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The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 22nd March , 5th 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 2 weeks away. We have a

full team of helpers on the day but if you would like to come and experience the day and talk to visitors then please do. We still need contributions of refreshments (hot cross buns or home bakes) so please sign the sheet at the back of church. We also need around 40 clean tin cans (the size of a normal tin of tomatoes). If you can save some this week and bring them to Fowlmere by Next Sunday that would be wonderful. There are still a few places for children so so book a child using this QR code..



Confirmation

If anyone would like to consider confirmation at the service at St Mary's Fowlmere with Bishop Graham Kings on Sunday July 12th please talk to me TODAY. Rev'd David

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 Laurence's Foxton

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.

Romans 8:6-11

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Matthew 20:29-34

²⁹As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

³¹The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

³²Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³³"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

³⁴Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Collect

Gracious Father,
You gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of His passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Week commencing 23rd March

Monday	11.00am	Funeral of Anne Sidebottom at St Laurence's Foxton
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	9.30am	Foxton School Easter Service at St Laurence's Foxton
Friday	2.00pm	Journey to the Cross at St George's Thriplow
Sunday	10.15am	Sunday Communion with Children's Church at St Mary's Fowlmere [Don't forget the clocks change!]

Prayers for the Bereaved

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

Upcoming Funerals

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anne Sidebottom will be held at St Laurence's Foxton on Monday 23rd March at 11am.

The funeral service of Janet Melesi will be held at St George's Thriplow on Tuesday 31st March at 11.30am.

Rev Angela Melaniphy's Mother

As most of you will know, when Angela retired from the 4 Churches she moved to live with her mother so she could care for her. Sadly, in February, Angela's mother died, and this hit Angela very hard. The funeral was last week, and she asked me not to share this news until after the funeral, but now she has asked me to let you all know. I'm sure she would appreciate your prayers and any good wishes you wish to send to her. Rev David

Prayers for the Sick

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

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 suggested we broke down into 70 contributions of £10 per month. Thank you to those of you who have already responded to this, and to those who already give to our work so generously. However, we do still have some way to go to meet our target, and so can I encourage you all to prayerfully consider whether you are able to offer one or more of those 70 contributions, and if you can then please let me know. Regular giving can be made through the Parish Giving Scheme (<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/>) or by Standing Order which you can set up by contacting your parish treasurer.

Many thanks in advance. Rev'd David

Parish Giving

Following the upgrade to the Parish Giving website, existing users need to 'activate' their online account the first time they try to log in.

Donations

To make a donation, choose your parish church or the benefice QR code below to visit the Parish Giving Scheme, where you can choose to make either a one-off or regular donation.



Live Streaming

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the setting up of our live streaming. We are building a team who are learning how to manage the technology, especially as each church has a slightly different set-up. Please bear with us as we tackle issues, particularly with the internet reception. If it drops out, we will return as quickly as possible, so stay connected. The other week, for example, during the sermon David was blurred, and the camera was focused on the cross behind him!

It would be great to hear from those who are using the service. We are getting around 7 people watching live, and many more viewing the recordings. If you experience difficulty connecting, please let us know. I'm still selling secondhand books to raise funds for equipment. Please call me on 07792 053497 if you have any books to donate. Jane Atkinson