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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.

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

**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 5th July 2026

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.

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

16 "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

17 "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because

you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Week commencing 6th July

Monday	7.00pm	Farewell service to Archdeacon of Cambridge at Great St Mary's, Cambridge
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
	6.30pm	Foxton PCC at St Laurence's Foxton
Wednesday	9.15am	Rev David leading Collective Worship at Thriplow Primary School
Thursday	10.30am	Coffee morning 51 Meldreth Road, Shepreth
	2.30pm	Tea and Chat Thriplow Village Hall
	7.15pm	Shingay Deanery Synod at Wendy
Sunday	10.15am	Communion with Confirmation led by Bishop Graham Kings with Children's Church and Toddler Toys at St. Mary's Fowlmere.

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 Harriet Swinerton-Dyer and David Holmes 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 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/>), 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 was due to take place on Friday 17th July but it has been 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.