

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.

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 4 June	10.30am: Stewards Of God's Resources – Faith Paulding 3.00pm Messy Church/ Sawston Fete	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Peter Sammons	10.30am: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron
Mon 5 June	10am - Craft Group (page 9) 2pm - Prayer for Sawston (pg 5)		
Wed 7 June	2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship (page 13)		
Sun 11 June	10.30am: Trinity Sunday Shared Service at St Mary's 6.00pm Quiet Time Mary & Valerie	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Richard Lewney	10.30am: Morning Worship - Dr Janet Bottoms
Sun 18 June	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Bruce Waldron	2.30pm – Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.30am: Family Service - Mrs Maureen Kendall
Mon 19 June	10am - Craft Group (page 9)		
Wed 21 June	2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship (page 13)		
Sun 25 June	10.30am: Morning Worship Wendy Roe 6.30pm – Go4th	10.15am: United Service At St Mary's - Gt Abington Holy Communion	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Jennie Martin

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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June 4	Tony Moss 834220	Rosemary Livings	June 18	Gordon Heald 833983	Sylvia Goddard
			June 25	Alan Cleveland 834742	Julie Robinson

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From the Minister's Desk

MINISTER'S SPRING SCHOOL: In Service education is a part of any profession and ministers are no exception. We are expected to spend two weeks a year dedicated to professional development and we make a promise at ordination to keep on studying.



The URC Eastern Synod provides two residential venues each year, the Minister's Get – together at Belsey Bridge, over near Bungay and the Minister's Spring School. Both are aimed at stimulating, educating, networking so that ministers are not trying to pull water from an empty well. I usually attend one of these two options each year and supplement this with day seminars and reading.

The Spring School this year (8-12 May) was held in France, a town called Merville, up not far from the Belgian border.

The Diocesan Centre there, according to Wikipedia *"... is also a very large structure, built on four storeys around a central cloister, with large chapel and refectory, and accommodation for over 200 staff and students. With decreasing numbers of vocations the seminary closed in 1970. The extensive buildings were briefly occupied by a community of religious sisters, and then became the Lille diocese's retreat and conference centre, a role in which it is still employed today."*

The stairs provided my exercise programme for the five days.

About 50 ministers attended this year. The Rev'd Lance Stone (past minister at Emmanuel Cambridge) was our Chaplain, and each morning and evening at worship he led us through a series of reflections based on the life of Jesus, exploring the over-abundant grace and goodness of God that challenges our tendencies to grumble and worry about what we lack, rather than celebrate and work joyfully with what God has given us. As we reflect the life of Jesus it is the generosity of God's spirit we aim to display in our personal life and in our life as a church.





Ministers from the continent shared with us how they responded to this year, the 500th anniversary of Luther’s posting of his ninety five theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church, the theses that were so influential in the shaping of The Reformation. A group was formed that shaped seven theses for our church today and we explored these in groups; these will be available in the near future for discussion in home groups in our own church. We were led in discussions about the links between Christian theology and the economy, and how our faith shapes our understanding of how our resources are to be shared and used.

Much of this tapped in very closely to the concept of Stewardship of God’s resources, as we have begun to explore it at Sawston Free Church and as Faith articulated so well in her part of our Shared Service on the 14th May in Sawston.

Lance told us about his experiences as an English minister, working in the heart of Amsterdam.

We travelled to Dunkerque to hear the story of a Reformed Church minister whose church of only about 40 people have been so strongly involved in helping refugees. She told us of people being taken home for showers and food and temporary accommodation, and talked of the bewilderment and despair felt by so many, and how the people in her church have grasped the nettle because they are following Jesus and His example. Of the church of 40 people, about a dozen are vigorously involved. The others help.

We had planned to see the refugee camp but it was incinerated only a couple of weeks before we arrived. The refugees are now scattered in small groups around the port cities, but the structures that had been forming in the refugee camp that protected children from traffickers and allowed some degree of mutual care and medical and nutritional help has now evaporated, as it has in Calais. Many of the unaccompanied children have disappeared and refugees and caring communities are distraught at the thought of what has happened to them.

