

How to Contact the Rector

Rev David Lee Telephone - 01223 872923

Mobile - 07895 378724

Email address: revdavid@thefourchurchbenefice.org

David's usual day off is Friday.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 1st March, Second Sunday of Lent

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 Workshop

Our Easter Crafts Workshop for children on **Good Friday (3rd April)** from **10-12 at St Mary's Fowlmere** is just under 6 weeks away, and

preparations are in full swing. There is now a sign up sheet at the back of the church for both volunteers on the day (welcome, crafts or refreshments) and contributions of refreshments (hot cross buns or home bakes). Please add your name to this if you can help. If you would like to book a child in please use this QR code.



Thank you

Thank you to all those who attended either the pancakes at Foxton or our reflective service followed by a Christian Aid lunch at Thriplow. We took in over £400 at the pancake event and raised £92 for Christian Aid at the lunch - two excellent results.

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

Holy Communion at St George's Thriplow

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.

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him.

Romans 4:1-5, 3-17

Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless. For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!) So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened

because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

Matthew 18:7-14

“What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting. So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

“Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.

“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn’t wander away! In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father’s will that even one of these little ones should perish.

Collect for 1st March

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Week commencing 2nd March

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (Link on the 4 Church website)
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary’s Fowlmere
	7.30pm	Foxton PCC – 36 Station Road
Wednesday	9.10am	Rev David at Thriplow School for Collective Worship
Sunday	10.15am	Holy Communion with Children’s Church at St Mary’s Fowlmere

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families and friends of Linda Allars, Janet Melesi , Gwyneth Page, and Anne Sidebottom

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Christine Gadd, 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.
Rev’d David

The 70 x £10 a month challenge

In my recent letter to you all, I talked about our need to raise an additional £700 per month by the second half of this year, which I suggested we broke down into 70 contributions of £10 per month. Thank you to those of you who have already responded to this, and can I ask you all to consider this, and if you are able to offer one or more of those 70 contributions, to let me know. Many thanks in advance.
Rev'd David