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Notices for Sunday 14th April 2024

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Sunday Worship

14th Apr 10:30am – Local Arrangement

21st Apr 10:30am - Holy Communion - Rev Pam Siddall

28th Apr 10:30am – Neat Gordon

5th May 10:30am – Rev James Bamber

Most services are also accessible via Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/172859764

Zoom for any who are unable to Meeting ID: 172 859 764

attend in person. Dial-in number: 0203 481 5240

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

Building Work. Starting this week, some long-awaited repairs on the porch will be taking place, replacing the roof and laying new coping stones to replace the 100-year-old stones that have been crumbling and letting in the rain. The work should take 5-6 weeks, during which time scaffolding will be in place, but the building should be fully accessible throughout.

The Bible Course. This is a new study series created by The Bible Society, exploring the best-selling book of all time, with films, discussion and time to think and ask questions. Starting Monday 15th April, 8pm at the Greystones – or 7pm if you would like to order a meal. Everyone welcome. Come along every week or dip in when you can.

District Synod. Later this month, our Circuit has the privilege of hosting the next District Synod, taking place on <u>Saturday 27th April, 10am-2pm</u> at Huntingdon Methodist Church. The opening worship will be led by the Circuit team, with music from our own worship band. All are welcome to attend. We have been asked to contribute a few cakes, and stewards are also needed to help guide visitors, so please speak to a member of the leadership team if you would like to offer help.

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

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

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

Please use these readings in your personal devotions this week.

Fortnightly Friendship Group. The next session will be on Monday 22nd April, 2:00-3:15pm, here at the church. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret on 07794 607985.

Prayer Breakfast. Our communion service on <u>Sunday 21st April</u> 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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- The ongoing situations in **Ukraine** and the troubled places of the world
- Our friends in the **St Ives** congregation
- Wendy (a friend of Martin)
- Ellie & Dan (Jenny's granddaughter and husband)
- Claire Bristow
- Louise (Su & Chris's niece)
- Joy Kisby

- Jo Anderton
- Al Hibbins
- Thelma Baker
- John & Jean Garner
- 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

Quote of the Week

"Trust God for the impossible – miracles are His department. Our job is to do our best, letting the Lord do the rest."

David Jeremiah (1941-)