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The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 30th 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

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.

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All Saints' Shepreth and St George's Thriplow**
www.thefourchurchbenefice.org

Summer Sunday Service at St Mary's Fowlmere

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.

John 10:1-18

"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice." Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back

again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Week commencing 31st August

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer ON ZOOM
	10.00am - 11.30am	Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
Sunday	10.15am	Communion Service with Children's Church at St George's Thriplow

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 Hilary Barker, 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.

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.

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

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.

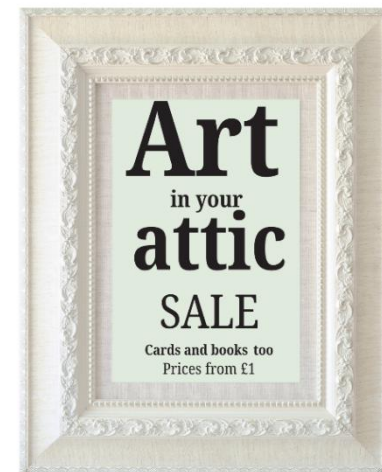
Do you have any pictures
hiding in your attic
(which you no longer enjoy)?

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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