



Notices for Sunday 24th March 2024

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Sunday Worship

24th Mar 10:30am – Palm Sunday Communion – Rev James Bamber

31st Mar 10:30am – Easter Sunday – Vivien Almond

7th Apr 10:30am – Rev James Bamber

14th Apr 10:30am – Local Arrangement

All services are also accessible via
Zoom for any who are unable to
attend in person.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/172859764>
Meeting ID: 172 859 764
Dial-in number: 0203 481 5240

All are invited to join us for worship each Sunday, in person or on Zoom.

Prayer Breakfast. Our communion service on Sunday 24th March will be preceded by a prayer breakfast, to which all are invited. Please come along any time from 9am to share breakfast, which will be followed by a short time of prayer, finishing at 10am, in time for the service.

Easter Week Readings. Rather than skipping straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, why not use these readings through the coming week?

- Monday - Mark 11:12-19
- Tuesday - Mark 12:41-44
- Wednesday - Mark 14:1-11
- Thursday - Mark 14:12-53
- Good Friday - Mark 15:33-41
- Holy Saturday - Mark 15:42-47

Good Friday Walk of Witness. This year's walk of witness will start from All Saints Church at 10am, arriving at the Methodist Church for our united service at 10:30am. All are invited to stay for a **fish and chip lunch** from Rumbles after the service.

Spring Harvest. As in previous years, a group from our church will be attending Spring Harvest in Skegness, from Monday 1st to Friday 5th April. Please pray for all those who will be taking part. Day tickets are available for anyone who would like to visit during the week – speak to Matt if you would like to know more.

Car parking. A number-plate recognition system and payment terminal is now in operation in the Greystones car park. Thanks to the generosity of the landlords, free parking is still available for anyone attending Sunday worship, but you will need to send your car registration, make and model to Matt in advance, so that it can be added to an exemption list (for Sundays only). Alternatively, you can simply pay for your parking at the machine, following the instructions displayed.

This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 11:1-11

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week.

Easter Offering. Envelopes are now available for our Easter Offering, towards the Methodist World Mission Fund. Please return with your offering any time over the next two weeks.

Fortnightly Friendship Group. Please note there will be no meeting on Monday 11th March. The next session will be on Monday 25th March, 2:00-3:15pm, here at the church. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret on 07794 607985.

Boardgames Café. Our next boardgames evening will be on Friday 19th April, starting at 7:30pm. All welcome – bring a friend.

District Farewell Service for the Chair of the District, Rev Julian Pursehouse. As many of you will know Rev Julian Pursehouse, the Chair of the East Anglia District, will be leaving the District in 2024. A District Farewell Service for Rev Julian Pursehouse will be held on **Sunday 14th July 2024** at 3pm at Thetford Methodist Church. Following the service there will be the opportunity to chat with Julian and fellow friends over a light buffet tea. For now, please do put the date in your diary. More details will follow nearer the date.

Community Café. First Saturday of every month, 12-3pm, Sawtry WI Hall. All are invited to come along for a meal and a chat. No charge for food. Board games, magazines, activities and play area with toys and free Wi-Fi.

Circuit Plans for March to May are now available. Make sure you pick up a copy.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- The ongoing situations in **Ukraine** and the troubled places of the world
- Our friends in the **Over** congregation
- **Wendy** (a friend of Martin)
- **Ellie & Dan** (Jenny's granddaughter and husband)
- **Claire Bristow**
- **Louise** (Su & Chris's niece)
- **Joy Kisby**
- **Al Hibbins**
- **Thelma Baker**
- **John & Jean Garner**
- **Helen Reece**
- **Levan** (Debbie's friend) and family
- **Dawn** (Kate's friend)
- **Mary Watkins** (a friend of Roz)
- **Brian Newell**
- **Hannah** (Jo's niece)
- **Kara** (Debbie's friend)

If you have any items for the prayer list, please call 01487 830345 or email notices@sawtrymethodist.org.uk