

# Swanwick Methodist Church

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## Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1st Sunday in Lent.

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

**6.00pm Evening Service led by Mrs Jill Phillips.**

Text for the week.

“Worship the Lord your God , and serve him only.” *Matthew 4: 10.*

“Lectionary Readings . Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11.

Prayers.

We pray with Christians Together in Swanwick for Derby Road North, Cross Keys Lane and Our ‘Compassion’ child : Nzalambi.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Lenten Cross

Made from the trunk of a Christmas tree, the Lenten Cross reminds us God's love given to us though the birth of Christ. Throughout Lent we add symbols to the cross.

On Easter Sunday, we bring flowers representing those we would like to remember in our time of worship.

The cross will be transformed from a symbol of death into a symbol of new life.

Meetings.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Flower Club. 7.30pm. Spring Flowers followed by demonstration by Irene Smith.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Lent Course. Old School House 7.30pm. Worship Group at Pauline's 7.30pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** . 10.30am - Prayer meeting at Frank's. Women's World Day of Prayer 11.00am at St James, Church, Riddings.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Prayer Breakfast. 8.30am at The Baptist Church.

Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts

This year, the Baptist Church is hosting all the Prayer Breakfasts on the first Saturday of every month. Still at the same time of 8:30am. Everyone is very welcome to join this special time of prayer and friendship.

Bookings.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Embroidery Group 9.30am – 12noon.

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Dance Class. 6-7pm. Flower Club. 7.30pm

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March. Embroidery Group 9.30am – 12 noon.

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March. Rainbows 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Brownies 6.00pm – 7.30pm

**Sunday March 8th 2<sup>nd</sup> |Sunday in Lent.**

10.45am Morning Service. Own Arrangement.

**6.00pm** Evening Service led by Dr Geoff Cutts.

Door Stewards. am: Linda & Pam. Pm: Mary.

Flowers. Margaret L.

Cleaning. Week beginning March 9th: Louvane & Christine.

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.*

We have another American visitor! Rev Dr Isobel Docampo (Cori's tutor) will be visiting our church for lunch on SATURDAY 14th MARCH approx 1pm. She will be here with Cori and the ministerial team. She would like to meet us - so why not pop in for coffee at "The Big Brew" and stay for lunch (buffet style) All welcome. Do sign the list in the Church porch if you wish to attend. If you are able to contribute towards the lunch, it would be most appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation.

**Coming soon.....Puddings Evening and Fun Quiz**

**When? Friday 20th March 7pm**

**Where? In the schoolroom**

This will be an informal evening of food and fun, as well as a fundraiser for the building project. Do invite friends to come along and share with us. All welcome. *Gill*



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**Tupton** invite you to an Easter Play in 5 scenes.

This will be in the Schoolroom Tupton Methodist Church Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April at 7:15pm each evening.

Seats are unnumbered and no charge is made. A free will offering is available to support church funds.

Refreshments served following the play.

To book seats please contact: Catherine: 01246 860 601 Marie: 01246 863 698 John: 01246 417 135

**Smile.**

**Boaz & Ruth**

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless.