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The 4 Churches Office- notice sheet contact

Laura Tudor, our administrator, works in the Dorothy Pluck room in St Mary's Fowlmere every Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 12pm. She can also 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 by 9am on Thursday morning.

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

A Time to Remember

Next Sunday at 3pm at St George's Thriplow, we will be holding a service to remember loved ones who have died. Everyone is very welcome. If you are unable to attend it will be live streamed, please use this link

<https://www.twitch.tv/fourchurchbenefice>

After the service we will be serving tea and cake. If you are able to provide a cake please either bring it to the morning service at Thriplow, or to the service itself. Thank you.

Shoe Box Appeal 2026

We will be supporting the Appeal again this year. Are you able to bless a needy child somewhere across the globe with Good News, joy and love this Christmas? Do help yourself to a leaflet explaining about the shoe boxes. They are in all our Churches and give ideas on what to include in a shoe box but more importantly list those things which MUST NOT! Donations of gifts from the list (or cash!) also would be most welcome, if you are unable to make up a full box yourself. Alternatively you can BUILD A SHOEBOX online. BOXES to be ready for **15th November (Shepreth)** ready for National Collection Week. Thank you so much.

Barbara (07763143503)



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The 4 Churches
Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow



Notice Sheet for Sunday 25th October 2026

Holy Communion 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.

Mobile Phones

Please make sure your phone is on **Airplane mode or switched off** during services. This will make the live streaming work better, as it will not be fighting for data.

Nehemiah 8: 1-12

When the seventh month came, the Israelites being settled in their towns, all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also the Levites Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our

Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.” And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Matthew 24:3-14

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” Jesus answered them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah!’ and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

“Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Collect

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom;
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Week commencing 26th October

Monday	12.30pm	Funeral of David Wilkins at Cam Valley Crematorium
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
	3.00pm	A Time to Remember Service at St George’s Thriplow

This week please pray for

Iverna Moss remains comfortable and at home with her family. She is responding well to rest and eating well.

The Paterson family – Esther’s Dad, John, needs further treatment for his cancer.

Esther’s mum, Yelly, is now home with a much better diagnosis than feared. Joshua continues to improve.

The family and friends of Claire Luckhurst, Roland Mallett and David Wilkins who died recently.

Nativity Festival – time for some creativity!



On **Saturday 12th December 2-5pm at St Mary’s Fowlmere**, we will be holding a Nativity Festival. The festival will include a display of hand-made Nativity scenes. If you would like to knit, sculpt, draw, mould or construct a Nativity scene, please let me know by emailing office@thefourchurchbenefice.org or scan this QR code and fill in the form. Individual and group efforts are very welcome, we look forward to seeing your designs. If you have any questions please ask. Laura Tudor



Foxton Christmas Windows – Saturday 5th DEC SEEKING ALL CRAFT STALLERS

On **Saturday 5th December between 3pm and 7pm**, we will be holding our fabulous festive Christmas windows event in Foxton. To raise money for the school, pre-school and St Laurence church, Foxton residents will be creating beautiful Christmas windows for display and there will be a central café in the village hall. Independent crafters are invited to apply to hold a stall in the village hall during the event. Stall holders will need to pay £15 as a contribution to the fundraising but would keep proceeds of any sales. Christmas gifts, decorations etc particularly welcomed! We also welcome anyone who would like to promote their local business in the programme. Please contact us at foxtonwindows@gmail.com



FREE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP



Saturday 28th November 2-4pm

St Mary’s Church, Fowlmere

Are you able to help? We will need people to help children with the crafts, to help with serving refreshments and to welcome children and their families. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church so do please sign up.

We will also need a combination of mince pies and home bakes on the day - please also sign up on the separate sheet to provide some of those.



Finally we need 75 1lb or larger jars with a screw top lid (with smooth round sides).

As soon as you have any please bring them to wherever we are worshipping that Sunday or leave them in the Dorothy Pluck room in Fowlmere.

Bookings are open so if you have children or grandchildren who would like to come then book using the QR code ★

Any questions - ask Kate (katelee36@gmail.com)

