

# WHAT'S ON in AUGUST

The Monthly Newsletter of The Free Church (United Reformed)  
St Ives and Fenstanton URC Church

## Thoughts from Pete...



Perhaps, like me, you have been enjoying watching the Olympics. It is amazing to see what top sportspeople are able to achieve. Listening to Mark Foster and Becky Adlington talking about the best swimmers, they mentioned the commitment and perseverance required. They also mentioned the need to always be learning, adapting and finding ways to improve.

Some of us, from the Free Church, were able to attend the ordination and induction of Joseph Amoah at St Paul's Church in Harrogate on 27th July. It was a joyous occasion. It was great to see Joseph again and to see the love and support which he enjoys from so many people.

The sermon included reference to Charles Wesley when he started his mission to proclaim God's love, back in the 1730s. His journal for May 1738 includes 'Sunday a.m., May 7, preached in St. Lawrence's, was asked not to come back anymore. Sunday p.m., May 7, preached at St. Katherine Cree's church, deacons said, "Get out and stay out." Sunday a.m., May 14, preached at St. Ann's, can't go back there either. Sunday afternoon, May 21, preached at St. John's, kicked out again. Sunday evening, May 21, preached at St. somebody else's, Bennet's maybe, deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't return. A year later his journal entry says 'Tuesday, May 8, afternoon service, preached in a pasture in Bath, 1,000 people came to hear me' and then 'Sunday, September 9, preached to 10,000 people three weeks in a row in Moorfields'.

This story is often quoted as an example of the need for perseverance when things aren't going to plan. What this account doesn't tell us is whether those early experiences helped Charles Wesley to become a better preacher. Was the turnaround just a matter of perseverance or was it also due to his willingness to learn, adapt and improve.

As churches, we are called to show commitment and perseverance - along with that eagerness to learn, adapt and improve.

I'll finish with a thought that Joseph included in his talk - "When you trust God by praying and relying on him, when you don't see prayer as something separate to work but as the basis for your work, then God really does provide."

## Services this month:

### THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

4th Aug	Revd Chris Baker Holy Communion
11th Aug	Revd Derek Newton
18th Aug	Dr Gerry Swain
25th Aug	Elders

### FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

4th Aug	Revd Christine Davies
11th Aug	Revd Chris Baker Holy Communion
18th Aug	Dr Gerry Swain
25th Aug	Revd Christine Davies

July's COSI lunchtime concert was performed by *Double and Squeak Wind Ensemble* and was enjoyed by many! See pictures below...





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**AUGUST**



- Mon - Sat 10:00 - 10:15 Chapel Prayers  
 Mon - Sat (not Thurs) 09:45 - 14:00 Tookeys Café  
 Mondays 09:30 - 13:45 Tookeys Snack Bar  
 Sundays 11:00 Worship
- Thu 1st 11:45 - 12:45 Disco Baby with Bobbi  
 12:30 - 13:30 Keep Fit FaME (*Falls Management Exercise*)
- Sat 3rd 09:30 - 15:30 Saints Crafters Craft Fair
- Wed 7th 14:00 - 16:00 Senior Citizens Club  
 19:00 - 20:00 Walkeoke with Bobbi
- Thu 8th 09:15 - 14:00 Shirley's Coffee Shop in Tookeys  
 11:45 - 12:45 Disco Baby with Bobbi  
 12:30 - 13:30 Keep Fit FaME (*Falls Management Exercise*)
- Wed 14th 14:00 - 16:00 Senior Citizens Club  
 19:00 - 20:00 Walkeoke with Bobbi  
 20:00 - 21:00 Mamas Who Move
- Thu 15th 11:45 - 12:45 Disco Baby with Bobbi  
 12:30 - 13:30 Keep Fit FaME (*Falls Management Exercise*)
- Tue 20th 10:00 - 12:00 Dementia Café
- Wed 21st 14:00 - 16:00 Senior Citizens Club  
 19:00 - 20:00 Walkeoke with Bobbi
- Thu 22nd 11:45 - 12:45 Disco Baby with Bobbi  
 12:30 - 13:30 Keep Fit FaME (*Falls Management Exercise*)
- Tue 27th 20:00 - 21:00 Zumba with Juliet
- Wed 28th 14:00 - 16:00 Senior Citizens Club  
 19:00 - 20:00 Walkeoke with Bobbi
- Thu 29th 09:15 - 14:00 Shirley's Coffee Shop in Tookeys  
 11:45 - 12:45 Disco Baby with Bobbi  
 12:30 - 13:30 Keep Fit FaME (*Falls Management Exercise*)

**Heritage Day**  
**Old Fenstanton**  
 A display of photographs at  
 Fenstanton URC  
 August 10th 10:30am to 4pm

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FOR YOUR DIARIES:

*FREE concert*

*by John Williams and guests*

An eclectic programme of various styles of music, played mainly on the piano, presented by John and friends

**FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER at 12 noon**

(Donations for the upkeep of the Free Church accepted with thanks)

**NEXT COSI  
 LUNCHTIME  
 CONCERT  
 FRIDAY 30TH  
 AUGUST**

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