

News from the Parish Giving Scheme

PGS will soon be updating their systems; existing givers should already have had notification by email or post. Anyone intending to amend their giving, or set up a new gift, please be aware that the PGS website will be offline from Monday October 13th until the new platform launches on Thursday October 30th. If you received postal notification, please consider registering an email address with PGS to fully benefit from the enhanced system.

Regular or one-off donations can be made to the Four Church Benefice and/or to your Parish. For more information about the scheme please ask your PCC treasurer or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk

How to Contact the Rector

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David's usual day off is Friday.

Notice Sheet Content Contact

Items for next week's notice sheet need to be with **Jean Fosbeary** (fosbeary@ntlworld.com) by Wednesday **22nd October**.

If you would prefer to receive the Notice Sheet electronically, please email the rector. His contact details are above.

The 4 Churches are St Mary's Fowlmere, St Laurence Foxton, All Saints' Shepreth and St George's Thriplow

www.thefourchurchbenefice.org

The 4 Churches Notice Sheet

Notice Sheet for Sunday 19th October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Worship

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

² So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.

³ Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

⁴ A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High.

⁵ God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.

From the very break of day, God will protect it.

⁶ The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble!

God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!

⁷ The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

⁸ Come, see the glorious works of the Lord: See how he brings destruction upon the world.

⁹ He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honoured by every nation.

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Luke 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Today's Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This week

Monday 10.30am - Rev David at Fowlmere School for Harvest
Tuesday 9.00am - Morning Prayer on Zoom (link on the 4 Church Website)
10.00am - 11.30am Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
Wednesday 9.10am - Rev David at Thriplow School for Collective Worship

Service Next Sunday

10.15am Communion Service with Children's Church at St Laurence's Foxton

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the family of Jean Tomlinson.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Gwyneth Page, Christine Gadd, Colin Fuller, Geoffrey Wells, Anne Sidebottom, Jose Taylor and Linda Allars.

Receiving Communion and Confirmation

If you are interested in either being received into Communion or being Confirmed, then do please let me know. If you are unsure also let me know and we can have a chat. Rev'd David

A Special Teatime event 3.30 pm on Wednesday 19th November 2025 Thriplow Village Hall

An opportunity to hear a single mother and a university graduate tell their inspirational stories of how their lives have been transformed by the wonderful work of the Watoto Christian Charity in Uganda and South Sudan. Come and join us for tea, homemade cakes and a chance to buy some beautiful handmade Ugandan merchandise. Bring a friend – all are welcome. Contact: Hilary Arthur. (01763 208303) (harthur3@gmail.com)

Joining the Children's Church team

We are looking for some people to join the children's church team. We are, for the time being at least, going to be offering children's church at services on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in Thriplow, Fowlmere and Foxton respectively, and we will be offering activities for children on the 3rd Sunday at Shepreth. For each of those Sundays all materials will be provided to run a session, but we need some people who would be willing to pick up those materials and use them to run a session with children. Could you help - perhaps once a month or once every other month? If so please contact Rev David or Liz Nottage.

Children's Christmas Crafts Workshop

This is being held on Saturday 29th November from 2pm - 4pm at St Mary's Fowlmere. Advertising has started and the first bookings are in. Can people please save and give to Kate, 300g Cottage Cheese pots and Bonne Maman jam jars. We need lots of these for an Advent Candle craft. We are now looking for people to help on the day. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or if you can't access that please email Kate (katelee36@gmail.com) indicating whether you would like to help on a craft table, refreshments or welcoming.

A Time to Remember (our service of Hope and Remembrance)

This will be held on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm at St Mary's Fowlmere. Invitations have now been sent out, but if you know of anyone who you think would appreciate this service where we remember, and give thanks for, those we have loved and lost, then do invite them. It will be followed by tea and cake – so if you could make a cake for us to serve that would be much appreciated (offers to Rev David or Lisa Turner please).



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Show a needy or persecuted child they are loved this Christmas by sending a shoe box full of special things across the globe. Let's share some Christmas happiness and joy again this year. There are leaflets in our churches with information on how to pack a box and gift ideas. You can even PACK a shoebox ONLINE if that is easier. Boxes to be ready and delivered to one of our churches by 16th November please. If you aren't able to do a whole box then please consider donating smaller suitable items. Thank you. Barbara Coates (07763 143 503)