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The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 16th August 2026

Notice Sheet Content Contact

The 4 Churches Office is situated in the Dorothy Pluck room in St Mary's Fowlmere. It is normally open from 9am to noon on Wednesday and Thursday, 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 on Thursday afternoon.

If you would prefer to receive the Notice Sheet electronically, please email Laura in the office.

Please note the office is closed on Wednesday this week.

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

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

Summer Sunday Service at All Saints' 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.

Matthew 25: 14-30

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I

returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Week commencing 17th August

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
	2.30pm	Funeral of Sue Watling at St Laurence's Foxton
Wednesday		OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday	2.30pm	Funeral of Julia Greenaway at St Laurence's Foxton
Sunday	10.15am	Summer Sunday – The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector 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 Pamela Butler, Hilary Barker, Brian Clutterbuck, Julia Greenaway, David Neill and Sue Watling who died recently.
For our Government, both national and local.

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.

Help Needed

St Mary's Fowlmere PCC are looking for someone who could take on the project of investigating the possibility of removing the wooden platform under the tower of St Mary's. With the wooden platform in place there is a step up into the tower area and a step down into both the chancel and the Dorothy Pluck room. Some initial investigations have been made which suggests it could be possible, but we now need to consider what can and cannot be done, and how much it would cost. If you would like to consider this have a word with the rector or Lisa Turner.

Do you have any pictures
hiding in your attic

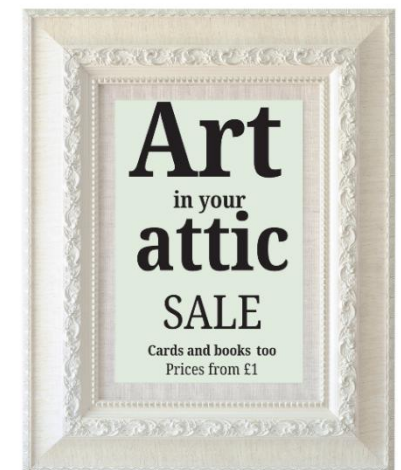
(which you no longer enjoy)?

Or...do you create pictures and have some spares?

Please donate them to our 'Art in your attic' sale



Fundraising for St George's Church, Thriplow
Any queries or to arrange collection please contact
Katherine Martin at davidandkatherine@btinternet.com



Pick up a picture for a perfect price!
Friday 11th September 2-5pm
and Saturday 12th September 10am-4pm
at St George's Church Thriplow

Tea - coffee - cake - biscuits - flower displays

Pop in any time – all welcome

RaisingmoneyforSt George's Church, Thriplow
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