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The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 23rd 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.

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

Summer Sunday Service 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.

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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All Saints' Shepreth and St George's Thriplow**
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Week commencing 24th August

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
Thursday	10.30am	Robin Dring ashes internment at St Mary's Fowlmere
Sunday	10.15am	Summer Sunday – The parable of the Good Shepherd 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.

Matt (Carmen's twin brother) who has lost his home and possessions in the wild fires in Canada.

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, Roland Mallett, 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.

Bible Study Group

The bible study group will be starting a six week course of study on Prayer and Listening in September. This is a small group who have been meeting to enjoy fellowship and to study and pray together, meeting fortnightly for the last year. If you would like to know more or would be interested in joining the group then please call John Rimmer on 01763 209160

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.

General Synod Elections 2026

In the autumn elections are happening for new General Synod members. Those elected will serve for 5 years. Almost anyone who attends church regularly is likely to be eligible to stand as a lay member. If you would like to find out more about this role, please speak to Rev. David.

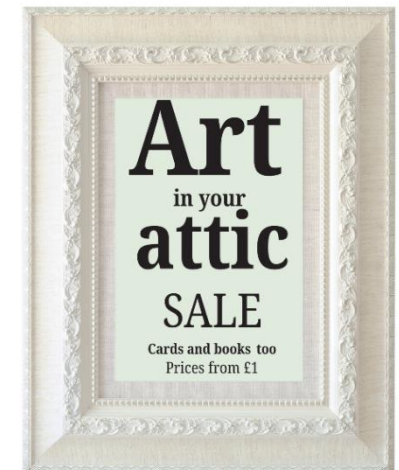
Do you have any pictures
hiding in your attic
(which you no longer enjoy)?

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

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