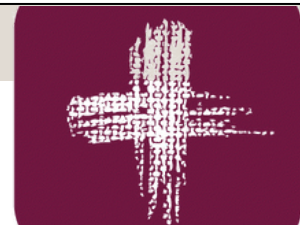
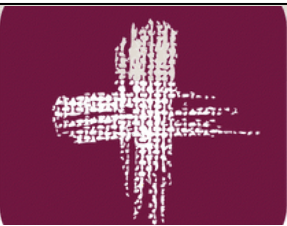


# Weekly News-sheet



**Sunday Worship**

**10:30am:**

**Faith Paulding**



**3pm:**

**Messy Church**



Readers.

If anyone would like to become a Reader and is not already on my list then please contact me.

Pauline



Craft Group is meeting on Monday in Footprints Cafe

4th March, 10.00 - 11.45am

Bring along a craft to work on or just come enjoy the chat. Drinks Available  
Further Information from Yvonne Sparrow  
email: [yvonesparrow@virginmedia.com](mailto:yvonesparrow@virginmedia.com)



Book of Annual Reports available NOW in church!

(Sue Sisk)



The cafe can always welcome new volunteers - maybe 2024 is a good time to take up something new? apply within! (ask for Anj.)

**THE MARK OF AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH IS NOT HOW MANY PEOPLE COME BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE DIFFERENTLY AS A RESULT OF HAVING BEEN THERE.**



Friday March 1st, 2pm



**World day of prayer 2024**

Join local churches praying for Palestine

St Mary's Parish Church, Sawston



**New Year Meetings:**

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March

We have been very saddened to hear of the deaths of Roy and Bob, both of whom attended our morning worship with the carers from Churchfield Ave assisted accomodation. Funeral arrangements will be announced when they are finalised.

PLEASE EMAIL THE EDITOR WITH ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED NEXT WEEK AND WITH ANY ADDITIONS TO THE MAILING LIST.

## **MARCH PRAYERS**

**Please pray for the AGM on Wednesday 13th March. As we read through the reports give thanks for all involved in the life of the church. For the joys and sorrows of the past year, praying for the year ahead.**

**Easter this year is at the end of March, please pray for the services, that all who come will be touched by the amazing news that God loves us so much that he gave His only Son so all who believe will not die but will have eternal life.  
(John 3:16)**

**"From heaven You came, helpless babe, entered our world, Your glory veiled, not to be served, but to serve and give your life that we might live.**

**This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King....."**

**Graham Kendrick  
[ccl. 180039]**

**Anne Pegram**

# Ukraine Crisis

## 3.5 million refugees

But you can help!

Collection on

Saturday 2nd March 2024

9am - 12.30pm

Gt. Abington Primary School, CB21 6AE

All cash donations will go towards the purchasing of generators.

Goods needed include:

### Everyday food items

- Pasta, rice and gluten free items
- Toiletries and warm clothing
- Cleaning materials
- Cooking utensils and crockery
- Torches, batteries
- Bedding and blankets - but not duvets

**Rotary**  
Saffron Walden



**UK-AID**  
Fostered Aid for Deprived Children





# Museum on a Bike

Come and engage with stories of local history,  
brought to you by bike from the Museum of  
Cambridge

6th March  
at the  
Castle Street Methodist  
Church Coffee Morning

**Outspoken!**  
Cycles

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Leaflet Distribution Specialists



# Moving Stories

Commitment  
for **Life**

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

## ISRAEL & THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

*Begin with silence; or use music as a bed for this prayer.*

Living God, who clothes us in garments of gratitude, adorn this prayer with the light of your grace. We bring to mind the many blessings that you so generously give...

*Moment of silence...*

We prayer for those gathered in this place...  
those in our churches...  
those in our communities...  
for those who selflessly serve in making the world a better place.

Forgiving God, we too easily diminish the dignity of others, sowing division when you call for openness and trust.  
Lord, have mercy;  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We stand ashamed at the depth to which humanity can sink, how easily we march to the drums of war, how quickly we are swayed and seduced by the savagery of self-justifying narratives.  
Christ, have mercy;  
**Christ, have mercy.**

May the Trinity of Love bind our wounds, challenge our complacency, bring freedom from oppression, and lead all to abundance of freedom.

**Amen.**

Since 7 October, the Israeli occupational forces have taken (at the time of writing) almost 28,000 Palestinian lives in Gaza. 12,000 of them were children. About 67,000 Gazans have been injured. Over 8,000 people are missing or buried beneath rubble. More than half of Gaza's homes have been damaged or destroyed, along with 368 schools or colleges and 221 places of worship. In addition, almost 400 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, over a quarter of them children.



*Photo: by Health Ministry in Gaza, UNOCHA*

On 26 January, the International Court of Justice in the Hague ruled that at least some of the acts "committed by Israel in Gaza appear to be capable of falling within the provisions of the Genocide Convention". Yet the US and UK continue to arm Israel. They have also attempted to defund UNWRA based on unproven allegations of UN workers' involvement in the 7 October attack. At the same time, over 1,200 people in Israel have been killed, 9,000 injured.

Commitment for Life shares its deep sorrow in the face of this appalling, unfolding genocide. We believe in the inherent goodness, mercy and humanity of Israelis and Palestinians. Love ultimately wins.

We are determined to continue our support for our partners in Gaza such as the Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA). CFTA runs four youth centres in Khan Younis in southern Gaza. These are places where young people learn leadership skills and coping mechanisms in the face of occupation and violence.

Thank you for your continued support for this amazing project through your partnership with Commitment for Life and Christian Aid.