

Swanwick Methodist Church

Superintendent Minister. Rev Loraine Mellor. 01159 234881

Sunday February 23rd

10.45am Morning Service led by Mr Brian Cupples

6.00pm Evening Service led by Dr Geoff Cutts.

Text for the week.

“Teach me O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.” Psalm 119: 33.

“Lectionary Readings . Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1Cor3: 10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48.

Prayers.

We pray with Christians Together in Swanwick for Elder Close & Swanwick Hall Cricket Club.

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Meetings.

Tuesday 25th February. Luncheon Club. 11.00am – 2.00pm.

7.45pm - Bible meeting at Frank’s. 6, Castleton Av., Riddings.

Wednesday 26th February - Communion at Old School House 10.00am.

Lent Course. Old School House 7.30pm.

Thursday February 27th. Service at Rowthorne 10.00am

Friday 28th February . 10.30am - Prayer meeting at Frank’s.

Bookings.

Mon 24th Feb. Embroidery Group 9.30am – 12noon.

Tues 25th Feb. Luncheon Club 11.00am – 2.00pm. Dance Class. 6-7pm.

Wed 26th Feb. Embroidery Group 9.30am – 12 noon.

Thurs 27th Feb. Rainbows 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Brownies 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Sunday March 1st

10.45am Morning Service led by Rev. Michael Feast with Holy Communion.

6.00pm Evening Service led by Mrs Jill Phillips.

Door Stewards. am: Margaret & Derrick. pm. Louvane.

Flowers. Gill.

Cleaning. Week beginning March 2nd: Heather P & Val C.

Reminder about the Lent Course

Don't forget that we start this at The Old School House on Ash Wednesday 26th February from 7:30. Conversations with Christians are one of the most important influences in bringing people to faith. This course will inspire us to share our faith and will give us practical suggestions to help us to be natural and relevant as we talk about Jesus with the people we meet. There are six encouraging, video based sessions with short films, inspirational testimonies, real-life examples from people who are talking Jesus and an easy to follow booklet. Come along and join in with other people from the three Churches.

Ash Wednesday Communion

Everyone is welcome at The Old School House when Rev Ros Wilkes will be leading the Communion Worship at 10:00am

Rowthorne

We will be at Rowthorne Care Home on Thursday 27th at 10:00am. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a sing-along with the old favourite Hymns. It only takes about 45 minutes and we all know how good singing is for all of us. So come along and swell the numbers.

At our Annual General Meeting in a couple of months time we will need to elect 2 new Vestry Stewards to replace those of us who have to step down having completed 6 years. Please give some thought as to whether this is something you could do. It's an interesting role and quite varied in what it involves including liaising with preachers/ministers, finding readers, helping to count the collection and generally ensuring that everything is in place for the smooth running of worship on the day. The commitment would be to cover about 4 services each quarter. If you would like to know more or express an interest, please talk to me or to any of the Stewards. *Margaret Lee.*

Smile.

Atheist: "Do you honestly believe that Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish?"

Preacher: "I don't know, sir, but when I get to heaven, I'll ask him."

Atheist: "But suppose he isn't in heaven?"

Preacher: "Then you ask him."