



Sunday
15th February

Rev'd Phil 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**

Our Lady of Lourdes Quiz

Night 2026

Friday 20th March

19:00 for 19:30

Proceeds to CAFOD, for aid to people affected by the crisis

in Sudan,

regardless of faith or culture

Frequently asked questions:

1. Where is it?
2. How much per ticket?
3. What's the team size?
4. What are the questions all about?
5. What about refreshments?
6. Do I have to book?

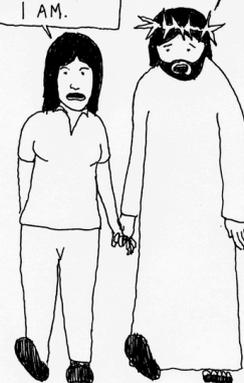
We're quizzing again in Sawston Catholic Church Hall!

And the answers:

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, High Street, Sawston, CB22 3HJ
2. Suggested donation £5 cash at the door. Higher donations welcome!
3. Teams of up to 8 or come along and find a team
4. General Knowledge, with themed rounds
5. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own drinks, and please come with some food for the bring and share table
6. You're welcome to come without booking but we can't promise you a seat
Please contact Quizmaster Bernie on bernardjfflood@gmail.com or 07808 296383

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FIND A CHURCH THAT ACCEPTS ME AS I AM.

I KNOW THE FEELING!



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Cambridge Circuit News

After a successful visit on 21st January, The Cambridge Methodist Circuit invitation committee voted to offer the position of part-time presbyter to the Reverend Jonathan Bell (currently based in the Central Norfolk Circuit). Jonny has accepted, and subject to Conference in June, we hope to welcome him to the Royston manse in September.

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

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"



We are in a Mission Partnership with Whittlesford, Clare, Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden and Thaxted. Phil has primary care of Sawston, Whittlesford and Clare, Mark Hayes has primary care of Thaxted. Until now, there has been a vacancy for the other two churches.

Last Weekend we had a series of social events and worship events designed to introduce a candidate for the vacancy - Abigail Perrow, a final year student at Westminster College.

We are thrilled to be able to report that all six Church meetings voted unanimously to call her into this Partnership. Abigail has accepted that call and will probably be ordained and inducted into the partnership around September time when she has finished her studies and accreditations. Sawston folk may remember she was with us through 2025 as a Sunday placement. She will have primary care of Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden

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 grace,
hold these five in your attentive love.*

*Go before them in conversations, in
questions half-formed and hopes half-
hidden.*

*Shape us into a community
where belonging is discovered gently
and faith can grow without fear.*

Amen.

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

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*Prayer is how we
allow love to have
the first and last
word.*

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A morning prayer



God of new beginnings,
I place this day into your hands.
Walk with me through its ordinary
moments, its interruptions and small
opportunities.
Give me patience in what unfolds slowly,
courage in what feels uncertain,
and eyes to notice where love is already
at work. Amen.



A mid-day prayer



Steady and faithful God,
I pause in the middle of this day.
Gather my scattered thoughts,
soften what has become tense within
me, and quiet the noise that crowds
my spirit.
Renew my strength for what remains,
and return me to the simple work of
love. Amen.



A night prayer



Gentle God of mercy,
I lay this day before you.
For its kindnesses and small joys,
I give thanks.
For its failures and frustrations,
I ask your healing.
Where I have fallen short, forgive me.
Where I have tried my best, receive it.
Hold me in your peace
and grant me deep and trusting rest. Amen.





**Eco
Whittlesford
presents**

WHITTLESFORD'S 1ST

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 21st 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**

Brahms

Ein deutsches Requiem

&

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

*Available from: www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
Tel 01920 822723, a choir member, or on the door.*