Thank you to all who gave so generously at our last appeal for help for the refugees in France. The volunteers who received your donations at Cambourne Church on Saturday 13th were delighted. I took a car-full of goods and more has arrived since. I think the convoy is going to France next weekend.

STEWARDS OF GOD’S RESOURCES – Faith Paulding

Stewardship is about the relationship between Christian living and Christian giving

As you will now be aware Sawston Free Church is taking a journey of exploration through the theology of stewardship over the coming twelve months. We have already had an introductory service and a month focussing on Worship. This is how the rest of the journey will pan out!

MONTH	FOCUS	WORSHIP	WORSHIP LEADER
June 2017	Gospel	4 th June (Pentecost)	Faith Paulding
July 2017	People	2 nd July	Faith Paulding
August 2017	Creation	6 th August	Revd Bruce Waldron
September 2017	Justice	10 th September	Revd Bruce Waldron
October 2017	Peace	1 st October	Faith Paulding
November 2017	Time	5 th November	Faith Paulding
December 2017	Body	10 th December	Revd Bruce Waldron
January 2018	Property	14 th January 2018	Revd Bruce Waldron
February 2018	Money	11 th February	Faith Paulding

Messages From Castle Camps and Lt Abington

We are looking forward to the summer months ahead; the blossom is on the trees, the sun is shining and we are enjoying the lighter evenings.



Our first Sunday service will be Holy Communion with the Rev. Bruce Waldron.

We enjoyed Joshua Thomas at our morning service. We should like to have invited him back, but he is shortly to be ordained and will then be moving to his new church. We wish him well.

Our joint service in April was held at St Mary's in Shudy Camps and we were pleased to meet their new minister, Rev. Ian Fisher.

Rev. Norman Setchell came to visit us on 14th May and as our organist, Keith, was away on holiday, Norman brought his guitar with him to lead the worship. Although we had a small congregation due to holidays, it was a very uplifting service.

The Annual Tractor Run this year raised £1,060 for church funds and we thank the Haylock family and everyone who made it a great success.

On 2nd July, we are having a Songs of Praise at 6.30pm, led by Richard Hart and the choir from Haverhill and we look forward to seeing you all.

The Three Churches' Communion Service at Sawston was a great success and we enjoyed meeting our friends from the other two churches.

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

Mary and Friends.

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When I grow up....

Many years ago, Alan returned from Sunday School in floods of tears. When questioned by his mother, he sobbed: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be a train driver!"

INSOMNIACS HEAR IT ALL



I am a very poor sleeper. When I was working I used to worry that I might not be able to function the next day because of fatigue, but nowadays I do not worry so much about that.

I find that the middle of the night is a really good time to plan. I often have to shuffle around to get comfortable and if Robert is disturbed by this and wakes up I like to share my thoughts with him. He is quite short with me sometimes and refuses to reply which is a bit mean because if I wait till morning I shall probably have forgotten whatever it was I was burning to tell him.

We always sleep with a window open so we can hear the trees sighing. Last night it was a very good moonlight and as I lay there thinking, I heard the lovely sound of wild geese flying over. It was a wonderful experience and I was so glad that I heard them.

The Guinea Fowl, all 11 of them roost in the tree close by. They make a great fuss when they go to bed but are usually quiet all night. I know there is a fox about when they start racketing and if the Geese join in I know the fox is really very keen. The Geese have started laying now so are inclined to go off into the bushes to lay and don't come into the hut at night so they are very vulnerable. The Gander is pretty nasty just now and can land a very painful nip on a retreating leg as I know too well.

During my sleepless times I usually hear the dawn chorus, a wonderful swelling of birdsong just as the day is breaking in the east. I hear the milkman at 5am. He is always in a hurry as I hear him running over the gravel to deliver our milk

I began to think of all the other things I hear when I lie awake. The holiday season always brings an increase in the number of planes banking and circling prior to landing at Stansted. I wonder what it feels like to be setting off at such an unearthly hour but hope they have a happy holiday where ever they are destined for.

