



St. Mary's Church
SAWSTON



St Peter's Church
Babraham

SERVICE AND NEWS SHEET

CHURCH OFFICE

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The Church Office in the Community Hall is not open on any set days. The phone, emails and post box are checked 2 to 3 times a week. email stmaryssawston@btinternet.com

Our Web Site is www.stmaryssawston.org.uk, please look at it; if you would like to add to it contact the Church Office

St Mary's and St Peter's now have Facebook pages – “like” at

www.facebook.com/stmaryssawston and

www.facebook.com/stpetersbabraham and invite your friends to like us too!

You can also receive the Zoom link by contacting

welcome@stmaryssawston.org.uk

Please send any material for inclusion in next Sunday's notices to Marian marianwatson55@gmail.com by Tuesday evening. Thank you

This week please pray for:

- Bishop Stephen and Bishop Dagmar
- Peace in God's world; all places affected by conflict, famine and war
- For our armed forces, overseas and in this country
- The parishes of Sawston and Babraham; our Churchwardens, Andy, Marian, Mary and Sheena; our readers José and Sara and our PCCs
- Rosey Feuell as she trains to become a Licenced Lay Minister
- Sawston Youth Group
- Those who are ill Isobel Darling, Margaret Grey, and Mary Hunt their families and all others who are ill.
- Janet Powell who has passed away, may she Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and all who are affected by the loss of a loved one

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the church financially whether by Parish Giving Scheme, Standing Orders, weekly envelope and cash and cheque donations. It is very much appreciated.

When paying by cash can you please make sure that the cheques are made payable to

'SAWSTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL' thank you

Sunday 13th December

10.30 am Christingle all-age altogether service in Church and on Zoom. All seats have been booked

Monday 14th December

8.00 am Morning Prayer in Church and on Zoom

8.00 pm Monday Housegroup - 8pm to 9.30pm Advent Bible

Study entitled 'Hope' by John Birch.

Information from Sally and David Bard:

sally.bard2@gmail.com Tel. 01223 501165

Thursday 17th December

9.30 am Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

10.30 am to 12.30 pm The Church will be open for Private Prayer

11.00 am to 12 noon Elevenses Coffee Time. Prayers for the Nation at 11.45 am on Zoom

8.30 pm Advent Compline - Christmas readings: Rosey Feuell and group participation on Zoom

Sunday 20th December

10.00 am St Peter's Holy Communion

10.30 am Open Door on Zoom

6.00 pm Churches together Carol Service in Church and live streamed. To book a seat/s please email the Church Office stmaryssawston@btinternet.com

Christmas Eve

5.00 pm Crib Service in church and Live streamed. To book a seat/s please email the Church Office

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11.15 pm Midnight Mass in church and on Zoom

Christmas Day

9.00 am Holy Communion St Peter's Babraham
10.30 am Christmas Day Family Service in church and on Zoom followed by Holy Communion.

There have been some queries about the worship team (formerly the Ministry Team) and the current pattern of services, which we would like to address. The worship team consists of those regularly leading services across the different parts of the congregation and includes representatives from both services. Although different to our pre-COVID pattern of worship, it was felt that once we recommenced running Holy Communion and Open Door services, an all-together service once a month would still enable the whole congregation to meet together. With no shared coffee at present, we wanted to maintain the unity that has developed over the years by meeting all-together regularly, whilst still sustaining the regular pattern of the two different services. Families also struggle to engage with Zoom, and an all-together service once a month provides an opportunity for those families to engage with the wider church family. After Christmas, we will continue to offer one all-together service a month, one session of Muddy Church a month, and separate Holy Communion and Open Door services for the other Sundays. The worship team is aware that this is a difficult time for everyone and we are keen to ensure that as a church we remain united, whilst still enjoying our different styles of worship. Please do contact the Churchwardens (Andy Overitt and Marian Watson) if you have any questions or concerns.

Christmas Card Board in Church

The communal Christmas card board will be in St Mary's again this year for cards to/from the Church Family.
St Mary's will be open for services in December and for private prayer on Thursdays so there will be opportunities for people to look at them.

