
- Please pray for the other Toddler Groups in the village, particularly for Refresh run by St. Mary's and Nappy Days run by OLOL
- We pray for the parents/carers who come for friendship, support, a place to be with their children that offers stimulation and some relief from constant demand of caring for toddlers.
- We pray for new mums and dads and grandparents, adjusting to the unfamiliar role.

Week 4

The Jubilee Centre is a Christian social reform organisation that offers a biblical perspective on contemporary issues and underlying trends in society, of relevance to the general public. www.jubilee-centre.org

Give thanks for the events and other activities which take place in the Jubilee Lounge in Cambridge. Forthcoming events include a presentation and discussion of Sean Oliver-Dee's Cambridge Paper on 'Integration, Assimilation and Fundamental British Values' on Thursday 17th May. Please pray for Sean as he prepares for this event, on this important topic and proposes a new approach to the issues of integration and assimilation.

For the Sake of the Future Conference: 29th June 2018

Hosted by CARE, this one-day conference will explore theological, social and practical implications of advances in artificial intelligence and robotics. Jubilee Centre will be leading a workshop at the conference based on our current research into AI. The conference will take place at the British Library, London so please pray for Jonathan Tame and Calum Samuelson who will be representing Jubilee Centre.

Cambridge Papers Group

Give thanks for the work of the Cambridge Papers editorial group chaired by Chris Townsend and for those who are commissioned to write these papers. Cambridge Papers aims to contribute to debate on a wide range of issues from a Christian perspective. The last topic was Integrity by Rodney Green and the next issues this year look at Academic Freedom, a theology of sport and finally Religious Freedom, so please pray for the respective writers (Tom Simpson, Calum Samuelson and Judd Birdsall) and those that produce these Cambridge Papers.

As we come to the end of June

Please pray for Faith Paulding and Nicola Grieves who will be in the final stages of the massive preparation necessary for the Seaside Spectacular Holiday Club at Bellbird School throughout the week of 30th July – 3rd August. Please pray for volunteers to come forward to make this Christians Together in Sawston venture a great blessing to all the families who come.



The Holy Habit Of Worship

Elaine S Colechin

United Reformed Church Eastern Synod March Meeting Saturday 17 March 2018

If a 'Holy Habit' is a way of living out and developing our discipleship, then the 'Holy Habit' of worship should be the one that comes most easily to us—we all go to church on a Sunday! Well, most weeks, maybe! But is turning up at church most Sundays really having a 'Holy Habit' of worship?

Worship is one of those terms that when we start to really explore it, it is less simple than we at first think. If we define what we do on a Sunday in church as worship and take Acts 2 verse 42—*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*—as our definition, then gathering together to hear a sermon, prayer, have a natter over coffee, and on occasions share in communion is worship. But as we go through the 'Holy Habits' we will see that there are a number of 'Holy Habits' included in this definition. We could, therefore, say that by going to church every Sunday for worship covers all the bases. But when it comes to living daily as disciples of Jesus—the challenge of 'Walking the Way'—then just doing Sundays does not fully embrace this. So, we have to think differently about the things we have ingrained working definitions for within the church. And worship is one such term.

So what if we framed our definition of worship more in line with the words of Moses to the Israelites as reported in the book of Deuteronomy—“*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might*”¹? Worship becomes something subtly different, but not quite as easy to interpret as the list of activities we are encouraged to do by the book of Acts when we gather together.

So how should we understand worship through the lens of these words accredited to Moses? Well let’s go back to one of the documents that was formative to our tradition: the Westminster Shorter Catechism. We might wonder how a document written between 1646 and 1647 can help us reshape our understanding of worship and make it a ‘Holy Habit’, but it begins with a statement that echoes those words of Moses: The chief end of man (or humanity) is to glorify God.

