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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.

Book sale

Jane Atkinson is still selling books to raise funds for the church equipment, and has a stall booked at the Fowlmere Fete on 24th May. If you have any books in good condition (with ISBN numbers) that you could donate, please contact Jane on 07792 053497

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.

Message from Maxine and Jeremy Pymer

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

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

Notice Sheet for Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

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 17:15-23

Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

John 14:15-21, 25-27

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will

realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”
 “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Collect

Risen Christ,
 by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
 help your Church to obey your command
 and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
 to the glory of God the Father
 Amen

Week commencing 11th May

Monday	7.00pm	Benefice forum
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	10.30am	Coffee and cakes for Christian Aid – Foxton Village Hall Pavillion
	3.15pm	Messy Church at St Mary’s Fowlmere
Thursday	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Field Farm House Shepreth
	2.30pm	Tea and Chat at Thriplow Village Hall
Thursday	7.00pm	Ascension Day – Thy Kingdom Come launch event at St Mary’s Fowlmere
Sunday	10.15am	Communion Service at All Saints’ Shepreth

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, Joshua Paterson and John de Jong (Esther Paterson’s Dad).

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is from Ascension Day (14th) to Pentecost (24th) and is a time we should set aside to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. With this notice sheet you will find details of our TKC plans - please check for information on the website as some events might change. There are two TKC booklets available with a reflection for each day - they are free, just help yourself from the back of the church.

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!

Christian Aid Week 10 - 16th May 2026

Christian Aid week begins TODAY. There are **cakes** after the Service - all donations to Christian Aid - as well as the familiar **red envelopes** for your gifts. You can use the **QR CODE** or **e envelope** on the **BENEFICE WEBSITE** for online donations. 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 local 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, lifting them out of poverty. Our donations however **small** can make a **big difference**. So let us, together with other **CHRISTIANS across the UK**, help to sow seeds of hope and change over the next 7 days. 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 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.