

Weekly Notes for Sunday 10 January 2021

Hello everyone,

How has the first week of 2021 gone for you? Please let us know what you are up to. Would love to hear how you are all doing.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for the family of Bob Hocken who passed away three weeks ago. His funeral will be at Sawston Free Church on Monday 11th January and will be led by Rev Deborah McVey.

And please remember the family of Raymond(Danny) Matthews who passed away on 11th December. Rev Paul Whittle will lead his funeral on Monday 11th January at Sawston Cemetery.

Anne Nunn remains in hospital whilst she is waiting to move to rehab. Please remember Anne and David in your prayers at this really difficult time.

We pray for Paul Whittle as he moves to the National Synod of Scotland and Deborah McVey as she eases herself into the role of Interim Moderator at Sawston Free Church.

Please do remember to let me know of any prayer requests.

WORSHIP

Tomorrow morning's service is being led by Rev Paul Whittle and will include Holy Communion. This will be Paul's last service with us so please try to be there. Paul won't be moving to Glasgow immediately because of the pandemic but he will be working from home in Gt Shelford.

It's the usual link. If you need it, please email Maggie. The full recording of the service will appear on the Services page of the [church website](#).

January Services – all Zoom

10 January	1030	Rev Paul Whittle with Holy Communion (Paul's final service with us)
17 January	1030	Rev Dr Mike Wilson – Covenant Service
24 January	1030	Go4th
31 January	1030	Rev Deborah McVey(who is our new Interim Moderator)

ONLINE

Don't forget there is a really rich selection of resources on line as highlighted in previous emails - children's activities and worship, church virtual services, book recommendations, the URC websites, some wonderful Christian music & songs on YouTube, prayers focussing on Coronavirus, etc. This week's update can be found [here](#). Nicola Grieves(Eastern Synod's Children's & Youth Development Officer) and Lindsey Brown(Mission & Training Officer) are now providing weekly updates. Have a look at www.urc-eastern.org.uk and also www.urc.org.uk.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flower ladies would like to continue putting a display in the Church foyer. Up until now we have mostly funded this ourselves. So, if anyone feels they would like to contribute by offering a plant or money towards flowers we would be extremely grateful. I understand people are very appreciative that we are helping to make the Church look alive.

Please ring Rosemary on 832854.

A PRAYER

By Karl Barth (1886 – 1968).

"This most prominent Protestant theologian of his time spent much of his life resisting the Nazi movement, and so knew a thing or two about entering a New Year undaunted by troubles all around him."

O Lord, our Father! At the turn of the year... our hearts are filled with sombre thoughts... our ears are deafened by the voices of the radio and the newspapers, with their numerous predictions for the coming year. Instead we want to hear Your word, Your voice, Your assurance, Your guidance.

We know that You are in our midst, and are eager to give us all that we need, whether we ask or not...

We ask for one thing only: that You collect our scattered thoughts, getting rid of the confused and defiant thoughts that may distract us, and thus enable us to concentrate on Your limitless generosity to us. You were abundantly generous to us last year, and will be no less generous to us next year, and in every year to come.

Fill us with gratitude to You. **Amen**

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Keep safe and warm, and look after yourselves.

Maggie XX