To glorify means to offer praise and thanksgiving, to revere and to extol—all things that we would probably consider to be part of what we do when we gather for worship. But to what end are these our main consideration when we approach that Sunday act of worship? Do we ever ask ourselves where was our praise of God today? And what about our thanksgiving? Have you ever left church considering what collectively brought us before God reverently in that act of worship? Much of what we do on a Sunday in worship does not immediately stand out as us spending time glorifying God, because actually that hour is often much more about ourselves than God. It is often an hour dedicated more to us learning about and listening for God. However, to live out a life that glorifies God, we need that time when we are educated in what that means and gives us the space with others to reflect on how we extol God in a world which misses that God is present within it.

Therefore, our gathering together on a Sunday for ‘worship’ is only one step in making worship a ‘Holy Habit’. For the glorification of God to be our chief aim, we have to do this as part of our whole living. This means taking what we learn and glimpse on a Sunday and applying it to everything else we do in our daily lives. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*”² And this means remembering to offer words of praise and thanksgiving in our daily prayers. It means remembering to look at the world around us not as something to be down-hearted about but as something to be in awe of. It means remembering that in all that we do, all that we say, we should be seeking to revere God. The opening and closing verses of John Monsell’s epiphany hymn sums this up nicely and gives a way of remembering what makes worship a ‘Holy Habit’ :

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim:
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring and adore him, the Lord is his name.*³

To conclude: to make worship a ‘Holy Habit’ we do need to go to church regularly and be a part of a corporate act of worship. However, what we do on a Sunday is only the start of it, praise and thanksgiving to God needs to be part of everything we do, for all that we do should actively seek to glorify God. And that can be as difficult as ‘rejoicing always’ and as simple as remembering the words of a hymn of praise and making them your own in that moment.

- 1 Deuteronomy 6.4-5
- 2 Thessalonians 5.16-18
- 3 Rejoice and Sing 187

Back in 1996 Miroslav Volf produced his seminal work '*Exclusion and Embrace - a Theological exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation.*' Volf is Serbian. His father was a Protestant (Pentecostal!) minister in a region overwhelmingly dominated by Catholics and Orthodox, and in a country where (in those days) the Yugoslavian government was Marxist and overtly hostile to all forms of Christianity. After the collapse of Yugoslavia, the Balkan wars dragged on between Serbs, Croats and Bosnians on the one hand, and between Catholics, Orthodox and Muslims on the other, from 1991 to 1999. Horrible atrocities were committed by all sides upon all sides. And in the middle of all this, Volf produced his wonderful book.

In his preface, he describes how in 1993, as a young theologian, he gave a lecture on peace and reconciliation with the great German theologian Jürgen Moltmann in the audience. Moltmann, as a 17-year-old conscript in the German army, was stationed in 1943 in his hometown of Hamburg. There he survived the Allies' firebombing of the city, which killed 40,000 civilians. Moltmann was later captured, and as a prisoner of war in the north of England encountered Christian theology as part of the camp's educational programme, and thus his captors set him upon his life's path.

Volf tells how, as he finished his lecture, Moltmann stood up and asked, 'But can you embrace a *četnik*?' How do you embrace the very people who have butchered your own kith and kin and whom you have been taught to hate? Part of Volf's answer (and in this his teaching is akin to Desmond Tutu's) is that you must first embrace the truth in your enemy's story. For, he says, there is *always* truth in your enemy's story. Conflict, he says, is rooted not so much in lies as in carefully constructed half-truths. The challenge is to embrace the half of the half-truth that really *is* truth. That is tough, for to do so is to concede the validity of your enemy's anger.

The USA and its allies are outraged that Russia uses its veto at the UN security council to block substantive resolutions condemning Syrian use of chemical weapons. They say that it is clearly a dangerous and irresponsible abuse of the privilege of being a permanent member of the security council. The USA forgets that it has used the same privilege countless times to block substantive resolutions calling upon Israel (on the one hand) to restore to the Palestinians the land that it took from them by illegal military force half a century ago and (on the other hand) to use only justifiable force against Palestinian civilians. Similarly, Western governments, understandably alarmed that Iranian forces in Syria have launched rockets at Israeli positions on the Golan Heights, say of Israeli retaliatory air strikes that Israel, like every nation, has a right to the defence of her territory. Of course Israel does, but what do we mean by Israel? Israeli troops are only on the Golan Heights because Israel captured them from Syria during the Six Day War in 1967. Israel has held the Heights ever since, and also Gaza and the West Bank of the Jordan. After the Yom Kippur war of 1973 she expelled some half a million Palestinians and Syrians from their homes on the Heights and in the West Bank, whose children and grandchildren still live in refugee camps, primarily in Jordan and Syria.