I pass my sleepless times very usefully. I think about all the people who mean so much to me and I try to calm any worries that trouble me. I find that in the stillness many things are made clear to me and I am able to get them into proportion. I give thanks for my life and the people in it, and I feel very close to my maker and the heart of things then.

At about 5.30am I go sound asleep only to be woken from a wonderful deep refreshing slumber by a cup of tea at 6.30. How lovely!??!

Val Spencer
(Secretary – Castle Camps)

We are looking forward to joining again with St Mary's at Great Abington on the 25th June for worship and to see their new 'facilities'.



Birthdays:

June 5th is Eileen's birthday

God bless you and keep you always under his wing

I know this is an old favourite but the words are still very relevant!

1, Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light

Like a little candle burning in the night

In this world of darkness, so let us shine

You in Your small corner and I in mine

2. Jesus bids us shine first of all for Him

Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim

He looks down from Heaven to see us shine

You in Your small corner and I in mine.

3. Jesus bids us shine then, for all around

Many kinds of darkness in the world are found

Sin and want and sorrow, so we must shine

You in Your small corner and I in mine

Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear mirror so small?

Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

Lynne Riecansky

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Prayer For Sawston

**Monday 5th June: 2.00pm – 3.00pm
in Room 1 at Sawston Free Church**

Come and join other Christians who live and work in Sawston on the first Monday of every month to lift the needs of our community to God: those who live here, those who work here, the schools, the shops the businesses and our village life.

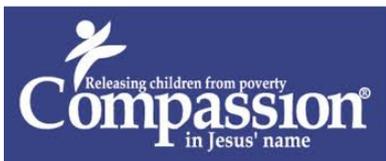
If you are unable to come along, please spend time in prayer sometime during the day. Please let us know if you feel there are things we should be praying for. Also please share with us any scriptures that the Lord places on your heart as we pray for God's Kingdom to come in our community.

If you would like to receive our monthly prayer notes by email please contact Dianne
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Compassion is a Christian organisation that works in deprived areas throughout the world. They work through local churches offering spiritual guidance, education, medical checks, food and general support to families through the sponsored children.

We as a Church have been sponsoring a child through Compassion for many years. **Piero** is the third child that I have written to on everyone's behalf. The others have left the system either through age or because the child's family has moved to another area not covered by Compassion.

We have been Piero's sponsor since February 2015. He lives in Peru with his family in a village half the size of Sawston. The houses are made of mud bricks with mud floors and tin roof. The local diet consists of beans, fish, potatoes and rice.

Common health problems in the area include diarrhoea, respiratory illnesses, tuberculosis and parasites. Most adults are unemployed but some work as day labourers. There is a great need for employment, schools and health centres.

Piero will be 9 in October. He has two siblings and they all help in the home but also like to play hide and seek or play with toy cars. He attends Sunday school and church regularly.

Our sponsorship allows staff at the Student Centre to provide Piero with Bible teaching, health and hygiene education, nutritious food, picnics, special celebrations, sport, homework help, cultural activities and computer workshops. They also offer support and guidance to the parents in a similar way. There are many more children who need your help if you feel you would like to find out more about sponsoring a child yourself do let me know and I can give you further information.

We have recently received two letters from Piero and thought everyone would like to hear news from him. I have written the following directly from the translation

The first is in reply to a letter from Bruce.

Dear Sponsor

I am happy to be able to write to you. I always pray for you and now I will pray for your family and your little dog. I thank you for your letter and for all the pictures. I wish God takes care of you and bless you so much. You are a special person for me. With love Piero

What I like to do best:-

- 1. With my friends..... study and play*
- 2. Chores..... watering the plants.*
- 3. At the Project..... sing songs about God, learn stories from the Bible, play with my friends.*
- 4. At home..... my parents have time for me.*

The second is in reply to my last letter

Dear Sponsor Sawston Free Church.

