

Our Regular Service Times are:

1st Sunday in the month.

10.30 am Morning Worship

3.00 pm Messy Church (No Evening Worship)

2nd Sunday in the month

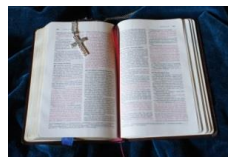
10.30am Morning Worship Holy Communion

6pm Evening Worship - Quiet time – Prayer & Meditation

3rd Sunday in the month

10.30am Morning Worship

6pm Evening Communion



4th Sunday in the month

10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Go4th – Praise and Worship



5th Sunday in the month

10.30am Morning Worship

No Evening Worship

Morning Services also include Junior Church, a Creche and time for a cuppa and biscuits and a chat after worship.

Brigades Meet on Tuesdays during Term Time 6.15pm-9.00pm

Contacts: Girls Brigade Lucy McGregor 01223 977371

Boys Brigade David Lloyd 01223 523217

Time for Tots Meet in term-time, Thurs 10.30 – 12noon

Contact Rosemary Heald 01223 833983, Pam Moss 01223 834220

Wednesday Fellowship Meet fortnightly, Wed 2-4pm

Contact Janet Parr 01223 832840

Bookings Min Huey Ong 07532 081221

Secretary & Buildings Security Maggie Jones 01223 565637

Minister Rev Bruce Waldron 07814 920187 revbruce@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk

Prayer Room

Please feel free to use our prayer room at the café end of the concourse. If you would like to pray with someone after the service, please ask.



Church website: www.sawstonfreechurch.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SawstonFreeChurch

Sawston Free Church Notices

Sunday 17th December 2017 - Advent 3

*“Stewards of God’s resources”
Body*

MISSION STATEMENT

“By our Christian presence, to be Christ’s blessing to our community, a spiritual, social, cultural and educational resource for Sawston”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“He left His Father’s throne above; so free, so infinite His grace - emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race. Amazing love....” Charles Wesley

Sunday 17th December: Advent 3

Sawston Free Church

10.30am Junior Church Nativity

SHORT CHURCH MEETING FOLLOWS THIS SERVICE - please stay.

6pm Village Carol Service at SFC

Castle Camps United Reformed Church

10.30am Family Carols

Little Abington United Reformed Church

2.30pm Rev Bruce Waldron

Faith is preaching at Stansted Free Church today.

Next Sunday 24th December: Advent 4

Sawston Free Church

10.30am Rev. Bruce Waldron: And God became flesh

5pm Family Carols

11.30pm Christmas at Midnight

Castle Camps United Reformed Church

Castle Camps are joining with us in this morning’s worship

Little Abington United Reformed Church

10.15am John Luke

LARGE PRINT HYMN SHEETS are available for our morning services. Please ask for a copy if required.

Daily Bible Readings Monday 18th December to Sunday 24th (Advent 4)

Monday	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Tuesday	2 Samuel 7:18-29
Wednesday	Psalms 89:1-4
Thursday	Psalms 89:5-18
Friday	Luke 1:1-25
Saturday	Luke 1:26-56
Sunday	Luke 1:57-80

For Prayer

- Please pray for the family of Sylvia Satchell. There was a service of thanksgiving for her life, held here on Friday and a committal in Sawston Cemetery
- Please pray for the family of John Humby. A service will be held at Cambridge Crematorium on Thursday 21st at 11.30am

The Week Ahead at SFC



Carol Singing – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

We are carol singing around Sawston, from St Mary's at 7pm on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** evenings.

Finishing back at the church at 8pm with hot chocolate and mince pies.

Sat 23rd 7am **Sawston Rollers Cycle Ride**(leaves from car park)

This month the theme in our **Stewards of God's Resources** programme is **BODY**. All organisations of Sawston Free Church are asked to think about how we may best be faithful stewards of our bodies, as instruments of God's love and grace.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMETHING IN THE NOTICES, PLEASE EMAIL MAGGIE BY END TUESDAY.

2nd CHRISTMAS CHARITY CHOICE

Sawston Free Church has a tradition of giving to charity from the offerings from our services close to Christmas. Methodist Homes has already been selected as one of our Christmas charities. Because we wanted to have the opportunity to respond to any immediate needs in our 2nd charity choice, a very brief meeting will be held after church TODAY with the sole activity of choosing the 2nd charity. Please stay.

