



Sunday  
1<sup>st</sup> February

Rev'd Canon  
Lythan Nevard



As you start to fill up your new 2026 diary,  
here are some dates to add!

World Day of Prayer Sawston service will be at **1pm on Friday 6th March 2026**, in the Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, London Road. Materials devised by women of Nigeria on the theme "I will give you rest, come". SFC Contact Rosemary Heald.

Our very popular Christian Aid Quiz will be held on  
**Friday May 8th 2026**

Girl's Brigade  
and  
Boy's Brigade  
Invite you to the  
<sup>Hot</sup> Drinks, Cakes and  
Bric-a-brac sale!

bring along your unwanted christmas gifts  
or that one item that's been on your  
shelf for years'

10-12.30 Saturday 31st January

Fundraising coffee morning helping to subsidise  
Brigades camp this summer.

#### Discussion event on Discipleship

February 26th 11-2pm at Abbey Lane URC, Saffron Walden  
Led by Revd Alex Jacobs, the synod Transitional minister.

We will pre read Alex Jacobs latest book and meet with Alex to  
discuss discipleship in this complex time.

Register by emailing [admin@urceastern.org.uk](mailto:admin@urceastern.org.uk)

Copies of his book are available from the URC Bookshop as well  
as national bookshops and Amazon:

"Discipleship - Biblical, Contemporary and  
Personal Reflections on Christian Discipleship"

Sawston Free Church Craft Group will be  
meeting on  
Mondays 2nd & 16th February 2026  
in Footprints Cafe  
10.00 - 11.45am

Bring along a craft to work on or just come  
and enjoy the chat  
Drinks Available  
Further Information from Yvonne Sparrow  
Mobile: 07849 840189

### Vacancy Preaching Weekend

Opportunities to meet the candidate:

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2:30pm-4:30pm

social event with Q&A, Bishop's Stortford URC

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6pm

Zoom Q&A (see email for link)

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:30am

Morning Worship, Bishop's Stortford

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2:30pm

Afternoon Worship, Saffron Walden  
followed by coffee & Q&A

this service will be on zoom - link in email

Church Meeting: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7pm, Zoom  
we meet to decide...  
(see email for link)

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

# SAWSTON FREE CHURCH PRAYER PAGE



## Five Names, Five Spaces

Pray for five people you know to find their place at Sawston Free Church.

This week, I hold before God:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

*God of welcome and widening circles,  
hold these five in your care.  
Go before them in ways we cannot see,  
and shape us into a people  
whose kindness makes room for faith to  
grow.  
Amen.*

***This week, pray for courage to invite,  
humility to listen,  
and eyes to notice who God is already  
drawing close.***

“

*Prayer opens us to  
what love is already  
doing.*

”

## A morning prayer



God of this new beginning,  
meet me in the  
small choices of today.  
Give me patience  
for what takes time,  
courage for what feels awkward,  
and joy in what is quietly good.  
Amen.



## A mid-day prayer



Steady God,  
I pause and breathe in  
your presence.  
Ease what is tight within me,  
clear what is crowded in my mind,  
and return me to what truly  
matters.  
Amen.



## A night prayer



Gentle God,  
I gather this day into your mercy.  
Receive my efforts  
and my mistakes,  
my gratitude and my regrets.  
Hold me in your peace,  
and give me rest for the night  
ahead.  
Amen.





## St Mary's Community Hall, Sawston

### Hall Booking Secretary (part-time)

St Mary's Community Hall is seeking a Hall Booking Secretary to help manage the day-to-day running of our well-used and welcoming community facility.

The position involves managing Hall bookings, liaising with hirers, keeping accurate records and supporting the smooth running of events and regular activities.

We are looking for someone who is friendly, approachable and computer literate with strong organisational and communication skills.

#### Details

Location: Working from home and/or possible use of Church Office (in the Hall). Laptop provided

Hours: Part-time (flexible) – approx. 12 hours per month

Remuneration: Salary to be discussed

Reports to: Chair of Hall Management Committee

If you are organised, community-minded & enjoy helping things run smoothly then we'd love to hear from you!

For more information or to apply (CV & covering letter) please contact:

Sue Hunting ([sue.hunting@ntlworld.com](mailto:sue.hunting@ntlworld.com)) or

Revd Kathryn Waite ([vicar@stmaryssawston.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryssawston.org.uk))

Closing date: 7 February 2026

*January 2026*



**Eco  
Whittlesford  
presents**

**WHITTLESFORD'S 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**SWISH!**

**Free entry!  
Bring cash  
for cakes  
and drinks**



**A Swish is a clothes swap party  
Bring and take as many items as you like,  
for free!**

**Bring women's, men's and children's clothes,  
shoes and accessories clean and in good condition  
Everyone very welcome**



**Donations  
welcome!**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**United Reformed Church, Whittlesford  
Bring clothes to swap from 11am**

**Swish opens at 11.45**



# ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

*Musical Director - Andrew O'Brien*

Season 2025/2026

Journeys by Sea  
& in Spirit

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Stanford - Songs of the Sea

Nina Bennet - Soprano

Gareth Brynmor John - Baritone

East Herts Sinfonia

**SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2026 7.30pm**

*St John the Baptist, Royston, SG8 9LG*

Tickets £20 - Students £5 - Under 18s £1

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