I'm Piero. I want to say Hi and thank you all. I tell you I went to Piura to know my dad's home. I went with my mom, my dad and my sister. I had a nice time. I ask you to pray for me. I say goodbye with a big hug. Piero

Things I like to do:- Play marbles; play with my cousins; play soccer; play at the playground.

Rosemary Harriss



Over 500 churches, including 50 United Reformed Church congregations, are now registered with the Eco Church scheme launched last year by Christian environmental charity, A Rocha UK.

The 500th local church to register was **Great Chishill** United Reformed Church, south Cambridgeshire.

As the successor to Eco Congregations in England and Wales (Eco Congregations continues in Scotland), Eco Church is based on a simple online survey. Users register for free and can revisit the questionnaire as often as they wish to report on their eco efforts in areas of church life including worship, building management and community engagement. The website keeps note of their progress scores and indicates when they qualify for an award.



With five full members and a congregation rarely exceeding 50, Great Chishill URC was in no position to embrace a demanding new initiative. Yet to newly-appointed church secretary Angus Gent, Eco Church registration seemed a natural step to take. Angus said: 'I stumbled across it online. It has a nice "hit list" to work through and it is very user friendly. I just started filling it in and then, because it was easy, I wasn't put off.'

When it comes to eco 'brownie points', Gent considers his church 'as good or bad as any other.' It has no eco committee, solar panels or other special credentials and, like so many other small churches, would struggle to rally an army of green volunteers.

But this has not been a problem – Angus simply logs in to report ordinary activities like the recycling and composting of garden waste and the gradual replacement of light bulbs with greener alternatives.

'We do not have an endless supply of money so it has got to be slowly, slowly,' Angus added. He hasn't got as far as considering any policy implications, and insists: 'Ask me to provide a policy and I wouldn't know where to start.'

Nonetheless, the normal tasks of church maintenance and upgrades will naturally demand policy decisions from time to time. When it comes to upgrading the churchyard, for example, Angus said: 'I will be wanting there to be a green element to our policy; what sort of stones and plants we might use, and so on.'

In other words, signing up for Eco Church can encourage the church into more environmentally-responsible thinking, without it becoming an onerous burden. To anyone wondering about signing their church up for Eco Church but worried about the implications, Angus is encouraging:

'Just give it a go. There is no harm done if you register and then realise you are way off the mark, that you have too much to worry about with membership or church funds at the moment. It doesn't matter; you can come back to it. When I signed up I was thinking about how much we have to do, but you get a positive vibe back in the feedback and that has encouraged me.'

It's a message strongly backed by Grace Pengelly, the URC Secretary for Church and Society, who hopes more local United Reformed churches will join the Eco Church scheme. She says: 'I would love more people to know that reducing your carbon footprint doesn't always require us to install solar panels on our church roofs; sometimes it's the smaller actions that start to add up.'

To find out more about Eco Church visit <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

I am much indebted to one of the Sawston faithful for this piece. She lent my wife *One Yellow Door* by Rebecca de Saintonge. (1) De Saintonge tells how, having escaped from an early abusive marriage she fell in love with and married Jack, a truly inspiring man, and Church of England vicar to boot. After fifteen wonderful years Jack was diagnosed with a rare syndrome not totally unlike Parkinson's disease. There follows a pitiful tale of fierce, courageous, lonely, faithful living, loving and caring in the face of the inevitable. This is coupled to a surprising counterpoint: to her horror, in her loneliness and estrangement, Rebecca falls passionately in love with Nicholas, a man himself caring for a seriously impaired son but in his case within a loveless marriage. She realises that their relationship seemingly equips both of them faithfully to live out their other loves and responsibilities to their stricken loved ones. She wrestles with two obvious questions: (i) can this really be called faithfulness, and (ii) can this be called Christian faithfulness? To this last, Jack's ecclesiastical friends replied with a blunt 'No.' How could Nicholas be God's gift?

