

## Weekly Notes for Sunday 14 March 2021

Hello everyone,

Please have a look at the attached meeting minutes from Monday's meetings. Some exciting news is included!

And please try to read through all the notices below – there is a lot of new information included.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to hold Anne & David Nunn in your prayers now that Anne has moved to into specialist rehab at Askham Village Community and David is only allowed to visit for a short time once a week.

Jane Sales' grandson Zachary was allowed home from hospital at 4 weeks old on 07/03/2021. He is still being tube fed which is challenging for his mum & dad - Fiona and Jim. Please continue to pray for them all as they settle into life at home. Thank you.

Deborah McVey and the elders of SFC, Castle Camps & Whittlesford ask you to pray for the Palm Sunday weekend when we will meet the ministerial candidate over Zoom. We pray for God's guidance, trust and love to be with us as we and the candidate discern whether the way forward is right for all of us - so we can continue God's work in the three churches in the future.

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### THANK YOU

Janet Parr has helped with organising and arranging flowers at SFC for several years. And last year in 2020 she finally stood down. We forgot to thank you at the Church Annual Meeting Janet, but please accept our very grateful thanks now for all your sterling work. You worked so hard and you are missed but you do deserve to 'retire', have a good rest and stand back to enjoy the many flower displays at SFC. **Thank you!**

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### WORSHIP

Tomorrow morning's Mothering Sunday service is being led by Brigades & Andy Nightingale. It's the usual Sunday morning link. If you need it, please email Maggie.

#### Future Services – all Zoom

21 March	1030	Rev Dr Mike Wilson
28 March	1030	Ministry Candidate
1 April Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm	Rev Deborah McVey - Holy Communion
2 April Good Friday	7.00 pm	Rev Deborah McVey – Meditative service
4 April Easter	1030	Rev Liz Caswell – Holy Communion

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### MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE

As you will now know, we will be meeting the Ministerial Candidate over the weekend 27 to 28 March (Palm Sunday). The following is planned...

Saturday 27 March	3.30pm	Virtual Tea Party(zoom) to meet and chat with the candidate using
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break out rooms.

Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday)      10.30      Candidate preaching

THEN after worship, there will be another opportunity to meet this person over coffee through zoom breakout rooms

THEN later in the day or the next day, church members will be asked to reconvene for discussion and a vote.

More detail is available in the Church Meeting minutes.

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### **HELP - WORSHIP CDs**

CCLI (Christian Copyright Licencing International) have told us that we can use any hymns/songs from CDs produced by a number of publishers, including Hillsong and Maranatha.

You will find a full list of publishers half-way down this page [Streaming Your Services – CCLI](#).

If you have some worship CDs, and you have a few minutes to spare, it would be useful if you could check them, and if you find a likely CD, let Martin Harriss know and we can add the names of the tracks to a list for use in our Zoom streamed services. THANK YOU.

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### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

Nicola Grieves, our synod's Children's & Youth Training Officer is offering a third opportunity for Safeguarding training for those who missed out recently. This training is for everyone who volunteers to work with children or vulnerable adults at Sawston Free Church. It is highly recommended!

The complete course (via zoom) is delivered in three weekly sessions. Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th April all start at 2.30 to 3.45pm. Please email Nicola to book your space - [cydo@urceastern.org.uk](mailto:cydo@urceastern.org.uk).

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### **OFFERINGS**

Gordon Heald, like many others, walks around different parts of Sawston most days. With Lynne's blessing, he is offering to call and collect any accrued offerings/envelopes from anyone who wished to pass them on and he will deliver them to Terry Penny who banks SFC offerings.

Giving through the bank is of course still ok.

There is no pressure here but If you would like to take up his offer, please contact Gordon (01223 833983) to ask for collection.

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### **ONLINE**

Don't forget there is a really rich selection of URC resources on line.

[This week's weekly update is here](#) and includes – *Moderators' Guidance – Synod News: Synod Meeting, Catch-Ups, further Safeguarding training, Children and Youth Synod, Employment update – Beyond the Synod: JPIT internship, Black History Monthly, URC Youth event – Beyond the URC: FEx gathering – Families at Home*. I discovered a great new song! A real gem! Please have a look.

And also have a look at [www.unc-eastern.org.uk](http://www.unc-eastern.org.uk) and [www.unc.org.uk](http://www.unc.org.uk). I cannot emphasise enough how helpful these website pages are and they are updated regularly!

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## **A PRAYER**

*By Gordon Woods - Elder, St. Columba's URC, Oxford*

Lord,

We give thanks for the scientists tackling the pandemic;

for their curiosity about your world;

for their commitment to finding rigorous answers.

We pray for those who nurture young minds;

for teachers who open up new possibilities;

for those who make it safe to ask hard questions.

May your Church be somewhere where we wonder anew at Creation,

hold out hope for a better world for all your children

and take action to make that world a reality.

## **Amen**

Please remember to share this email with others you know who don't receive email.

Keep safe and look after yourselves.

Maggie XX