Sunday 24th 10.30am Joint Three Churches service @SFC

*with our partner churches Lt Abington URC
& Castle Camps URC*

5pm Family Service

11.30pm Midnight Carols

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Day Service



Bruce will be on Annual Leave for a week from Boxing Day.

Easter Synod Resources Roadshow - Walking The Way

Tuesday 9th January 7.30-9.30pm at Whittlesford URC

An evening to explore Discipleship resources and learn more about **"Walking the Way: living the life of Jesus today"**, the umbrella term for the URC's focus on lifelong Christian discipleship and mission.

Led by Rev Paul Whittle, Synod Moderator, & Nicola Grieves, Children's & Youth Development Officer.

Charities to be considered as our 2nd Christmas charity...



May I suggest that 50% of the Christmas offerings be given to a charity which is helping to support the many many thousands of Rohingya refugee children who are living in a massive camp in Bangladesh after fleeing from persecution and murder in Burma. We have seen graphic images in the press and on TV news bulletins of the conditions these people are living in and the stories they tell of what has happened to them in Burma. There are close to 600,000 people living in a camp which is now considered to be bigger than any previously set up refugee camp anywhere. Many of these are children, malnourished after walking for weeks and sometimes only eating leaves. Pregnant women are giving birth on the journey or soon after they reach Bangladesh and their babies need special care if they are to survive the harsh living conditions they are being brought up in. A charity called Children On The Edge (Cote) is one of only three international organisations given permission by Bangladesh to work in the Rohingya camps and it is this charity that is also one of the three chosen for The Times Christmas Appeal this year. An anonymous donor has promised to match any donations up to £100,000 for Children On The Edge so any money we can donate would be a help in reaching this total.

www.childrenontheedge.org/refugeecrisis.html



Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group is registered charity (charity number 1170180). We are a group of volunteers who live in and around Cambridge working to help the refugees in Northern France and elsewhere. We send regular convoys to the camps and we also aim to raise awareness of the situation, fundraise and organise donations of clothing and other items. We have no employees, and are entirely run by volunteers. All the money we raise goes towards providing aid in the refugee camps or supporting our convoys. We are just a part of a growing movement of people in Cambridge and the UK who want to do something to help those displaced by war and persecution.

www.camcrag.org.uk



"Sharing God's message of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ by personal witness and through placing Bibles and New Testaments into people's hands."

Gideons International is an evangelical Christian association founded in 1899 whose primary activity is distributing copies of the Bible free of charge. This Bible distribution is a global enterprise taking place in 200 countries, territories and possessions. The focus is on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies are printed in over 100 languages. The association is most widely known for its Bibles placed in hotel and motel rooms. The Gideons also distribute to hospitals and other medical offices, schools and colleges as well as jails and prisons. The association takes its name from the Biblical figure Gideon depicted in Judges 6.

Donations helps us to place or present Bibles and New Testaments both in your locality and overseas - Scriptures which the Lord can use to bring men, women and young people in all walks of life to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

www.gideons.org.uk



John Huntingdon's Charity recognises that not everyone living locally benefits directly from the region's relatively stable economy. Even in the 21st Century, some people are still financially disadvantaged because of age, health, unemployment, lack of housing and educational need. Driven by John Huntingdon's legacy, we continue to use our resources to offer support flexibly for local people.

Since 2000 we have moved 46 families on to permanent accommodation. Today, working closely with South Cambs DC, we house almost 90 people in the village.

JHC cares about local employment and economic growth too. We recently created two residences and two small business units from an empty commercial property in the heart of Sawston. And in recent years JHC has provided land for amenities that benefit our whole community including Sawston's Medical Centre, its Nursery, a community orchard and Mill Lane allotments.

We also run a food bank, provide advice about benefits (including disabilities), housing, homelessness and small debts. And JHC works closely with many other organisations including Cambridge CAB, Sawston Medical Centre, South Cambridgeshire District Council, schools, the Children's Centre and the Children's Locality team.

JHC collaborates with other charities and organisations to help improve access to services for local people. These include counselling services for adults and children, youth advice services, family support services, retraining for adults, holidays for children with disabilities.

In recent years JHC has given a wide range of grants and bursaries to support the specific needs of school children, vulnerable adults and many more.

JHC has been in existence for over 450 years and we want to ensure that our work continues for another 450. To do this we must continue to build a solid financial base. As a busy charity working locally we know we could always do more but, as with every other charity, our resources are limited.

www.johnhuntingdon.org.uk
