

What's On

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

View from the manse...

Christmas Greetings!

Christmas is the annual festival when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ which happened over 2,000 years ago.

The news over the past few months has been depressing and disturbing with the conflicts, division and oppression in so many places in the world: in Israel/ Gaza, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Yemen, Sudan! . . .

How desperately we need the good news that God loves us and came amongst us in the person of Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace. We need to hear again the words of the prophet of Isaiah foretold several hundred years before Jesus was born:

*For unto us a child has been born, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever.
Isaiah 9.6*

Jesus came to reconcile us to God and to one another. Christians believe that Jesus is now Lord over all the Earth, and his kingdom will one day be fully realised where peace and justice will prevail. So, we may have hope for the future and be encouraged that war and division will not have the final word.

God is at work in the world through people showing hospitality and kindness to those in need.

Each act of kindness and acceptance can change the world. So, this is to wish you a very Merry Christmas and peace and prosperity in the coming year!

Catherine



December 2023

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

3rd Dec	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
10th Dec	Peter Ball
17th Dec	
11am	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball Christingle Service
6pm	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball Candlelight Carols Service
24th Dec	
11am	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball Nativity Service
6pm	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball Service for all ages
31st Dec	Service led by Elders

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

3rd Dec	Christine Davies - Advent
10th Dec	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
3pm	Songs of Praise
17th Dec	Joint Christingle Service at the Free Church
24th Dec	Christine Davies
25th Dec	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
31st Dec	Service led by Elders



What's on in DECEMBER



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
	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
Wed (term time only)	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers group
Sundays	11:00	Worship
Fri 1st	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Sat 2nd	09:30 - 15:30	Saints Crafters Craft Fair
	19:30	The Mayor's Christmas Concert
Sun 3rd	19:00	Harmonia Singers: 'An Alternative Christmas Concert'
Tue 5th	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Poetry Group NEW!
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 6th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	12:00	Tookeys Christmas Dinner
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 7th	09:15 - 13:30	Shirley's Coffee Shop
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19:00 - 21:00	W.I.
Fri 8th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Sun 10th	15:00	Carols for Christmas at Fenstanton
	18:00	The Rotary Club of St Ives presents: A Musical Christmas Cracker Concert

Tue 12th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 13th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:30	HRAA St Ives Gardening Club
Thu 14th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 15th	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	12:00	Tookeys Christmas Meal
	16:00	A Candlelit Christmas Musical Feast
Sat 16th	10:00 - 12:00	Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action
	10:00 - 13:15	Diabetes Awareness Prevention
	18:30	St Ives Choral Society Family Christmas Concert
Sun 17th	15:00 - 16:00	Disco Baby Family Disco
	18:00	Worship: Christmas Readings and Carols by Candlelight
Mon 18th	19:30 - 21:30	Tapestry Choir Christmas Carols & Readings
Tue 19th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Café
	14:00 - 15:00	Disco Baby Family Disco
Wed 20th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	14:00	Diabetes Prevention Awareness
	19:00 - 21:00	RSPB
Thu 21st	11:45 - 12:45	Trial baby class with Bobbi
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 22nd	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi

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CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 19th November

after worship

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FENSTANTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH

Carols for Christmas

Sunday 10th December 2023
at 3pm

Collection going to the
East Anglian Children's Hospice



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