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Notice Sheet Content Contact

The 4 Churches Office is situated in the Dorothy Pluck room in St Mary's Fowlmere. It is open from 9am to noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays, where you will find Laura Tudor, our administrator. She can be contacted by email office@thefourchurchbenefice.org or by telephone 07354 998440. Items for next weeks' Notice Sheet MUST be with Laura in the Church Office ready for 9am on Thursday morning as it will be printed by 12 noon on Thursday.

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

Easter Crafts

We will again be running an Easter Crafts workshop for children on **Good Friday (3rd April) from 10-12 at St Mary's Fowlmere**. If you are able to help on the morning - with the crafts, with refreshments or with hosting, then please let Kate (katelee36@gmail.com) know. The event has been advertised in the magazines and bookings are coming in. If you would like to book a child in please use this QR code.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Morning!

Tuesday 17th February, Foxton Village Hall Pavilion, 11am - 12.30pm. Everyone is invited to come and eat delicious pancakes with a variety of fillings and support St Laurence Church. There will be tea, coffee and a raffle.

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday this year (18th February) there will be one service - a service of reflection as we prepare ourselves for Lent. This will be at 12 noon at St George's Thriplow and will be followed by a soup and cheese lunch, proceeds from which will go to Christian Aid.

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

Notice Sheet for Sunday 15th February, Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion at All Saints Shepreth

This service is being livestreamed and can be accessed at www.twitch.tv/fourchurchbenefice. The recording will be available straight away on the same site and will later be also made available on our YouTube channel. If you have any concerns about being included in the recording, please speak to the rector or the church warden.

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:22-36

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Collect for 15th February

Holy God,
You know the disorder of our sinful lives:
Set straight our crooked hearts,
And bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
In Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Week commencing 15th February

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (Link on the 4 Church website)
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
	11.00am -12.30pm	Pancakes at Foxton Village Hall
Wednesday	12 noon	Reflective service for Ash Wednesday followed by soup and cheese lunch for Christian Aid at St George's Thriplow
Thursday	3.00pm	Funeral of Linda Allars at Cam Valley Crematorium
Sunday	10.15am	Communion with Children's Church at St Laurence's Foxton

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families and friends of Linda Allars, George Cook, Gwyneth Page, and Gerald Payne

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Christine Gadd, Anne Sidebottom, Jose Taylor and John de Jong (Esther Paterson's Dad).

Admission to Communion and Confirmation

Last year I said that I would be preparing people for admission into Communion and for Confirmation. I can now give more details about this.

I hope to admit into Communion anyone who would like to be, on one of Palm Sunday, 29th March or Easter Sunday, 5th April at St Mary's Fowlmere. This is generally for children aged 7 or above who regularly attend worship with us. Preparation will be two sessions of around 30 minutes each where we talk about the meaning of Communion, and why we share Communion. The only requirement

is that the person should have been baptised.

In addition we will be holding a confirmation service, also at St Mary's Fowlmere with Bishop Graham Kings on Sunday July 12th. This is the time when people who have been baptised either confirm the promises they make at baptism, or make those promises themselves which at baptism were made on their behalf. I am currently putting the preparation for this together but is likely to involve around 6 hour long sessions. Minimum age for confirmation is generally 11.

If you or your child are interested in either of these then do let me know.

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Lent Studies

I am not planning to run a specific Lent Course this year, but instead I would like to recommend a way in which you can take a simple course yourselves in your own homes. Each year there is a book described as The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book - a book not written by the Archbishop but recommended to us. This year the book is called, 'Dancing to the heartbeat of God' and I think it looks really interesting. In the summary on the back of the book it describes the book: 'Its testimonies and stories aim to encourage people in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion to share their faith with others.' Each week there are 4 short chapters written by different people all over the world with some aids to reflection at the end. The book retails at just under £12, but if we buy in bulk the price goes down until if there are 14 people who want a copy the price is just over £9. If you would like me to get you a copy then let me know by TODAY
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Memories of Thriplow from the 1950s and 1960s

Thursday 26th February 2026 6:30pm for 7.00pm Thriplow Village Hall

St George's Church is delighted to welcome Caroline MacDonald-Haig (Shaw) who spent her childhood in Thriplow. Hear her bring amazing characters to life in her infectious recollections of the 1953 Coronation, hoeing sugar beet, hand milking cows, and hair-raising stories from the single room school. Piped water had arrived and Daffodil Weekend was just beginning.

Thriplow was a very different place than now and certainly far from modern. What has been lost and what gained? Come and hear Caroline, a recently retired art historian and for 25 years a London Blue Badge Guide and accredited lecturer for the Arts Society, help us make that judgement.

Please join us in the Village Hall for this fascinating talk. **Children welcome.**

Please confirm attendance before the event at Thriplow Village shop or contact

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Donations gratefully received All money raised for St George's

Complimentary glass of wine and canapés from 6:30pm