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Free Church Worship

Porch Chapel Prayers

Daily Monday - Saturday

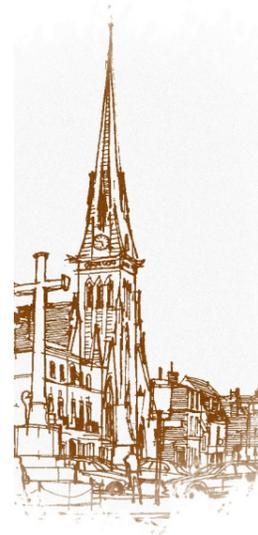
At 10am

Sun 7th Oct	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 7th Oct	15:00	Harvest Praise
Sun 7th Oct	18:30	Revd Dr Catherine Ball at St Mary's Centre (formerly Houghton Chapel)
Sun 14th Oct	11:00	Revd Peter Ball
Sun 21st Oct	11:00	Faith Sharp
Sun 28th Oct	11:00	Christine Macleod
Sun 4th Nov	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion

Fenstanton Worship

Sun 7th Oct	09:30	Revd Derek Newton - Harvest Service
Tue 9th Oct	14:00	Christian Meditation with John Williams
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THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE FREE CHURCH
(UNITED REFORMED)
SAINT IVES

October 2018



View from the Manse

Autumn is fully upon us, with its cooler and more variable weather. Many thanks to

all who contributed so generously to the Foodbank at our Harvest Service. They are well stocked-up for the coming months! Autumn is a season of many activities and opportunities. We have different events and services both in our own church and with the wider United Reformed Church and ecumenically with other churches throughout the month of October.

On Sunday October 7th we will be having a Green Holy Communion service with the Ecology Group. We will be continuing the second of ten Holy Habits in the resource booklets taken from the book of Acts 2.42 – 47. Our theme for this month is **Sharing Resources: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, All who believers were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need...** We will be thinking about how, in a world that has enormous social and class divisions between rich and poor, Christ's followers can demonstrate an alternative way of living. This is part of the 'Walking the Way: living the life of Jesus today' missional discipleship initiative of the URC, an opportunity for us to grow in faith and Christian service.

That same evening is our joint evening service at Houghton Chapel 6.30 pm with the Houghton Parish Church. Of late, few people have been attending this quarterly ecumenical service, yet several have said that they would like it to continue. Do please put it in your diaries and come along, to maintain our fellowship and friendship with this ecumenical partner.

We also have events booked with the wider URC Eastern Synod is meeting in Witham, Essex on Saturday 13th Oct.



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Christine and I hope to attend and will report on its proceedings at the following Church meeting. Then on Wednesday 17th October we have a Cambridge Area Partnership Meeting to be held at the Free Church, St Ives, at 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm. We are having Lea Taragin-Zeller from the Woolf Institute on the Westminster College site in Cambridge. She will be speaking on 'Creation in the Hebrew Scriptures'. It will be interesting to hear a Jewish interpretation and understanding of the wonder of creation and how it relates to science and the care of the environment today. All are welcome to attend, so I hope since it is being held at our church that many of us will be able to come. With our sister church, Fenstanton URC John Williams is leading Tuesday afternoon Meditation on the 9th at 2.30 pm and then on Sunday 14th we have our joint service with them at 6 pm.

As the month draws to a close, we hope the mild weather will continue for Half Term week, during which many of us will enjoy an autumn break. One of the great blessings and benefits of our church community is the different possibilities for fellowship, learning, serving and caring that are available. Let us enjoy and make use of them! *Love in Christ Catherine*

FENSTANTON HARVEST WEEKEND Our Harvest Celebrations are on 6th -7 October

On the Saturday we will be decorating the Church, please come and help, as many hands make light work! Between 10-00am 12 noon.

We will also be collecting in old tools for Work Aid a charity that refurbishes them and sends them overseas. Saturday between 10-00AM -1 -00PM.

Saturday 6th October
The Bury and Ramsey Band Concert
7pm -9pm

Sunday 7th our Church Service is at 9-30am taken by Rev Derek Newton.

We collect in the Sunshine Bags, these are small gingham bags to collect pennies in, A Penny a day when the sunshine's, for Church Funds, this has been going on for over 50 years, so let's keep it going!

At 3-00 pm we will have a Songs of Praise for Harvest. Refreshments served afterwards.

