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Notice Sheet for Sunday 26th April, 4th Sunday of Easter

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.

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

This afternoon, 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.



Christian Aid Week 10 - 16th May 2026

Just seven days to make a difference in the lives of some of the world's poorest, most vulnerable people. Will you help sow seeds of HOPE and CHANGE? Barbara Coates



Coffee and Cake for Christian Aid

Wednesday 13th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Foxton Village Hall Pavilion

Everyone is invited to come and drink tea or coffee and eat cake to raise funds for Christian Aid.

There will also be a raffle and some second-hand toys for sale.

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.

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10:1-18

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good

shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father
Amen

Week commencing 26th April

Sunday	5.00pm	Concert at St. George’s Thriplow
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	11.30am	Funeral of Faith Raven at All Saint’s Shepreth
Sunday	10.15am	Communion with Children's Church and Toddler Toys at St George’s Thriplow
	4.00pm	Bishop Dagmar's last service in Ely - at Ely Cathedral

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families and friends of Maura Garscadden and Faith Raven.

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

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

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.

Electoral Roles Revision

We are in the process of revising our electoral roles prior to the APCM which is on 10 May after the morning service at Fowlmere. If you would like to join one of our electoral rolls then please contact Fowlmere: Sarah Burge - sarah.w.burge@gmail.com
Foxton: Me (temporarily) - revdavid@thefourchurchbenefice.org
Shepreth - Malcolm Price - malcolmprice6@gmail.com
Thriplow - Erica Weber - erica@cambridge-direction.com
The new rolls will be published two weeks before the APCM.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's APCM will take place on Sunday 10th May at 11.30am - immediately after the morning service, allowing people to get coffee first. Do please try and come for both the service and the APCM as we review 2025, including adopting accounts; we appoint churchwardens, and deanery synod members, and elect any new or returning PCC Members. The meeting will start with us all together and we will then separate for individual parish matters. The meeting should not take any longer than 30 minutes.