

What's On



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

Thoughts for the month ahead.

View from the Manse...



Happy New Year!

It's the time of year to reflect on the past year and plan for the coming year. 2022 was a tough year starting with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and much political turmoil in our country as well as the Covid virus still affecting people.

Yet there were also some positives to remember: Cop27 and Cop15 were meetings gathering people from different countries to consider how we can all better care for the natural environment; scientific advances including the development of new medical treatments for those suffering from Cancer and Dementia; and the vaccine enabled many to suffer only mildly from Covid; and some new friends coming to our churches; and people giving generously to refugees, charities and foodbanks.

The New Year is a great time to reset ourselves – to focus on what we would like to happen in the coming year. We obviously need to start with ourselves rather than change the whole world – God will do that – in the meantime, we can re-think our priorities and consider new opportunities to put our energy into.

As Christians we know that God is a God of new beginnings – inviting people to let go of struggles of the past and turn to God for healing and forgiveness. As well, we are people of hope for the future, for we know that Jesus has vanquished the power of evil and death and the Holy Spirit is at work in the world drawing people to God and is transforming the world by changing people's hearts. We can pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders that they will genuinely care for the wellbeing of all people. And as God's people today we can show God's love and peace in how we relate to others.

So, with this strength and hope we can face the coming year with confidence and expectancy of good to come. We can trust that God will lead us forward, giving us meaning, purpose and a sense of belonging as we seek to be God's faithful people in our troubled and challenging world.

JANUARY 2023

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

1st Jan Revd Roy Muttram -
Holy Communion

8th Jan Revd L Nevard

15th Jan Revd Dr Catherine Ball

22nd Jan Revd Dr Catherine Ball

29th Jan Revd Dr Catherine Ball

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

1st Jan Christine Davies

8th Jan Revd Dr Catherine Ball

15th Jan Revd Dr Catherine Ball

22nd Jan Alison Jiggins

29th Jan Mrs Geraldine Swain

May 2023 be a more positive year, with joy and peace; greater equality, care for the environment and kindness toward one another!

Love in Christ,
Catherine



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JANUARY



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| Mon - Sat | 10:00 - 10:15 | Chapel Prayers |
| Mon - Sat (not Thu) | 10:00 - 15:00 | Just Sharing shop |
| Mon - Sat (not Thu) | 09:45 - 14:00 | Tookeys Café |
| Mondays | 09:30 - 13:30 | Tookeys Snack Bar |
| Mondays | 19:00 | Indoor Bowls Club |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 - 11:30 | Tots & Carers baby group |
| Sundays | 11:00 | Worship |
| Tue 3rd | 09:00 - 17:00 | CGL |
| Wed 4th | 11:00 - 13:00 | U3A Current Affairs |
| Thu 5th | 09:30 - 13:15 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (<i>Falls Management Exercise</i>) |
| | 14:30 - 16:00 | Migrant Welcome Group |
| | 19:30 - 22:00 | WI |
| Fri 6th | 10:00 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| Mon 9th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| Tue 10th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 11th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Tots and Carers |
| | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| Thu 12th | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (<i>Falls Management Exercise</i>) |
| | 14:30 - 16:00 | Migrant Welcome Group |
| Fri 13th | 09:00 - 17:00 | CGL |
| Sat 14th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action |
| | 19:00 | COSI concert |
| Mon 16th | 10:30-12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| Tue 17th | 10:00 - 12:00 | Dementia Cafe |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 18th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Tots and Carers |
| | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 11:00 - 13:00 | U3A Current Affairs |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| | 19:30 - 22:00 | HRAA St Ives Gardening Club |
| Thu 19th | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (<i>Falls Management Exercise</i>) |
| | 14:30 - 16:00 | Migrant Welcome Group |
| Fri 20th | 09:00 - 17:00 | CGL |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | U3A Local History |
| Sat 21st | 10:00 - 12:45 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| Mon 23rd | 10:30-12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| Tue 24th | 12:00 - 14:00 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 25th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Tots and Carers |
| | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| | 19:00 | RSPB |
| Thu 26th | 09:30 - 13:15 | Diabetes Prevention |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (<i>Falls Management Exercise</i>) |
| | 14:30 | St Ives Free Church Poetry Group |
| Fri 27th | 09:00 - 17:00 | CGL |
| Sat 28th | 10:00 - 12:45 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| Mon 30th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| Tue 31st | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |

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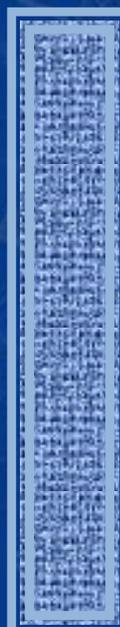
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Chamber Orchestra St. Ives

COSI WINTER CONCERT

7PM SATURDAY
14TH JANUARY 2023

THE FREE CHURCH ST IVES

MENDELSSOHN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO OP 64

SOLOIST - RICHARD ROPER

RUY BLAS OVERTURE - MENDELSSOHN
STRING SINFONIA NO 3 - MENDELSSOHN
SYMPHONY NO 104 - HAYDN

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JUST SHARING IN THE FREE CHURCH.
ADULTS £10 (UNDER 16s - FREE)

The Free Church is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

TOOKEYS CAFÉ
Monday Snack Bar

ALL DAY BREAKFASTS

BACON ROLLS AND MORE

9.30am - 1.30pm
Mondays

Plus our usual menu