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Rev David is on holiday from 3rd to 10th August.

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.

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



Christian Aid

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

**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 2nd August 2026

Summer Sunday Service 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.

Matthew 13:1-9

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Week commencing 3rd August

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
Sunday	10.15am	Summer Sunday – The parable of the Mustard Seed 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 Pamela Butler, Hilary Barker, Brian Clutterbuck, Julia Greenaway and David Neill who died recently.

For our Government, both national and local

Funeral dates

David Neill St Laurence's Foxton -2pm Wednesday 12th August

Hilary Barker St Mary's Fowlmere - 11am Thursday 13th August

Julia Greenaway St Laurence's Foxton -2.30pm Thursday 20th August

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.

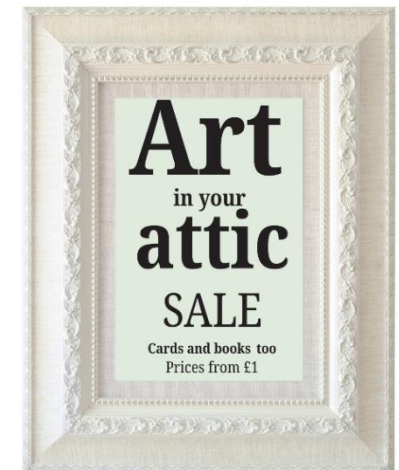
Do you have any pictures
hiding in your attic
(which you no longer enjoy)?

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

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