Follow the Star: Nativity Trail

From Saturday 19th December St Mary's churchyard will be home to the Follow the Star: Nativity Trail. Follow the stars through the churchyard and discover the nativity story, all in miniature!

Look closely under the trees and you will find tiny baby Jesus in the manger, the shepherds watching their sheep, a host of angels and the wise men following the star to Bethlehem. Scan the QR code at each station to discover more about the Christmas story as you go along. **Visit at any time from the 20th or book in for our special launch day on Saturday 19th December.**

Nativity Trail Launch Day: Saturday 19th December

Join us on Saturday 19th December for our special trail launch day. **Book a slot between 1pm and 3pm** to complete the trail and finish your visit with a complementary hot chocolate and star craft to take home. Families will be able to visit safely in their family bubbles. All welcome! We would love to see you at St Mary's!

Please click on the link below to book your time slot:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/follow-the-star-st-marys-nativity-trail-tickets-131593498697>

Do contact Anna and Katy at families@stmaryssawston.org.uk for more information.

Carols on the Doorstep

You may be aware of the Carols on the Doorstep event which started in Shrewsbury but is now 'going national' - we have been asked to help make sure that as many streets in possible take part in Sawston on December 16th and to invite you all to join in!

To take part, stand on your doorsteps on Wednesday, December 16th from 6-7pm and tune in to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire (96FM) who will be providing the backing music from last year's Carols in the Square for you to sing along to.

I have attached the flyer here for the event but you can also find details at www.doorstepcarols.co.uk

The words to the carols can be found there, along with simple sheet music for children to play along to on a variety of instruments (all the right key!).

Obviously the more the merrier - it would be wonderful to get the whole of Sawston and the rest of the UK all singing together at the same time!

Why not also Decorate your Doorstep (see 'Decorate' on the website) - there are prizes available for the best decorated houses!

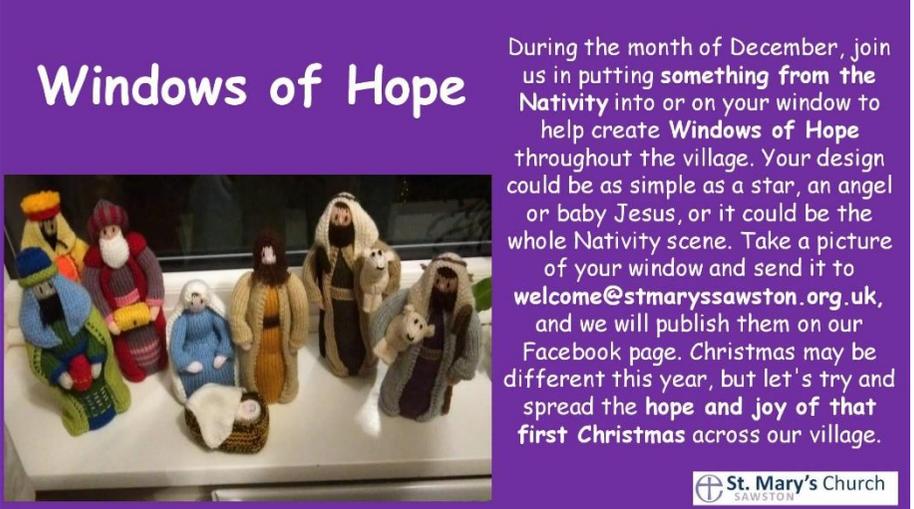
There is a poster on the second page of the latest Sawston Scene and over the next week or so flyers will be coming through every door in the village.

We would love it if you could help spread the word - remember talk to your neighbours, tell your friends and sing it from your doorsteps!

Kind regards,

Katy Souter

Sawston Timebank Co-ordinator



Windows of Hope

During the month of December, join us in putting **something from the Nativity** into or on your window to help create **Windows of Hope** throughout the village. Your design could be as simple as a star, an angel or baby Jesus, or it could be the whole Nativity scene. Take a picture of your window and send it to welcome@stmaryssawston.org.uk, and we will publish them on our Facebook page. Christmas may be different this year, but let's try and spread the **hope and joy of that first Christmas** across our village.

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