

## Weekly Notes for Sunday 22 March 2020

This is our new style of Sawston Free Church weekly notices whilst there's no need to print them on paper.

Note all of this and more will regularly appear on our website and Facebook page. Thank you, Martin and Valerie, for keeping them up to date.

- Most activities at the church have shut down whilst there is the Coronavirus Pandemic. It looks like the café will have to close now though a couple of smaller lettings are still operating but likely to close this coming week. But please remember these are temporary closures – they should spring back to life when the time is right.
- Please remember Papworth Trust/OWL group in your prayers. Their last session was today. So many of their folks who have learning disabilities are really struggling to understand what is happening and that the staff cannot state when they will be back – they are still settling into their new home at SFC after moving in just a few weeks ago. They're very happy at SFC but so upset the group is closing albeit temporarily.
- Have you subscribed yet to the URC Daily Devotions so that you can receive them, and also a sound track to hear specially recorded worship every Sunday at 10am?

From Sunday 22 March at 10am, an additional post will go out all subscribers, a radio-style / podcast service with hymns, readings, prayers and a sermon. The Sunday Service email will contain an order of service and words for you to sing along with the hymns. There will also be additional services during Holy Week.

If you know of anyone who is unable to access this via email, we can get a CD and paper order of service to them before Sunday 10am, so just let me know who you know would prefer this.

This Mothering Sunday (22 March) the presidents of Churches Together England are calling Christians to a day of prayer and action by lighting a candle in the windows of their homes at 7pm.

Please take care with lighting your candle and make sure it is clear of anything like curtains.

**We would love to see some photographs of your candles! Please email them to Valerie(valeriekerr@virginmedia.com) and Martin(martin.harriss@sawston.com)**

- In light of the fear and uncertainty that people may be experiencing because of the coronavirus pandemic, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. Read the full statement here: <http://bit.ly/CTEdayofaction>
- And some good news! We have a possible candidate for ministry who the Elders will be meeting soon. We're not able to give more details at this time but will of course give you more info when we're able.

A prayer offered by the URC's General Secretariat:

Lord Jesus,  
In the midst of a storm, You said, 'Peace be still.'  
Bid our anxious fears subside,  
Sustain your church in faith, hope and love, Bring our nation through this tumult,  
Grant wisdom to those with heavy responsibilities,  
And healing and hope to those who are infected. Amen.

Thank you for reading this far. I'll try to keep future emails shorter!

Keep safe and Best wishes,

Maggie