World Communion Sunday

In 1982 while on exchange with a minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand (as it then was) I was introduced to a new (to me) concept when I led a service of Holy Communion at which we were joined by the vicar and congregation of the Anglican Church on the opposite side of the road in the North Shore town of Birkenhead.

World Communion Sunday was conceived in 1933 by an American Presbyterian minister as an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity and to show how each congregation is interconnected with one another. It was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and, having spread to other denominations was endorsed by the Federal Council of Churches who then began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. It is now widely observed not only in the USA but in Australia and New Zealand.

On 7th October 2018 the small Presbyterian church in Feilding, New Zealand will display pictures of Holy communion being celebrated in churches across the world, including our own congregation, as a visible sign that their worship is joined to that of the whole Christian church.

As we celebrate Holy Communion on that day I shall be thinking of my friends Don and Janet Hall – Don is a retired Presbyterian minister and former RNZAF chaplain – and the congregation of St Andrews Birkenhead where Marion and I spent a happy four months and invite you all to share with me the reality of the world wide church in this way.

Roy Muttram

Church Activities

Mondays	19:00	Bowls Club
Wednes- days	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers Term time only
Wed 17th Oct	19:00	St Ives Gardening Club
Fri 26th Oct	09:30 - 16:30	Just Sharing Christmas Shop and Annual Sale
Sat 27th Oct	09:30 - 16:30	Just Sharing Christmas Shop and Annual Sale
Wed 31st Oct	19:45	Poetry Group

Community Activities

Mondays	10:00	CRUSE
Wednes- days	14:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thurs- days	09:45	Sunny Steps
Wed 3rd Oct	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Thu 4th Oct	19:30	WI
Sat 6th Oct	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair
Fri 12th Oct	10:00	COPE
Tue 16th Oct	10:00	Alzheimer's Support Drop-In Cafe
Wed 17th Oct	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Thu 18th Oct	10:00	U3A Music
Fri 19th Oct	10:00	U3A Local History
Fri 19th Oct	19:30	Civic Society of St Ives Annual General Meeting
Wed 31st Oct	19:30	RSPB
Thu 1st Nov	10:00	U3A Music
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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**Our regular venue of the church at
Fenstanton**

Tuesdays
October 9th 2018
November 13th 2018
Come along for 2.30pm
A warm welcome awaits you

**contact John Williams,
<jlec.williams44@yahoo.co.uk> or
'phone 01480 463 117.**

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

It was fun to take part in the Heritage Days at St Ives in September and to welcome so many visitors and young families into our church. Visiting new places can be inspirational. Each year when I am on vacation I will visit a local church, and let the history of worship and modern day experience speak to me.



This summer I worshiped at St Bernard's church in Wengen in Switzerland. Wengen is a popular resort in the heart of the Bernese Oberland, situated on a wide plateau at a height of about 4,200 ft. with impressive views of the Jungfrau range, and is an excellent centre for walks and excursions. It is blessed by being free of cars and is only accessible by rail, or by trekking. Perhaps the church spoke to me, as I love to be out on the hills.

One photo shows the stained glass window, above which is written – 'Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint' (Isaiah 40:31, NIV). The window shows an eagle referred to in an Old Testament passage (Isaiah 40:31). The eagle is depicted above the mountains at the head of the valley in which Wengen is situated. The donor had climbed in the mountains she depicted.



One can only marvel at the majesty of the Alps and the splendour of small chalet gardens full of alpine flowers. Above the chancel arch is written 'I will lift mine eyes up unto the hills (KJV)', an extract from Psalm 121:1-2 which in the NRSV reads 'I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth'

After days of walking we were glad to have time to sit quietly and reflect on the wonder of God's creation and upon his love for all people shown to us in Christ. The church in Wengen was planted by the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS), an Anglican mission agency, who continue to maintain and staff it. All the seasonal chaplains are volunteers who normally spend two weeks serving in the resort. The services are conducted in English in recognition that one out of every five people on earth can speak English. After the service we were invited for tea and coffee in a café overlooking the hills. Here I learned about the ministry of intercessory prayers at the request of visitors. There is a box where people post prayer requests (rather like our own chapel). They host weekly open sessions at 5.45pm introducing visitors to the village and for fellowship. Back home, it was a privilege to share something of our local church history and the synergy we have with our surroundings.