It would cost Israel and the USA dearly to admit the truths in the Palestinian and Syrian half-truths. It would cost Syria and Russia dearly to admit the truths in the Israeli and American half-truths. One could go on for ever: the Turks, the Kurds and the Armenians; the Japanese, the Chinese and the Koreans.... . Jesus said that the truth would set us free. Pilate asked 'What is truth?' Volf suggests that your enemy's truth might be even more important than your own.

Archetypes Sculpture Exhibition: Summer 2018

Coming to Cambridge in July 2018, the 'Archetypes' is a **public sculpture exhibition** commissioned by Jubilee Centre to spark a multi-faceted discussion on history, faith, art and technology.



The Archetypes Under Construction: Five sculptures for five 'universal themes'

As a unique mission initiative, the 'Archetypes' exhibition will create a rich opportunity for people to reflect on the conversation between faith and culture, and to consider the deep spiritual truths of the gospel. Up to a million people are expected to see the sculptures, which will be situated close to the iconic King's College Chapel.

The project has five main aims:

- **Education:** to explore the Reformation and its influence on British culture and society from an original perspective
- **Witness:** to affirm the positive contribution that Christians can make to society, by commissioning aesthetic and meaningful works of public art
- **Evangelism:** to create a fruitful space for people to consider some of the themes of the Bible which speak into the big ideas that shape our culture
- **Renewal:** to enrich personal faith by casting new light on some of the profound spiritual truths revealed in the gospel
- **Collaboration:** to create an opportunity for people across different churches and Christian organisations in Cambridge to share their faith together



Background:

This exhibition was originally conceived for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. The well-known Romanian sculptor Liviu Mocan was interested in the five 'solas' which summed up the theology of the movement, and wanted to create sculptures which would capture something of the spiritual energy of the Reformers.^[1] That idea has since become the 'Archetypes' exhibition and explores five great themes found in almost every culture and society: **revelation, sacrifice, belief, transcendence and destiny**. Liviu Mocan has used 21st century technology to make the sculptures, while drawing on the ideas of the 16th century Reformation. His interpretation draws too on his deep personal faith, which grew and was refined under the communist regime in Romania.

The artist, Liviu Mocan, stands under the completed sculpture The Ladder of the World

The five sculptures are:

- The Anchor Cast up to Heaven (Belief)
- The Trumpet in the Universe (Destiny)
- The Ladder of the World (Transcendence)
- The Lamb of God (Sacrifice)
- The Book that Reads You (Revelation)

Location:

The University church of Great St Mary's in Cambridge invited Jubilee Centre to bring the exhibition to its churchyard on King's Parade in the heart of the city. Cambridge was the cradle of the English Reformation, and Great St Mary's had a pivotal role in the early days of the movement. The city is now home to one of the world's foremost universities, and a global centre for learning, discovery and innovation.

^[1] The connection between the Archetypes and each sola are as follows: Revelation: *sola scriptura* (by scripture alone); Belief: *sola fide* (by faith alone); Sacrifice: *sola gratia* (by grace alone); Transcendence: *solus Christus* (through Christ alone) and Destiny: *solus Deo gloria* (glory to God alone)

History Of The Gardens – King's College

King's College and its Chapel were founded by Henry VI (1421-71).