As Jack lost his grip on the world, and with it his grip on his God, so too did Rebecca. Where was God in all this? Why the absence? Why the silence?

After Jack's death, Rebecca's relationship with Nicholas ended, but her disquiet over her absent God did not. It continued to pain her. She quotes R. S. Thomas' *The Absence*:

It is this great absence
that is like a presence, that compels
me to address it without hope
of a reply. It is a room I enter
from which someone has just
gone, the vestibule for the arrival
of one who has not yet come.

De Saintonge refers to Brian Mountford's *Christian Atheist - Belonging without Believing* (2), in which he explores the motivations of friends and associates who don't believe in God but find that they cannot walk away from Christianity, from its art, its music, its literature, its ethics, its belongingness. It is a fascinating read. Mountford quotes Julian Barnes, who begins his meditation on death, *Nothing to be Frightened of*, with the words, 'I don't believe in God, but I miss Him.' Is it essential to believe in God in order to belong to the church and to call yourself a Christian with a clear conscience?

For myself, God's absence has never been an intellectual difficulty, nor a practical one. Thomas' wonderful expression covers it beautifully - the very absence is, in fact, a presence that one just has to address. The much-loved poem *Footsteps* puts it beautifully for all its sentimentality (3)

I think I know lots of people who miss God and think, because of that, that they need for the sake of moral integrity to walk away. The sad thing is, they don't.

(1) London: Darton Longman & Todd 2015

(2) Winchester, U, O-books 2011

(3) <https://www.onlythebible.com/Poems/Footprints-in-the-Sand-Poem.html>

Sawston Town Peas

Poem by L. Reed (July 1965)

In towns and many villages, right down through the ages
Some ancient customs still go on, recorded by the sages.
How right it is to keep them so, for younger folk to know
These things count, although they're old, they're precious, that is so.

One custom here, I do recall, so old, and yet so true
Town peas of Sawston Village, grown there for me and you.
It started many years ago, a widow stole some peas,
She had to go to prison, the law then to appease.

A local farmer thought this wrong, and left a trust for ever,
And every year thereafter, no one this pledge must sever.
Now every farmer of this farm must yearly always sow
These peas for local residents, and all must surely go.

The picking day soon comes along, excitement soon does grow,
The policeman has his whistle, for the signal all can go.
Then the rush is started, stampede might be the word
The noise is just terrific, for no one can be heard.

The baskets soon are tightly filled, and homeward bound they go,
Tired and very happy, but not too tired, Oh no.
Then with a gammon rasher, and plate full up with peas
The nicest supper of the year, so many do they please.

I wonder if the pickers still remember how it came,
For peas there for the asking, and next year just the same.
Just think of that poor widow, and a man named Huntington,
It'll go down so much nicer, in that little place Sawston.

Sawston Town Peas

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret that this unique charity event will not take place this year. However, next year we hope to resume the tradition of growing peas which was founded under John Huntington's will in 1554.

Liz Dockerill,
Town Peas Co-ordinator



(The above statement is
from the JHC Newsletter)

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Cake Stall – 13th May

Thank you so much for all the cakes - we had 3 church tables full of small cakes, large cakes and biscuits made by 18 different people. Thank you also to all the helpers on the day'.

The total raised for Christian Aid was £177.74. Well done everybody. Thank you for all your support to make it such a successful day.

Pam



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Sawston Free Church – **C**raft **G**roup

We meet in the back hall of the Church on alternate Monday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. Anyone is very welcome to drop in for a coffee and a chat even if they are not working on a craft project.

