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David's usual day off is Friday.

Note : Rev'd David is on holiday from Saturday 18th to Friday 24th April

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

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with this year's Easter Crafts event. We had a record number of children who brought a record number of parents, grandparents and carers with them. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Concert

An afternoon of opera and song. Join Iona Woods (Mezzo-soprano) and Sooyeon Baik (Piano) for an afternoon of Spanish songs, English sea music and classical songs. With hits from Handel, Bizet, Smythe, Dvorak, Mozart and others

26th April, 5pm at St. George's Church, Thriplow.

Please confirm attendance before the event at Thriplow Village shop or contact Liz Moore at Elizabeth.williams3579@gmail.com or tel/text 07423 418885. There will be a retiring collection for St George's Church Funds.

Thy Kingdom Come

10 days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Please keep as much time free as you can between 14th and 24th May. More details to follow.

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



Notice Sheet for Sunday 12th April

Holy Communion at St Mary's, Fowlmere

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.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The

disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk a joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father
Amen

Week commencing 13th April

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (Link on the 4 Church website)
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
Thursday	9.15am	Communion with Admissions to Communion at Thriplow Primary School
	11.30am	Funeral of Maura Garscadden at St Laurence's Foxton
Sunday	10.15am	Communion with Children's Church and Toddler Toys at All Saints' Shepreth

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families and friends of Maura Garscadden, Janet Melesi, Faith Raven and Anne Sidebottom

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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.paritygiving.org.uk/>) or by Standing Order which you can set up by contacting your parish treasurer.

Many thanks in advance. Rev'd David

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