A prayer for the local government officials elected to office last week

Eternal God, we pray for those recently elected to local government;

Those in high office with the difficulties of decision making;

Those who plan the legislative programme. May they have wise use of money and resources;

We give thanks for the life and work of Prince
Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

He has continued to support his wife, our
Queen, also many institutions and charities.
Give him good health in his retirement.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord
Amen.

Today we welcome Kathy and Bebe to our pulpit, Kathy this morning, Bebe this evening. We also welcome any visitors who are worshipping with us today. If you can, do join with us for refreshments in the hall after the morning service.

. Morning service—Bible reading
Matthew chapter 25 verses 31-46 (NIV)
Beauty for Brokenness
Jesu, Jesu H & P 145
Christ is the World in Which we Live

The Evening service

O Happy Day MP 499
Jesus shall take the Highest Honour 378
O Deep, Deep Love of Jesus MP 522
When Peace like a River MP 757
The Church's One Foundation MP 640
Glorious things of Thee are Spoken H & P

Would you please note that we try to give the preacher 15 minutes quiet time prior to services. For any urgent problems please contact a steward or keep them to the end of the service. Thank you.

BARN DANCE - on Saturday, 13th May 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Waltham Chase Village Hall (SO32 2LX) to raise money for Cancer Research & Serve Direct (Uganda) Tickets are available from Jean Combs 01489 861326 or Jean Gamblin 01329 832468 at a cost of £10 for Adults and £5 for Children which includes food, but please bring your own drink.

Donation to the DEC disaster fund. We donated just under £534.00 to the Sudanese relief fund. Many thanks to everybody who made this possible.



You may have noticed that the gardens and countryside are all springing to life. This means that the grass grows around our Church

so the grass cutting rota comes into operation. For the weeks May 14th—27th, David James is 'cutter in chief.'
Many thanks to the men who have agreed to take on this duty and to Les /Sutton who strimms the roadside bank and makes sure there is sufficient fuel available.

SWANMORE METHODIST CHURCH



Minister—



Rev'd David Moss

Sunday May 7th



Church website www.swanmoremethodistchurch.org.uk

Coming up this week

Tuesday 10.00 am Coffee and Company

7.30 pm TLC. A talk by a

member of the National Osteoporosis Society.

This meeting is open to everybody

Thursday 9.15 am Buggies and Brunch

Saturday 9.00 am Prayer meeting

Coming up next Sunday

Preachers

AM David Boswell

PM Rev'd David Moss. Bible Study service

during which the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

Duty Steward Martin Letts

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Door Stewards

AM Don Saunders PM Brenda Simpson

Refreshments and flowers—Jill Letts and Val

Well done to Julie Jurd who completed her 12 mile walk last weekend. You may remember that Julie is raising money for a trip to Uganda with the charity Watsan later this year.

Please send any items for inclusion in the next week's notices, in writing, to Jill Sutton, 'Woodbank', Chase Grove, W/Chase tel 01489892824 by 12 noon Thursday next. See details below email jillessutton@btinternet.com
It would be appreciated if any changes to the duty rotas could be given to Jill before the notices are due to be prepared. Thank you.

<u>Wickham Festival – Elemental Tent Volunteers</u> <u>August 2017.</u>

For several years now a team of volunteers from our circuit churches have supported our Elemental Tent at the Wickham festival. Our focus has been to serve the festival-goers and create a place for community. This is a popular event and once again the festival organisers have invited us to 'pitch our tent' among them. We are now looking for volunteers to serve in the tent this year, from Thursday 3rd - Sunday 6th August.

Ideally we are keen to have volunteer tent hosts who are regularly available to serve for a particular time slot during the 4 days of the festival if possible, as this helps us to continue building relationships with our guests during the festival. Time slots are variable, depending on what time people have available, but could, for example be approximately 10.30-2pm, 1.30-5pm, 4.30-8pm, 7.30-11.30pm, although we are always very flexible as this is the feel of festival, and allows for our own refreshment time too. Some people offer 3 hours and others all day 10.30am -11.30pm; which allows freedom to come and go into and around the festival as the need arises, and time to spend with people not in our own tent. Sometimes the Elemental tent is busier than others and we cannot plan for this in advance, so a relaxed attitude about time slots is important.

Elemental Tent hosts are needed for slots; Thursday 4pm -11.30pm and Friday to Saturday from 11am - 11.30pm. We are aware that regular time slots are not possible for everyone, so if you would like to be part of the hosting team, but are not available in this way please do feel free to speak to us about this. Tent hosts are needed to pray, serve refreshments, offer friendship and give spiritual support during the festival.

Volunteers are also needed to help with crafts, which act as a focus around which relationships are built. These crafts usually take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am-1pm and Friday and Saturday from 2pm-4pm. Suggestions of crafts with volunteers will be much appreciated. Please contact Niki Freemantle who is co-ordinating crafts: Tel. 01489 892833, nikifreemantle@hotmail.com.

A corn crafts team, co-ordinated by Hazel Josey is being arranged from 5pm - 6.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This has been very popular on previous occasions as it is a craft which easily includes many people, not just children.

For people unable to help in the above ways, but who would still like to be part of the Elemental Tent at the Wickham Festival, we would love you to come along to our Elemental Harvest Festival and help boost our congregation! This Service is being planned for 2pm on the Sunday 6th.

Names will be collected in individual chapels in order to gain admission passes.

Volunteers are also needed to make cakes and biscuits to serve to our guests, these will be collected in our chapels. Please contact Ena Mears or Jane Gentry.

If you are able to help in any way, or have any questions about volunteering please contact; Diane MacGowan 07962 932099 dianesoftop@btinternet.com
Ali Moss 01329 833513 holidaysmiles@icloud.com

PLEASE CONTACT DIANE OR ALI IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP ON THE HOSTING ROTA, OFFERING TIMES AND DAYS. WE WILL EMAIL TO CONFIRM YOUR OFFER. THANK YOU.

Meanwhile please pray for all the people we will have contact with over this event, and for our volunteers. We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, Derek Morgan, David & Ali Moss, on behalf of the Planning Team.