Dates for June: 5th and 19th



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

A Letter To The World

From Bruce: *I met Pat in early May at Time for Tots. We were talking about shared experiences, having both come from different countries to the UK. Pat is from Zimbabwe, where she still has relatives but most are now in the UK. She started to talk about Zimbabwe, and, as you probably are aware, the Eastern Synod is twinned with the Zimbabwe Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of South Africa, so this is particularly relevant for us. **And now, Pat's letter:***



Zimbabweans have endured dictatorship for 37 years under Robert Mugabe who is now 93. Abuse of justice, extreme poverty, misrule, misuse of resources, hunger, corruption, poor health systems, unemployment and inequalities in all aspects of life have become normality to an ordinary Zimbabwean. *Why then discuss and bring attention about Zimbabwe to the world? How does this directly affect us and why should we care?*

A few years ago Zimbabwe made the wrong headlines with farmers being persecuted and their farms being forcibly taken away from them among other atrocities as a way of correcting a historical wrong?

Sadly this is still going on and the land is given mainly to top officials and the ruling party that then turn the farms unproductive. Some top government officials have ten or more farms including the president Robert Mugabe. The result, people have lost their jobs and homes and the economy has collapsed. Farming was once a thriving industry in Zimbabwe and a big part of the economy supplying food to the whole of Southern Africa. This and other forms of industry have totally collapsed too.

Poor policies, corruption, mismanagement of resources and injustice have resulted in extreme poverty, a poor health system and a collapsed economy. Ninety five percentage of the population is unemployed and most people live on the streets vending. Children drop out of school and end up in the streets begging for food. There is a big rise of "*street kids*", children as young as three live in the streets, mostly orphans or children of the disabled and unemployed. Social service is non-existent and the government cannot afford to look after the vulnerable people. There is no revenue to import drugs and equipment for hospitals; diseases like cholera and typhoid are rife. There is no running water in the cities adding to the poor sanitation.

People camp outside banks for days to withdraw as little as 10 bounds , a form of money printed by the government to alleviate the cash crisis caused by a collapsed economy. The most affected being the most vulnerable, the pensioners and the disabled.

Zimbabwe has presidential elections next year; with this it brings an increase in police brutality, intimidation by the ruling party to people that dare speak out. People are either killed or left disabled for reporting on the atrocities. Foreign journalists are not allowed in the country, hence the country is cut out from the world.

Due to a high percentage of unemployment and poverty there is a marked rise in "*Fake Churches*" whose sole purpose is to siphon money out of vulnerable people through falsehoods because people have lost hope.

The question is, *why should this be brought to the world's attention and why talk about it?* There is a moral question here; how can we turn a blind eye to genocide, children or toddlers living and dying in the streets? The heroes, people who dare to challenge or speak against these evils are prosecuted. How can the world pretend this is not happening? Each one of us has a purpose in this world and we have to figure out our role.

Written by Patronella

The Meaning of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

Saturday 3rd June

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
IN SAWSTON**

PRESENT

**PENTECOST
PRAISE 2017**

**Bellbird School, Sawston
2pm to 4pm**

CHRISTIANS FROM SAWSTON ARE JOINING TOGETHER
TO PROVIDE AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC,
INFORMAL WORSHIP AND MESSAGE,
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND CAKES AND
SOCIALISING.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and the other believers on the Day of Pentecost, those who heard them speaking in tongues were perplexed and asked, "What does this mean?" (2:12). The question persists in our day. Many claim that the meaning of Pentecost is that we should have the same experience as the disciples, namely, that we are to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit and to speak in tongues. You have probably had other Christians ask you, as I have, "Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" If you have not spoken in tongues, they are eager to help you have this experience for yourself. We all need to answer biblically, in light of the context, What is the meaning of Pentecost?

Acts 2 must be interpreted in light of Acts 1:4-8, where the risen Lord Jesus instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit. Jesus explained that they would "be baptized with

the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (1:5) and they would receive power to be Christ's "witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (1:8). Just as the ministry of Jesus depended on the Holy Spirit descending on Him at His baptism, so the ministry of the disciples depended on them receiving the Holy Spirit and relying on His power. While they had experienced a measure of the Spirit's power before (John 20:22), now He would come to dwell in them permanently (John 7:37-39; 14:17).

