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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 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 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.

The coffee morning at FOXTON raised over **£400**. Thank you to all who helped make this such an enjoyable and successful time. 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 24th May, Pentecost](#)

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 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to

another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Week commencing 25th May

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary’s Fowlmere
Wednesday	11.00am	Funeral of Lady Harriet Swinnerton-Dier at St George's Thriplow
Sunday	10.15am	All Age Service at St Mary’s Fowlmere

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.
 For those known to us waiting for results of medical tests.
 The family and friends of Harriet Swinerton-Dier whose funeral is on Wednesday
 The family and friends of David Holmes, especially Rebecca Pollard
 For our Government, both national and local
 All those called to serve on our PCCs
 For all our sets of 5 people we prayed for during Thy Kingdom Come

Our Church Finances

As I reported to the APCM, 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

Friends of St Mary's Event - Author talk, a World Cup warm up!

Local author Grant Bage is giving an illustrated talk about his recently published biography of Sir Alf Ramsey, the manager of England’s 1966 World Cup winning football team. Now in paperback, *The Unseen Sir Alf, A Different Kind Of Hero*, has been discussed widely in the national press, and raised a lot of interest with people who remember the '66 World Cup and with those who have heard stories about it and the enigmatic character who led the team. If you’re interested in social history, sport and national identity, or simply like a good, well-told story about an interesting man, come along on 4th June at 7pm. No charge for entry, refreshments available. Donations to Friends of Saint Mary’s.

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



Foxton Village Cream Tea

Saturday 20th June 2pm to 5pm Everyone’s invited. Join us in the garden, Orchard Barn, The Green. Raising money as a charitable trust dedicated to the preservation of the fabric of the Grade 1 listed St Laurence Church for future generations. Foxton.stream@hotmail.com www.foxtonstream.org

