

Swanwick Methodist Church

Superintendent Minister. Rev Loraine Mellor. 01159 234881

Sunday March 8th. 2nd Sunday in Lent.

10.45am Morning Service. Own Arrangement.

6.00pm Evening Service led by Dr. Geoff Cutts

Text for the week.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3: 17.

“Lectionary Readings . Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5,13; John 3:1-17

Prayers.

We pray with Christians Together in Swanwick for Buckfast Close & Stoneleigh Way.

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Meetings.

Tuesday 10th March. Amber Friendship Club. 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 11th March - Lent Course. Old School House 7.30pm.

Friday 13th March . 10.30am - Prayer meeting at Frank's.

Saturday 14^h March. 10.00am – 12noon. Big Brew.

Bookings.

Mon 9th March. Embroidery Group 9.30am – 12noon.

Tues 10th March. Amber Friendship Club. 2.30- 4.30pm. Dance Class. 6-7pm.

Wed 11th March. Embroidery Group 9.30am – 12 noon.

Thurs 12th March. Rainbows 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Brownies 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Sat. 14th March Big Brew. 10.00am – 12.

Sunday March 15th 3rd Sunday in Lent.

10.45am Morning Service led by Rev. George Newell.

6.00pm Circuit Service led by Rev Lorraine Mellor.

Door Stewards. am: Lesley & Jackie. Pm: Val B.

Flowers. Christine.

Cleaning. Week beginning March 16th: Liz & Val L.

Unfortunately, the planned visit of Rev. Dr. Isobel Docampo on 14th & 15th March has been cancelled. The lunch that was to be held after the Big Brew on the Saturday 14th March has been postponed.

Due to the Coronavirus situation, the Perkins School of Theology has suspended all overseas travel for staff and students. Dr. Docampo hopes to visit at a later date when the situation has eased.

Friday 20th March 7pm PUDDINGS EVENING AND FUN QUIZ.

This will be an informal evening of food and fun, as well as a fundraiser for the Building Project (new chairs). There is no charge for the evening - A collection will be taken on the night - So just turn up! Do invite friends and family to come along and share with us.

If you would like to donate a pudding, please see the list in the Church Porch.

Thanks. *Gill.*

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.*



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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.

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"