

*A Covenant prayer*

*O God of grace, through the mediation of your Son  
You call us into a new covenant,  
Help us therefore to draw near with faith  
and join ourselves  
in a perpetual covenant with you .  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen*

This morning we welcome Rev'd Bob Kitching (and Val) who is taking our Covenant service and our own Kathy Elvy this evening. We also welcome any visitors who are with us today. If you can, do stay after the morning service for refreshments in the hall.

Next Sunday—

Preacher

AM All Age Worship Rev'd David Moss

PM Peter Castle

Duty Steward. Martin Letts

Door Stewards

AM Ron Wilson

PM Millie Brady

Flowers and refreshments Kathy Saunders and

Alison Charig

Chapel Anniversary—February 4th.  
As previously advertised, friends from St Barnabas Church will be joining us for a joint lunch. There will be no evening service.  
If you can help with the food, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.  
Thank you

## SWANMORE METHODIST CHURCH



**Minister—**



**Rev'd David Moss**

**14th January 2018**



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## COMING UP THIS WEEK

On Thursday we had a very good “Ideas for Growth” meeting. Thanks to everyone who came along and to those who prayed for its success.

The itemised ideas we wrote down are below. Please prayerfully consider these. We hope to have a meeting in March called “Planning for Growth” where we can refine and schedule some of these. No-one is saying we will do them all!

*Midweek service*

*‘Who Let the Dads Out?’*

*Mad Hatter’s Tea Party at the Swanmore Fete  
Craft Day just before Nativity and maybe Easter too*

*‘Rent a Grannie/Grandad’*

*Visit an Old People’s Home*

*Breakfast Services - occasionally*

*Christianity Explored or Alpha*

*Sing along for dementia support*

The list is very brief; if you want to know more please ask a steward

19th May 2018 Please keep the day free!! We have booked the village hall and are planning to host an exciting celebration of Prince Harry’s wedding. We will need everyone to be there. Let’s show Swanmore that we have a joy to share

Tuesday 10.00 am Coffee and  
Company  
Thursday 9.00 am Buggies and  
Brunch

Tea at Two. The next Tea @ Two meeting due to be held on Wednesday, 17th January, has been cancelled due to illness. We all pray that Phyllis will soon be back with us

We have had an urgent request for food from Kathy Weaver who works with the homeless and Probation Service in Southampton. She says their food bank is almost empty and if anyone can spare a tin (or two) or dry food or toiletries they can be left at 36 Medlicott Close in a box by her back gate if there’s no one at home.

**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.**

Services for 14-1-18

COVENANT SERVICE A M

REV BOB KITCHING

HP 360 Sing to the great Jehovah's praise

OT Lesson Jeremiah 31 v31-34

MP 870 Jesus is the name we honour

NT Lesson John 15 v1-10

MP 799 All I once held dear

Covenant part 1

HP 649 Come let us use the grace divine

Covenant part 2

Communion

MP 1008 The Lord's my shepherd

EVENING SERVICE - KATHY ELVY

CMP 329 “In Christ there is no east or west”

PSALM 139: 1 - 6, 13 - 18

CMP 1072 “In Christ alone”

Reading 1 SAMUEL 3: 1 - 10

Reading JOHN 1: 43 - 51

CMP 459 “Master speak! Thy servant heareth”

CMP 133 “Father, I place into your hands”

CMP 857 “I, the Lord of sea and sky

On the table in the foyer there are quite often some copies of a magazine produced by the Methodist church called ‘The Connexion’. Do collect a copy and read it—it contains some thought-provoking articles. The latest one ties in with the thoughts we have been having about the future of our own Church here. The challenge on the back page is ‘Why do we go to Church?’ The answer—‘We go to Church to worship God. Worship is the central activity of our Church. Without worship there would be no Church. ...Take away all the other activities but if you have worship, you are still a Church’