



## Notices for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Second Sunday of Advent

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#### December Services

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

led by Rev Sue Baker-Maher

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

Candle-lit Carols

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

led by Rev Heather Walker

Please get in touch if you wish to attend any of these services, or join online via Zoom:

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/172859764>

Dial-in number: 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 172 859 764

Please get in touch for the meeting passcode

**Advent and Christmas Services.** Now that the lockdown has come to an end, we are happy to announce that several 'in-presence' services are planned in December. Numbers will be limited due to distancing requirements and congregational singing will sadly not be allowed. Since not everyone will be able to attend, the services will also be streamed live via Zoom – and of course those joining from home will be able to sing as loud as they like. If you wish to attend one of the services in person, please read the letter and guidelines attached to last week's notices (please get in touch if you need a copy) and let us know in advance by contacting Liz on 01487 830345 or by email at [admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@sawtrymethodist.org.uk).

**Carol Johnston.** It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Carol Johnston, who was a member of our congregation for many years. There will be a graveside service at 3pm at All Saints Cemetery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, with a small gathering of close family and friends. Any others who wish to pay their respects are invited to be outside the Methodist Church as the cortege comes by on its way to the cemetery shortly after 2.30pm. Cards addressed to the family may be sent to Co-operative Funeralcare, 98 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UZ

**Offerings.** Many thanks to those who have already sent offerings covering their planned giving up to the end of the year. Please get in touch with Matt if you need bank details or if you would like someone to drop round to collect your own gifts.

**Monday United Fellowship.** Joy Kisby has confirmed that the Monday Fellowship will not be meeting until at least the Spring of next year. A further update will be given once plans to resume meetings are made.

**Advent Meditations.** Rev. Sue is continuing her series of Lectio Divina-style Advent meditations, with 7:30pm sessions on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. For more details see [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk).

## This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week. If you have any thoughts or insights you would like to share with others via this news sheet, please send them to [notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

**Doorstep Carols.** Two national 'doorstep carols' events are being promoted this year to fill the gap left by our normal community carolling opportunities. One is via Premier Christian Radio, taking place at 5:30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, while the other is via local radio stations (including BBC Radio Cambridgeshire) at 6pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to invite your immediate neighbours to join you in some festive carol singing, downloadable posters, invitations and carol sheets are available from [www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk](http://www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk) and [www.doorstepcarols.co.uk](http://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk), respectively.

**Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal.** Huntingdon Methodist Church will be open as a drop off point for shoeboxes on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-6pm and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 9:30-2pm. Please get in touch with a member of the leadership team if you would like someone to collect your shoebox. Alternatively, shoeboxes can be 'shopped' online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk). For further information please contact Sue Shorter on 01480 412830 or 0771 7407917.

**Circuit Worship Services on Zoom.** Morning worship at 10:30am and 'Refuel' at 7pm every Sunday. The Zoom meeting details may change from week to week, so please check the most recent Circuit news sheet. There are also a number of **Advent activities** planned over the next few weeks, including a service led in part from Sawtry on the morning of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – see the Circuit news sheet for details.

**Dial-a-sermon.** Call 01480 200195 to hear reflections from Rev. Nick or 01480 597118 to listen to Rev. James' Sunday message – both available through the week.

### **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

- All those in our communities who are suffering as a result of the current crisis
- Local and national leaders and those on the front line of our health and social services
- Our friends in the **Hilton** congregation
- **Sawtry Foodbank**
- **Sawtry Village Academy**
- **Brenda Griffiths**
- The family and friends of **Carol Johnston**
- **Alicia Nicholls**
- **Eleanor and Gary Kernaghan**
- **Audrey Paterson** and those caring for her, especially **Kate**
- The **Johnson Family**
- **James and Clare** (Tess's niece and son-in-law)
- **Hannah** (Jo's niece)
- **Anne** (Helen's Sister in law)

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