

*A prayer taken from the Methodist Recorder.
Grant us grace, O God
To take your Son for our Redeemer;
His life for our example,
His word for our rule
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 Rev'd David Moss, our own minister for an 'All Age Service'. Wonder which puppet animal will come with him? Another good friend, Peter Castle, is leading our evening service 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 Local arrangement led by Graham Pearce

PM Rev'd David Moss. Bible study service during which the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Duty Steward. Kathy Elvy

Door Stewards

AM Herbie Taylor

PM Roger Barton

Flowers and refreshments Anne and Roger

SWANMORE METHODIST CHURCH



Minister—



Rev'd David Moss

21st January 2018



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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Last Thursday week, 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 Granny/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

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 Medicott Close in a box by her back gate if there's no one at home.

Jill and Les' second Grandson, Jonathan, is spending a 'gap year' in New Zealand and wrote very inspiringly of Christmas spent there. He writes that the Christmas Eve midnight service was 'stunning', starting with a church choir concert then a candle lit service. The church was filled with around 700 people; it gave a real feeling of togetherness as a community.

Something to ponder over here in England

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.

Sunday morning service (David Moss) details are:

Call to worship: Ps 92:1--4

NT Reading - Acts 9 v1-19

Offering Hymn – Complete Mission Praise (updated) 746 – What a friend we have in Jesus

Hymn – 1036 Complete Mission Praise, or other books, (updated) - Blessed be your name

Sunday evening service (Peter Castle) details are:

Theme "Is Methodism a broken cistern?"

Praise time

C.M.P. 50 "Be Still"

C.M.P. 37 "As the deer pants for water"

C.M.P.16 "All my hope on God is founded"

C.M.P.1004 "O God of burning, cleansing flame"

Intercessions

C.M.P.417 "Lift high the cross"

Readings:

Proverbs 8 v1-5 (from N.I.V.)

Revelation 2 v1-7

Jeremiah 2 v5-13

Rev'd David has asked for the following to be included in the Notices:

On Monday 12 February we will be having our General Church Meeting and Church Council. We have three vacancies in the Church Stewards' team and we ask for members to nominate church members, with their agreement, to the role. Please pass your nominations on to Rev'd David Moss or any steward. Thank you.