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Rev David is on holiday from 7th to 20th September.

For urgent matters please contact your Church Warden.

For non-urgent matters please contact Laura in the office.

The 4 Churches Office- notice sheet contact

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

**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 13th September 2026

Holy Communion 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.

Romans 14:1-12

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. ²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Collect

Lord God,
defend your church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Week commencing 14th September

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 All Saints’ Shepreth with Rev. Roger Greave

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.

Roland Mallett Funeral

The funeral of Roland Mallett will take place on Thursday 24th September at 2pm at St. George’s Church, Thriplow

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**

People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis.

A four village event: Thriplow, Fowlmere, Foxton and Shepreth.

Join us for a film screening and discussion, with light refreshments, on

Friday 16th October from 7:00 - 9:30 pm,

in Thriplow Village Hall. Book free seats at www.bit.ly/4hXdz1W

Sustainable Shepreth (Chair of the Steering Team)

and **South Cambs Climate and Nature Group lead**