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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.

The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 19th July 2026

Summer Sunday Service at St Laurence's Shepreth

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.

Luke 10:25-37

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"

The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

"By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

**The 4 Churches are St Mary's Fowlmere, St Laurence's Foxton,
All Saints' Shepreth and St George's Thriplow**
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Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Week commencing 20th July

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
Thursday	11.15am	Funeral of Pamela Butler at West Chapel, Cambridge Crematorium
	1.15pm	Funeral of Brian Clutterbuck at West Chapel, Cambridge Crematorium
Sunday	10.15am	Summer Sunday – The Prodigal Son at St Laurence's Foxton

This week please pray for

Liz (Rev David's sister) and Dave (her husband) Bryce - both very ill in Glasgow
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 Darrell Openshaw, Pamela Butler, Hilary Barker and Brian Clutterbuck who died recently.
For our Government, both national and local
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 offering that we need to break even, and so far we have reached about halfway 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/>), scan the QR code below, 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

Bat Walk and Talk in St Marys - postponed

This event that was due to take place on Friday 17th July had to be postponed as the expert from Cambridge Bat Group has been called to work in Scotland for a few weeks. We will look to rearrange this later in the summer, or possibly early next summer.

Summer Sundays

Starting this week at Shepreth our Sunday services for the 7 weeks of the summer holidays will be more informal services, each week focussing on one of Jesus' 7 most famous parables. Do come and encourage others to join you - wherever the service is being held. The services will be all age - some with communion, some without.



Christian Aid

Thanks everyone, together we raised £1864:25 (including Gift Aid) for CHRISTIAN AID this year.
Barbara.

Shepreth Roadworks

13th July- 30th Sept

Shepreth Road Fowlmere and Fowlmere Rd Shepreth are closed. Please leave extra time when attending services in Shepreth.

Mobile phones

We would be grateful if everyone switched their mobile phone off at all services that are live-streamed. This will improve the quality of the live stream, as it will not be fighting for data.