The outstanding natural beauty in Wengen and St Ives are testimony to St Paul's words in the New Testament: 'Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made' Romans 1:20, NRSV. A visit to church, can be a special experience and a time of renewal. May we continue to make visitors feel welcome and informed.

Christine Macleod



GREEN CHRISTIAN EVENT

Wed 10 Oct
Cambridge
Ely Diocese
At

9:30am – 3:30pm

Caring for God's Earth: advice and guidance on how to make churches and churchyards greener spaces

The Chancel, Michaelhouse,
Cambridge

This is geared towards church wardens and 'green champions' within churches. Organised by the Church Buildings team at Ely Diocese.



ECO FACT

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The average UK family throws away 6 trees worth of paper in their household bin a year?



SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

By now you'll have seen a poster and leaflets in and around the Free Church.

When you have filled your box, please bring it along to us by 1st NOVEMBER via the church office (Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm) where they will be collected together for their onward journey. Once again, a huge thank you to all who contribute this year. It really does make a difference.

Val Bush

AN AUTUMN THOUGHT



"Things great have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed; every journey is just a step because without that step there will be no journey; without that raindrop there can be no shower; without that seed there can be no harvest."

William Wilberforce

THE FINAL, FINAL SOS TOTAL! THANK YOU TO ALL!



WORK AID

If you are sorting out your shed or workshop and have any tools surplus to your requirements please donate them to WORK AID we are having a collection of these on Saturday 6th October

Please bring them along
10-00 ----- 1.00pm

To Fenstanton United Reformed Church.

Thank you

No electrical items

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Church In The Market Place

(CIMP)

Although there is plenty of enthusiasm among those attending, there is always room for others to come along on the second Monday in each month.

Come along and see us and have a chat about what is involved.

ST IVES FREE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CHOIR



The Choir starts rehearsals on Sunday 21st October from 12.15pm after morning service.

More voices would be great, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass!

For further information contact Irene McCormick

ECO FACT

DID YOU KNOW THAT

On average, each person in the UK throws away their own body weight in rubbish every seven weeks?

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“THOUGHT FOR THE DAY”

HUNTINGDON COMMUNITY RADIO
ON 104FM at 8.30am

Would you like to join the team of contributors for a “Thought”?

Your piece should be about 4/5 minutes long and goes on air at the time shown above. Alternatively, you can go into the station and pre-record as well.

Contact: Val Bush, Free Church

The Tiny Church in the Dales

Yorkshire is often referred to as “God’s own country” and surrounded by the stark beauty of the Dales it is not hard to see why. It’s easy to think that this rugged landscape must be wild and untamed, but in fact much of it has been shaped by millennia of human activity.



Dairy and sheep farming and mining – stone, coal and lead – have left their mark in drystone walls, mines, quarries and cowsheds. The Victorian era brought the railway and one of the most remarkable feats of 19th century engineering: the Ribbleshead viaduct. The viaduct is the longest on the Settle-Carlisle railway and has been much celebrated.



Less well known is the church a couple of miles away at Chapel-le-Dale. St Leonard’s was built in the 16th century and was sympathetically renovated in 1869. Built from local limestone, this tiny (48ft by 20ft), low-roofed church gives the impression that it is taking shelter from the worst of a Yorkshire winter. Work started on the Ribbleshead viaduct around 1870 and “shanty towns” of workers and their families sprang up nearby. The human cost of the building of the viaduct was shocking, with over 200

lives lost. Many were workplace fatalities, but over half the dead were children and babies who died from disease caused by the insanitary conditions in which they lived. Most were buried at St Leonards in unmarked graves.

On the west wall of the church is a marble memorial to those railway workers who lost their lives, erected “at the joint expense” of their fellow workers and the Midland Railway company. In 2000 a memorial was erected in the church grounds which commemorates all those men, women and children lost during the construction of the railway, from whatever cause, and who are buried in the churchyard.

Tracey Hipson

Vocations/Enquirers' Conference Events 2018 - 10th November 2018

There are two Assembly-organised Enquirers events in 2018 for people interested in a range of ministries in the church:

Saturday 10th November 2018 - 10.00am - 4.00pm - Westminster College, Cambridge

Explore opportunities for service through the United Reformed Church and ask the questions that are in your heart and mind. If you have any practical enquiries, please direct these by email to Vivienne Williams, or call 0207 916 8649.