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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](mailto: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 Laura in the office.



## Christian Aid Week 10 - 16th May 2026

This year's campaign features urban farmers like Fridah in Nairobi, Kenya. Do visit [caweek.org](http://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.

The **cake sale** at St Mary's last Sunday raised a magnificent **£97**. Big thanks go to all our new bakers, and to Connie, William, Max, Evelyn and Joshua who manned the stall on the day. Excellent job.

It's not too late to donate. There are envelopes in all our churches, or you can use the **QR CODE** or **e envelope** on the **BENEFICE WEBSITE** for online donations. **Thank you** so very much for your ongoing support of this worthy charity. **Blessings to you all.**

**Barbara Coates**



**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 17<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Holy Communion at All Saints' Shepreth

This service is being livestreamed and can be accessed at [www.twitch.tv/fourchurchbenefice](http://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 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### John 17:1-11

<sup>17</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	Rev David leading Pentecost Assembly at Foxtton school
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Joint PCC at Thriplow School
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Morning Prayer at Thriplow – NOT ON ZOOM
	<b>10.00am - 11.30am</b>	Church Café at St Mary’s Fowlmere
	<b>10.30am</b>	Rev David leading Pentecost Assembly at Fowlmere School
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Rev David leading Pentecost Assembly at Thriplow School
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	All Age Pentecost Praise at St Laurence's Foxtton
	<b>12pm</b>	Fowlmere Village Fete on The Butts

### This week please pray for

John de Jong (Esther's dad) - coming to the end of his current cancer treatment  
 Joshua Paterson - receiving treatment for chronic hip pain.  
 Judy Murch - recovering from trips to Addenbrookes  
 The family and friends of Harriet Swinerton-Dyer who died last week  
 The family and friends of David Holmes, especially Rebecca Pollard, preparing for David's funeral  
 For our Government, both national and local, and all those called to serve  
 For our PCCs meeting on Monday night  
 For everyone joining in with Thy Kingdom Come this week

### Our Church Finances

As I reported to the APCM last week, we still need to increase our regular giving if we are to have a chance of paying our Ministry Share in full again this year - this is the cost of having a full time rector for the 4 Churches. Earlier this year I asked you to consider giving one of the 70 additional £10 a month offerings that we need to break even, and so far we have reached about half way to that target. If you have not responded so far, or perhaps feel you could still give another £10 a month, then do please prayerfully consider that. You can give either through the Parish Giving Scheme (<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/>), or by Standing Order arranged with your Parish Treasurer. In either case it would be really helpful if you could let me know what you decide. Thank you so much. Rev'd David

### Following the APCM

Let me thank everyone who has agreed to serve on our PCCs this year. We do still have some vacancies that we have been trying to fill for quite a time, so if you would like to talk about joining your Parish PCC, or to consider learning what is required of a church warden, do let me know. Rev' David

### 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 last week’s notice sheet were details of our TKC plans, and there are copies in each church - please check for information on the website as some events might change.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any books in good condition (with ISBN numbers) that you could donate, please contact Jane on 07792 053497