The Chapel from the Backs

It is possible to trace back to the sixteenth century some avenue-planting of ash, elm and walnut on the College lands that we now call the Backs. By 1690 there were College gardens on both sides of the river, some of which – a bowling green, a hop yard and an area for a pigeon house – had important practical functions, whilst others were more obviously pleasure gardens, such as the small one for the use of the Fellows. When King's began the construction of the Gibbs Building in 1724 it employed the famous landscape designer Charles Bridgeman



to draw up a plan for the land west of the river to accompany the new building. Plans show a central basin of the river occupying much of the ground where Scholars' Piece is today, and its formal design was in keeping with the classical style of the Gibbs Building. Although the scheme was not carried out, it remained the intention of the College to treat its Backs as an amenity.

The Back Lawn

The Back Lawn dates back to 1772 when the College voted for further improvement of the Chapel yard to the west of Gibbs by "laying down the same with grass seed and afterwards feeding it from time to time with sheep as occasion may require in order to get into good and ornamental condition; to complete the gravelling (of) the Walks..., and not for the future to put any house there". From then on, amenity rather than practical value decided the treatment of the whole Backs area. Nevertheless, in one important respect, amenity does not completely dominate. Sheep may



have been the most appropriate way to mow the lawn before the advent of the mechanical lawnmower in 1831, but the Provost and Fellows owned horses essential for their local transport, and provision had to be made for grazing them. Today the cows carry out a similar function in a rather more decorous manner.

The original Fellows' Garden, a small enclosure on the east bank of the river disappeared with the construction of the Back Lawn and it was not until the renewed building activity of the 1820's and 30's that a new and larger garden replaced it. In 1836 the College agreed to plant the nearest field on the west side of Queen's Road for use by the Provost, his family and Fellows. In 1851 Provost Okes consented to the Provost's close being converted to a "Fellows' pleasure ground" and in 1852 the College agreed to appoint a gardener to look after it. Today, with its relatively informal shapes and pleasing groups of mature trees and lower growing shrubs, the Garden is a typical Victorian design. Its appearance has not changed much in the last hundred years, although when the Garden Hostel was completed in 1950 suitable screen planting of new trees and shrubs were carried out on the west side of the Garden. Use of the Garden by junior members was allowed by the Governing Body in 1935.

Note:

The Fellows' Garden opens to the public on Sunday 27 June as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

Information extracted from The King's College website.

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CAMBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT Events for June 2018

For more details contact the Circuit Administrator: Mrs Miriam Webb
Email: office@wesleycam.org.uk

At the time of print, there is no information available for the June diary.

However, Mrs Miriam Webb should like to draw attention to the following event:

Family Day:

For all those who work with Children, Young People and Families (both volunteer and employed)
Saturday 16th June at Chesterton Methodist Church, Cambridge.

This will be an engaging and interactive day for Children and Family workers.

We will:

- consider what it means to be an intergenerational church
- share favourite resource, ideas and stories
- explore how we are/can engage with the 3Generate Manifesto

The day will be led by Gail Adcock (Family Ministry specialist) and Ann Howlett-Foster.

If you work with children, young people or families in the church, we would love you to join us.

To book your place, please follow this [link](https://family-day-for-workers.eventbrite.co.uk) <https://family-day-for-workers.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sawston Free Church

Craft Group

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

Dates for June: 4th and 18th.

For more information please contact **Yvonne** (01223) 473937 or **Pam** 834220

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Wednesday Fellowship

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

The program for June 6 June - TheFishermen's Mission talk with Andy Malcolm

20 June - members afternoon - recipes and samples

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

Wednesday Fellowship Update

Wednesday Fellowship is growing but with the growth comes the need for more transport. We are now *desperate* for more volunteer drivers, not once a week or even once a fortnight and, depending on the response, probably not even once a month.

Transport to bring the less mobile members to our meetings. They all live in the village, so very little time or mileage is required. Please will you seriously consider if you could spare two hours, once in a while, so no one is left out - at home - alone. This year we have already welcomed four new members, including one of our own church members!

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

Helen Sharpe

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Time For Tots at Sawston Free Church

Showing and Sharing God's love



JUNE is the National Month of Prayer for Christian Toddler Groups

This will be highlighted in part of the Sunday morning worship on 10th June. Do come and find out how we try to show and share the love of God in our wider community on a Thursday morning in term-time.

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

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

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

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

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