

*A prayer as we enter Passiontide. We continue to remember the work of Shelter and for those affected by terrorist attacks, whether here or abroad.*

*Grant us grace, O God,  
To take your Son for our Redeemer;  
His life for our example,  
His word for our rule, his Spirit for our guide  
His wounds for our healing and his cross for our salvation,  
That he may take possession of our hearts,  
Now and forever,  
Amen.*

This morning we welcome Grace Westerduin who is leading our morning service, during which the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. As with Grace, our evening preacher needs no introduction as Peter Castle is a good friend who is always welcome. We also welcome any visitors who are with us today. If you can, do join with us for refreshments in the hall after the morning service.

Grace's service is outlined below

Lent Liturgy -

Opening praise Song 111

Dear Lord and Father of mankind.

2 Praise songs of your choice

Short Prayer of Worship and Adoration

Song 38 As we are gathered (children leave)

Offering & Prayer

Scripture reading Exodus 33 v 12-25

Acts 16 v 22-34

Prayers of Intercession

Song 37 As the deer pants for the water

Address Aspects of Prayer

Song 778 Within the veil

Holy Communion

Song 456 Make me a Channel of Your Peace

Blessing

Thinking of those much less fortunate than we are

Donations to the DEC Appeal.

We have all been hearing about the famine in East Africa.

As you read this, families, children, parents and old people are dying for want of food and water. The Disasters Emergency Committee which comprises most of the emergency organisations is appealing for help for this famine. Money raised will go directly to those working with the famine victims. Please place donations in the box in the foyer. This will stay there until Easter. The government has said that it will donate an equal amount to that raised for this cause. Please be generous!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We have been invited once again to join with St Barnabas for their usual Maundy Thursday evening service starting at 7.30. Everybody is welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Along with local churches both here and in Bishops Waltham we are warmly invited to join the Good Friday Walk of Witness. The procession starts at St Peter's Church at 10am with 12 stops along the way at points throughout the village. Hot Cross Buns wrapped in a napkin, explaining the meaning of Good Friday are offered to shoppers along the way. The procession last about 45 minutes and finishes at the United Free Church. There is a short service there at about 11.30 if you would like to share in worship followed by refreshments.

## SWANMORE METHODIST CHURCH



**Minister—  
Rev'd David Moss**



**Sunday April 2nd**

**5th Sunday in Lent**



Church website

[www.swanmoremethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.swanmoremethodistchurch.org.uk)

### Coming up this week

Tuesday 10.00 am Coffee and Company  
12.00 Lent Lunch at the  
Paterson Centre. Proceeds in aid of Mothers  
Union work worldwide.  
Wednesday 7.00 pm Urban Saints Youth Club

Thursday 9.15 am Buggies & Brunch  
Saturday 9.30 am Church Spring clean

### Coming up next Sunday Palm Sunday

AM Preacher Mark Chester  
PM Preacher Rev'd David Moss. Bible Study  
with our friends from St Barnabas Church. These  
Bible /studies are always informative but there is  
no need to participate—just come along!  
Duty Steward Tim Armstrong  
Door Stewards  
AM Alison Charig  
PM Alan Gilbrook  
Refreshments and flowers Carol and Jill  
Woodland

Easter Flowers There are still some empty  
'window sills' on the chart for decorating the  
Church this Easter. You don't need to be a  
fantastic flower arranger to decorate a window.  
God appreciates the effort put in to making our  
Church beautiful rather than the finished  
arrangement—however good it looks!

**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.**

### Faith Alfresco 2017

There will be a **Circuit Faith Alfresco** mission  
event in Bishop's Waltham on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
May from 10.30am to 1.30pm on the Jubilee  
Hall field.

We are having a planning evening on  
Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm at the United  
Free Church, and anyone who would like to be  
involved with Faith Alfresco this year is  
warmly invited to join us to share ideas. The  
theme is "Who am I? – Certainty in an  
uncertain world", and we will focus on the  
story of Jesus calming the storm. We are  
delighted that Mark Tizzard (Tizz) in his new  
District role will be heading up the team this  
year. If there is anyone who would like to be  
involved or has good ideas but who cannot get  
to this planning meeting, please let Angela Fry  
know by phone or email (01489 894625 or  
[fry.angela@googlemail.com](mailto:fry.angela@googlemail.com)).

Tizz will be leading a training session for this  
event on Tuesday 23rd May at the United Free  
Church in BW at 7.30pm, so please keep this  
evening free if you are able to support the  
event.

Thank you for your help and support. A very  
happy and blessed Easter to you all.

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](mailto: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.

**Basics Bank needs** An up-date on what is most  
needed. Tinned rice pudding; Sugar (small bags)  
Long life milk—Full Fat, -Semi-skimmed; Tinned  
spaghetti; Tins of ham, spam, corned beef; Size 5  
and Size 6 nappies; Tinned fruit; Tinned custard;  
Tinned Tomatoes; Shampoo Many thanks for  
your donations; keep them coming!

### Wanted.

Have a work-out for free on a Wednesday  
evening!!! A fit person is needed to set up for  
Buggies and Brunch when John Gray is  
unable to do this valuable job. No skill needed,  
just energy and commitment. Contact Mavis or  
Jill Letts to find out more

**Help required** This coming Saturday, April 8th,  
is our Church Spring Clean Day. We start at  
9.30 (or whenever you can get there!) and aim to  
ease down at 1.30 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits  
will be provided. A list of the jobs needed to be  
done is on a list in the foyer.

**Are you under 25, live in Swanmore and need  
money for an educational or social purpose?  
Grants are available from the Swanmore  
Educational Trust. See the Church notice  
board for details or speak to Martin. Support  
is also available for youth organisations.  
The Acorn Christian Foundation based in  
Bordon runs various Christian-based short  
courses e.g. a one day 'School of Healing'  
which costs £6. A booklet is available on the  
table in the foyer.**

Waltham Chase Methodist Church is hosting a  
visit of Paul Calvert & Josh Raybould from TSM  
Ministries on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.  
Any further details you may wish to know –  
please contact Trevor & Margaret Hunt 01329  
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