Thus Acts 2 must be interpreted as a special historical event, signifying a new period in God's dealings with His people. Pentecost signals the dawning of the age of the Holy Spirit. And the fullness of the Spirit in God's people is to empower them for witness to all the nations.

Thus,

The meaning of Pentecost is God's equipping His church with the power of His Spirit so that He will be glorified among the nations.

The point of Pentecost is mission, and the goal of mission is that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14). If we properly understand this great historic event, our hearts will be enflamed with cause of seeing some from every tribe and tongue and nation bowing before the exalted Lord Jesus Christ.

Extract from Bible.org

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-4-meaning-pentecost-acts-21-13>

Osiligi Warriors and the Maasai Community

Do you remember when the Osiligi Dance troop came to Sawston Free Church last year? We are keeping in touch with them. As you know, East Africa is in the heart of a terrible famine. So here is some of the news from the Maasai.

Maasai life revolves around ceremonies, social gatherings where everybody goes, no invitation required. We have attended many ceremonies, but a 2nd wife ceremony is a new one for us. Some of you may know Lydia one of the Maasai Warriors. Her husband recently took a second wife. He is in his fifties and the new wife in her teens. Fathers sell their daughters in exchange for cattle and goats; a typical wife costs around 4 cows and 10 goats. His new wife's extended family come from Nairobi for the afternoon to the fundraising ceremony to build a hut for the second wife next to Lydia's. Women from Olepolos spend the entire morning preparing vegetables and chapatti and the men roast a bull for the 150 guests. It is an important part of Maasai culture that they share food generously.

We leave before the men's speeches start blasting from the ear-piercing, distorted sound system. No matter, we can still hear them across the bush for several hours in the school office. These sound systems are an endurance test featuring in every ceremony, church service and gospel road show and there is only one volume: full.



Feeding the children at the ceremony. They are fed last.

The Maasai use a lot of traditional herbal medicines collected from the bush and we are often encouraged to drink a bitter tea for colds made from unspecified herbs. Some of these traditional remedies give Doctor Sylvester in our clinic a headache. How can he persuade his patient that rubbing cow dung into their leg wound isn't the best cure for an infection? Lack of knowledge has more serious consequences.

There is widespread denial about the prevalence and even existence of HIV aids, dangerous in a culture where men gain status from having several wives. Sylvester wants to start an awareness programme but he is struggling with how to make it culturally acceptable.

Government university lecturers and doctors have been on strike for two months with no end in site. The doctors want a 300% rise. Not a good time to have a serious illness or need hospital care. Doctor Sylvester recently treated his first case of malnutrition, a baby. As you may have seen in the UK news, East Africa is in the grip of a serious drought and during times of drought the goats don't produce milk and there is no money for food. The government has started feeding programmes in parts of Kenya but not in the Olepolos area. It is needed.

In Olepolos, the ground is parched, there is no grass for any animals, some are dying and the rest are very thin and un-sellable. The price of most food has increased by about 30% over the past 2 months because of shortages. Parents are finding it increasingly difficult to feed their children so our mid-day school lunch is a life saver for most of the children.



Two new classrooms have recently been built on the left giving the school 9 classrooms.

The new baby class started in January, bringing the total number of children to 209, spread across the 8 classes. We built 2 more classrooms last year (shown on the left of the photo) thanks to the generosity of donors who gave over the past 2 years.

We have a new headteacher, Mr Bonface and the moment we arrive at school we notice a change. Everywhere is cleaner and there is an air of purpose and industry. The caretaker is busy cleaning windows and displays and slogans appear on buildings such as “little minds discuss people, average minds discuss events but great minds discuss ideas”. Teachers, parents and pupils all like him. Mr Bonface has set up mentoring groups. Each teacher meets with their single sex group of 12 pupils to talk about sensitive personal issues such as growing up. We have not seen anything like this in any Kenyan school we have visited.



