

WHAT'S ON

in

July

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

Services this month:

View from the Manse...



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2026. By the time you read this, the summer solstice will have passed and the daylight hours will slowly begin to shorten again. It feels like no time at all since I moved into the manse and began working in this new pastorate—the time really has flown by.

Perhaps the old saying, “time flies when you are having fun,” should be changed in my case to, “time flies when you are busy.” It has certainly been a full season of getting to know people and finding my way around the pastorate and the partnership.

All of this has set me thinking about time. I looked it up in the dictionary and found several meanings and even more uses. The primary definition is the “indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present and future, regarded as a whole” (OED 10th ed).

How often do we say, “I haven’t got time,” or rush around trying to save it? I am reminded of the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*: “I’m late, I’m late, for a very important date. No time to say hello, goodbye. I’m late, I’m late, I’m late!” Life can feel like that sometimes, can’t it?

Yet time is, in a sense, endless. We have all the time in the world - God’s time - to be and do what we are called to be and do. Perhaps one gift we can offer the world as Christians is time: time to listen, to be still and to wonder.

Have you ever tried slowing down, taking more time over what you are doing, or simply being - watching, looking and not worrying about doing nothing? Paradoxically, I often find that this is when I achieve more and work through my “to do” list more efficiently.

So I encourage you to slow down and remember that God’s time is not our time. Don’t be like the White Rabbit. In Ecclesiastes there is a wonderful poem about time, often called “A Time for Everything,” which says that “everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses” (Ecc Ch 3:1 GNB).

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES at 11.00am

5th July	Revd Alison Davis Holy Communion
12th July	Mrs Gerry Swain
19th July	Dr Christine Macleod
26th July	Revd Alison Davis

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH at 9.30am

5th July	Revd Christine Davies
12th July	Alison Jiggins Holy Communion
19th July	Revd Alison Davis
26th July	Faith Paulding

**Free
Lunchtime Concert
Friday 31st July
1pm
DOUBLE & SQUEAK
Wind Ensemble**

May we enjoy our time, trusting in God who sets the time and gives us all the time in the world to enjoy Him.

Alison

What's on in JULY

Mon - Sat	10:00 - 10:15	Chapel Prayers
Mon - Sat (not Thurs)	09:45 - 14:00	Tookey's Café
Mondays	09:30 - 13:45	Tookey's Snack Bar
Wed 1st	10:00 - 11.30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 2nd	09:30 - 13:00	Shirley's Community Cafe
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	19:00 - 21:00	WI
Sat 4th	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Craft Fair
Tue 7th	15:30 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
Wed 8th	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens
Thu 9th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Beginners Italian
Sat 11th	19:30	COSI Summer Concert
Tue 14th	12:00 - 13:00	The Funeral of Maureen Taylor
	14:30 - 16:00	Christian Meditation at Fenstanton URC
	15:30 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
Wed 15th	10:00 - 11.30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:-00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves
	20:00 - 21:00	Pop Moves
Thu 16th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
Tue 21st	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Cafe
	15:30 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
Wed 22nd	10:00 - 11.30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves
	20:00 - 21:00	Mamas Who Move
Thu 23rd	09:30 - 13:00	Shirley's Community Cafe
	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Beginners Italian
Tue 28th	15:30 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
Wed 29th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves
	20:00 - 21:00	Pop Moves
Thu 30th	14:30 - 16:00	St Ives Free Church Poetry Group
Fri 31st	13:00 - 14:00	COSI Lunchtime Concert: Double & Squeak

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Chamber Orchestra of St Ives
SUMMER CONCERT
Saturday July 11th 7.30 pm
Free Church, St Ives

La Vie Parisienne Overture by Offenbach
Fêtes by Debussy (from Three Nocturnes)
Lt Kije Suite by Prokofiev
World premiere of The Quest by Patrick Dailly
Ballet Music from Faust by Gounod

Conductor Chris Hiscock
Leader Karen Hubbard
Tickets £10| Under 16s Free:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/chamber-orchestra-of-st-ives or on the door

