



Church News

SAPCOTE METHODIST

CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT:

To proclaim the Gospel to all ages by worship, care and nurture through Mission and Service.

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WEEK beginning 9th May 2021

SUNDAY

United Morning Worship at All Saints Church at 11.00 am

Preacher: Revd Dr Tim Woolley

CIRCUIT SERVICE via zoom at 10.30 am

led by Colin Haddon

Meeting ID: 812 8878 0929, Password: Worship40

WEDNESDAY

PRAYERS via zoom at 10.00 am

Meeting ID: 842 0944 5657, Passcode: 800056

THURSDAY

Bible Study via zoom at 10.00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82204088196?pwd=MXJtL2dOS20rZDNQMmFud05aTzdjdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 0408 8196, Passcode: Bible

NEXT SUNDAY 16th May

SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Morning Worship IN CHURCH at 10.30 am

led by Nigel Roberts

**When joining zoom meetings,
log on within the 5 minutes before the official start time.**

PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER CHAIN –

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This week, 10th – 16th May, is Christian Aid Week. I hope to give a short talk at the united church service on the 9th May which will be held at All Saints. If you cannot make the service this is a summary:

Christian Aid was founded in 1945, by British and Irish churches to help refugees in Europe following the Second World War. During the 75 years since inception Christian Aid has grown and now works in 29 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Christian Aid has the following aims:

- To expose poverty throughout the world
- Help in practical ways to end it
- Highlight, challenge & change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised

The organisation works in partnerships with local organisations, ensuring that projects are community driven. This approach ensures that corrupt governments cannot misuse funds.

This year Christian Aid is focusing on climate change which is devastating countries around the world. This year's publicity is based on Eastern Kenya. The main problem is the lack of access to a reliable source of water to help communities withstand the unpredictable weather made worse through the climate crisis. The weather has become more extreme. Drought has become more frequent and intense, resulting in millions of people being short of food as they are unable to grow crops. In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow.

In this year's publicity you see photos of Rose who lives in Kitui county, where the chaos of climate change has devastated the growth of beans and maize and left her land and her family, thirsty, hungry and very poor. Rose says. 'Because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be.'

Not far away, a contrasting story can be told of Florence.

Thanks to donations from Christian Aid and the work of local partners, she has built a small dam beside her farm, enough to gather the rains when they might otherwise overwhelm, retaining sufficient irrigation for the weeks when there isn't a cloud in the sky. With this dependable source of water, Florence can grow tomatoes, onions and chillis on her farm. Her children can eat their own healthy vegetables. She can keep bees and sell their golden honey.

Give, I kindly ask you to consider, a financial donation to help people like Rose. This can be done by placing cash in a collection envelope which will be available at the services on the 9th & 16th May. Alternatively, donations can be made online www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week

Sign the petition for climate justice. www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns Call on the PM to:

- Increase financial support to the world's poorest countries and push for their debts to be cancelled
- Invest in a green recovery that leaves no-one behind
- Stop the expansion of fossil-fuel energy and support clean energy.

Pray for climate justice. Join in with the prayer movement for climate justice at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/tea-time-prayer>

Worship Arrangements in the Near Future

Three services each month will be held in the church building and for the remaining Sunday we are invited to join the Circuit Zoom Service which will be available every Sunday for those unable to get to church or are continuing to shelter.

Services in May/June

9th May (Christian Aid Week) United Service at All Saints,
preacher: Revd Tim
16th May Nigel Roberts, **Something Completely Different**
23rd May (Pentecost) Outdoor Holy Communion, Revd Tim
30th May (Trinity Sunday) Revd Tim
6th June Colin Haddon
13th June Revd Tim (Holy Communion)
20th June Circuit Zoom Service Revd Patricia
27th June Nigel Roberts

Social distancing must be maintained and everyone will need to wear their face masks correctly (covering nose and mouth).
At the end of services people will be asked to leave a row at a time, from the back, so that they don't congregate inside after the service.

To include in your prayers

David, Deborah, Katie, Thomas Watts and Emma;
Alan Watts, who has returned home;
Mary Forster and all the family;
John Marfleet and Pauline;
Shelley Piercy;
Malcolm and Liz Ware and particularly Kate;
Peter and Margaret Gubb;
Cirstie;
Pauline Forster and the family;
Sheila and Les Makepeace whose mother has died;
Tim and Hilary Woolley and family;
Eva and Ken Crosse;
Janice Holland;
Ray Haslett;
Margaret Webster;
Marie Mason;
Bhazker Joshi;
Enid Procyk;
Jennifer Birkby, John and Grace;
John and Judith Cooke;
Jane Carrell;
Dee Whiting and her husband;
Ros Crowe;
Carole, Jim and Will Taylor (John's funeral is on May 20th);
Jackie Hurst and her brother Jim Cank;
Chris and Marion Griffin and their daughter;
Ray Handley;
Mary and Michael Fitzsimmons.
All the people who have died from Covid-19 and their

relatives and friends;
the Government's management of the current demands on the NHS, the medical and nursing staff;
for the people suffering from Covid-19; the situation in India; people who are lonely, grieving or ill and especially people suffering from dementia, domestic violence, mental health problems coming out of lockdown, being made redundant, teachers, vulnerable children and parents struggling to feed their families;
Ministers and Lay Workers of the Circuit; the Pastoral and Leadership teams; successful recruitment of an Early Intervention Worker for the Circuit
Praise the Lord for: worship and fellowship; the NHS and especially its front-line staff; Chris Bacon, Circuit Administrator; that British troops will be withdrawn from Afghanistan; the programme to administer the vaccines and the university and pharmaceutical companies that developed them; that care home residents can now be visited by relatives; the foodbanks and the volunteers who staff them; those who have continued to work through the lockdowns keeping us supplied, delivery and postal workers, dustbin operators etc; the Allotment Ministry, Children's Youth Work and Growing Together Project; our local church family and the leadership team; that going on holiday will soon be possible; that the lockdown has been eased and that the church building is open again.

Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will take place via Zoom on

Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome!

The link to connect is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97510975350?pwd=ellvbURVdXZlTmtnUEFYemNOYlI0QT09>

Meeting ID: 975 1097 5350 Passcode: SapcoteACM

You may also connect by telephone (no vision of course !) on one of the following numbers:

020 3481 5240; 020 3901 7895; 020 8080 6591; 020 8080 6592.

Meeting ID: 975 1097 5350 Passcode: 4183219765

Charges may apply, depending on your telephone contract.

If you usually submit a report for this meeting and would like to do so this year, please email it to Rebecca_Teare@hotmail.com by Friday 14th May.

Please send any items for publishing in the News Sheet by THURSDAY EVENING via email or telephone.

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