We train some of the staff, teachers and others, in computing. It’s a sharp learning curve for some who are using a keyboard for the first time. Others are getting to grips with Google classroom and are quite excited that they can teach an entire class using no paper – perfect when resources are limited. If anyone has any unwanted spare Chrome Books, we would love to hear from you. It’s Saturday. The children are learning social studies using the Chrome Books.

Bruce



Wednesday Fellowship

We meet alternate Wednesdays from 2 – 4 pm in Sawston Free Church.

The meeting always commences with a Bible reading and prayers, followed by any notices. New members are always very welcome both young and old. Please come along and join us for a cup of tea and friendly chat.

The program for June:

- 7 June – Cards from Africa talk by Chris Page
- 21 June – Addenbrooke’s Chaplaincy talk by Susie Hunt

Please contact **Janet Parr** for more information: 832840



“We gave out almost 250 bags of food in 2016. We expect this number to increase considerably for 2017 so welcome donations, however small, of non-perishable, in-date items.”

Jill Hayden,
Charity Manager



Food Hampers

Sometimes people find themselves short of food for a number of reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill whilst on a low income. Also, with government changes taking an average of 6 weeks for a new benefit to start, it can be hard to make ends meet meantime. That's when a simple box of food can make a big difference.

Throughout the year JHC gives out food to those who need it most in our community, so we welcome donations, however small, of non-perishable, in-date items such as tinned pies and puddings, tea and instant coffee. These can be delivered to our office or placed in a container at Budgen's store in Sawston (near the checkouts). St. Mary's Church and Sawston Free Church also take donations.

A special part of this initiative is the Christmas hampers we distribute in early December to JHC clients. In early September we'll start co-ordinating items to make our hampers that bit more festive before running a final campaign locally in November. We will also update our website and Facebook account regularly with ideas for contributions after the summer break.

“Whilst JHC is very grateful for all the donations it receives, unfortunately the charity cannot distribute food items that are past their 'sell by' or 'use by' dates.”

JUNE is the National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups

This will be highlighted in part of the Sunday morning worship on 18th June.

Please pray for everyone involved in any way with Sawston Time for Tots:



For every adult and child who comes here to meet others and to play in a safe place
For everyone who freely gives their time and skills,

- Planning the sessions for each term
- Preparing craft and materials at home
- Planning, buying and serving snacks with a smile
- Running the sessions and clearing up
- Supporting with prayer and encouragement and the occasional drop-in.

For the overarching outreach of this church and the wider Christian community
For fresh people to feel inspired to join the Time for Tots team
For the strength to continue to "show and share God's love"

We meet on Thursday mornings between 10.30 and 12noon during term time.

For more information

Please contact Rosemary. Email: timefortots@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk

Another baby and toddler group you could go along to is Refresh - 2.pm-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

Thank you Rosemary Heald

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Chris Done is a Professor of Astrophysics at Durham University, researching black holes. She did her PhD at the University of Cambridge and then worked for NASA, where an unexpected highlight was being part of the team in Mission Control commanding a telescope in the payload bay of the Space Shuttle. On her return to the UK, she worked in the space science group at Leicester University, before moving to Durham. She has just returned from a sabbatical year in Tokyo with the Japanese space agency, JAXA. She is a Christian, and leads Alpha courses for people exploring faith at her local church. She is a regular speaker on science and faith, appearing in the Songs of Praise episode marking the International Year of Astronomy, and giving a recent BBC radio 4 Lent talk.

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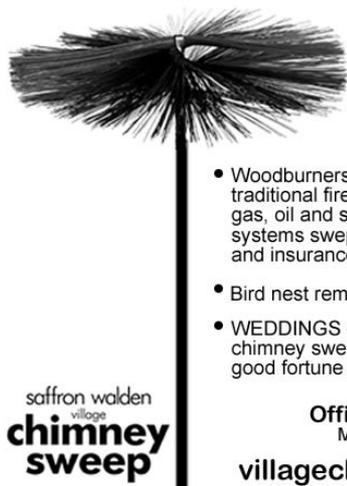
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