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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.

Christian Aid Week 10 - 16th May 2026

Just one week to go now. Christian Aid week begins at St Mary's on 10th May. There will be **cakes** after the Service - all donations to Christian Aid - as well as the familiar **red envelopes** for your gifts. This year's campaign features urban farmers like Fridah in Nairobi, Kenya. Do visit caweek.org to find out more about her life and how Christian Aid and its partners have given her and her family hope for the future. Christian Aid works across the globe where there is great need, helping people to nurture seeds of change and hope. Our donations however **small** can make a **big difference**.

If you are able to help with the deliver only envelopes in YOUR LOCAL AREA please speak with BARBARA COATES .

Thank you for your ongoing support of this very worthy charity.

Barbara

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

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The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter

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.

Acts 7:54-8:3

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

And Saul approved of their killing him.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Collect

Risen Christ,
 your wounds declare your love for the world
 and the wonder of your risen life:
 give us compassion and courage
 to risk ourselves for those who serve,
 to the glory of God the Father
 Amen

Week commencing 3rd May

Sunday	4.00pm	Bishop Dagmar's last service in Ely at Ely Cathedral
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	9.10am	Rev'd David leading Collective Worship at Thriplow Primary School
Sunday	10.15am	Communion Service followed by APCM at St Mary’s Fowlmere

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families and friends of Maura Garscadden and Faith Raven. Rebecca Pollard and the family of David Stanley Holmes who has died Wednesday 29th April (of Rowlands Close, Foxton)

Prayers for the Sick

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

Faith Raven’s funeral

The beautiful flowers which were in All Saints’ Shepreth for Faiths funeral on Wednesday have been left in the church. The church will remain open daily until the end of Sunday. Do pop in and have a look.

Thy Kingdom Come

Our 10 days of prayer will start with a service in St Mary's Fowlmere on Thursday 14th May at 7pm. Do please try and come to that service as we worship God and pray for our 10 days of prayer. There will be prayer stations set up in each church by 14th May to help anyone who wants to, to simply come into church and pray. We will be leading a time of prayer every day in one of our churches - at different times - details will be available next Sunday. And there are two booklets available, today, free, to help us all. Do take one or the other - or both - I can get more - the Novena is more of a study book, whereas the Prayer Journal is more of a prayer guide. Have a look and see what you think. And please, do pray for the success of these 10 days of prayer.

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.

Thank you

On behalf of William, Evelyn and Edward. They sold cakes after service on Palm Sunday at St. Mary's Fowlmere and raised £62 for Fowlmere School PTFA. Many thanks to all who supported them!

Message from Maxine and Jeremy Pymmer

Thank you all for the beautiful Acer 'Pixie'. We have planted it in a pot for now. We plan to liberate some of the lawn to make the beds bigger and so it will be transplanted into its permanent place then. We are almost free of boxes and getting used to sauntering up hills - everywhere here is on a hill! Poppy is settling well and loves the garden too.

Love from M&J