

A prayer for the third Sunday of Easter

God of life and love,

*Your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.*

*Open our eyes that we may see him
in his redeeming work;*

Who is alive and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever,

Amen

This morning we welcome Rev'd Bob Kitching (with his wife Val) and Graham Barber this evening. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed during this morning's worship. We also welcome any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Do join with us for refreshments in the hall after the morning service.

Next Sunday—

Preacher

AM Kathy Elvy

PM Rev'd Jack Jenkins

Duty Steward. Jill Letts

Door Stewards

AM Ron Wilson

PM Kathy Elvy

Flowers and refreshments — Helen Currie and

Joan Miller

Morning service

MP 428 Lord for the years

MP 1105 See what a morning

OT Lesson Psalm 23

NT Lesson John 10 v11 - 18

MP 1024 All my days I will sing this song of gladness

MP 1008 The Lord's my shepherd [Townend]

Communion

MP 842 Here is bread, here is wine

During today's service there will be a dedication of the Methodist Women in Britain Easter offerings.

Sunday evening

Reading: John chapter 2 verses 1 - 11.

MP 465 Meekness and Majesty.

MP 746 What a friend we have in Jesus.

MP 449 Love Divine.

MP 689 Thine Be the Glory.

MP 631 Tell Out My Soul.

A big THANK YOU to Tim Pearce. He spent a whole day doing DIY and was paid for the work. Unlike most teenagers Tim donated the £40.00 to the Junior Church Toilet Twinning fund. I am sure you will agree that this shows a true Christian spirit. Please tell Tim so he knows that we all admire him.

SWANMORE METHODIST CHURCH



Minister—



**Rev'd Arthur Cowburn
and**

Rev'd David Moss

April 22nd 2018



Church website

www.swanmoremethodistchurch.org.uk

Items needed for the Basics Bank (all tinned)
Tinned hot dogs; fruit; ravioli; potatoes; carrots;
peas; fish (not tuna) spaghetti; custard; beans
and sausages; minced beef etc

Preachers for the four weeks starting May 6th
Morning Joint service with St Barnabas Church.
Evening—Bible study with Kathy Elvy
13th Morning Steve Oliver. Evening Rev'd Bob
Kitching—Communion service.
20th Pentecost. Morning Rosie Banks
Communion service; Evening Rev'd Paul
Carter
27th Trinity Sunday Morning Mark Chester
Evening David Boswell

Faith Al Fresco: BW United Free Church are
holding their Faith Al Fresco event on
Wednesday **30th May** during half term on the
grass field by the Jubilee Hall.

They will be holding their first planning meet-
ing on Friday **27th April** at 7.30 pm at Bishop's
Waltham United Free Church.

If you feel you could help in any way please
pop in to the meeting. They are only a small
church so any help would be appreciated. See
Martin or Jill for details

Church Council: Our next Church Council
meeting will be held on Thursday **31st May** at
7.30pm. If anyone has anything they wish to be
included on the agenda please contact Carol
Sealey, Church Council Secretary or any of the
stewards as soon as possible please. Please also
inform Carol of any apologies.

Home Start The Beaver Scouts who
meet in our hall on Tuesdays are
holding a sponsored silence (!) on
Tuesday, April 24th in aid of Home
Start. If you would like to support
them in their efforts to help this
charity, would you please put a
donation in the box to be found on
the table in the foyer. (*The Beavers
are not aware that we are doing this.
It will be a happy surprise for them*)

Coming up this week

Tuesday 10.00

Coffee and Company

12.10 Food and Fellowship

Thursday 9.00 Buggies and Brunch

**SUNDAY 6th MAY JOINT MORNING
SERVICE AT ST BARNABAS** starting
at 10.am

'THY KINGDOM COME'

Rev Claire Towns and Jill Letts have
agreed that after this joint service we
will have a shared cold buffet lunch to
enjoy a time of fellowship together.
There is a tick list in the foyer and ask if
you could indicate if you are prepared
to bring a savoury or sweet plate or dish
to share on the day.

Early next year we have agreed that we
will do similar at our church, this will be
arranged later when Rev David returns.

Good luck to our Circuit football
team as they play in the
Hampshire FA cup final that will
be at Ringwood on Tuesday 24th
April - 7.45pm ko @ Ringwood
Town. Do support them if you
can. There is a poster with more
details in the foyer.



Christian Aid Walk

This year will be on
Sunday, May 20th
based on Wickham
Parish. The walk
starts at 1.45 pm and is planned for
walkers, strollers and family walks.
Poster on the notice board in the hall.

Wickham Festival Elemental Tent

Volunteers are requested to assist at this
outreach from August 2nd to August 5th
2018. Please read the attached flyer to see
if you can help. If you are not available to
be present, your prayers will be very much
appreciated.

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 jillesutton@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.

Wickham Festival – Elemental Tent Volunteers August 2nd to 5th 2018.

Once again we would like to invite members of all the congregations to consider volunteering for the Elemental Tent at the Wickham Festival. The invitation is to those who have volunteered in previous years and those who have never volunteered but feel a calling to do so now. All volunteers will need to attend one of the two training sessions on Tuesday 26th June at WCMC 7.30pm and Wednesday 11th July at Shirrell Heath 7.30pm.

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 2nd - Sunday 5th 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 Sunday 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. If you would like to be part of the craft team please contact Niki Freemantle who is co-ordinating crafts: Tel. 01489 892833, nikifreemantle@hotmail.com.

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 Sunday 5th. 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 Jane Gentry.

If you are able to help in any way, or have any questions about volunteering please contact Peter Bangs on 07910 993218 or by email at petebangs@live.com