

And in the wider community we witness through

- involvement in **Churches Together in St Ives** including joint activities in Lent, Holy Week, Pentecost & our presence in the “Church in the Market Place”
- outreach work in **local schools**, leading assemblies or welcoming the schools and uniformed organisations into our building
- our website which can be accessed world-wide and carries details of all our activities
- regular support for the work of **Christian Aid** and through the URC’s **Commitment for Life** scheme
- supporting the well known “Shoe Box” appeal through **Operation Christmas Child**
- playing a key part in supporting our local Foodbank and Credit Union
- leading worship at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and Broad Leas Court
- hosting Christmas Lunch for those living alone
- involvement in the wider work of the **URC** both locally and nationally.



Our Mission Statement

We see it as our mission to promote the Christian Gospel by

- *providing for personal and public worship*
- *enriching the spiritual and cultural life of the community*
- *providing a welcoming environment for all ages*
- *responding to the needs of individuals and groups, especially the most vulnerable in society*
- *promoting issues of global peace and justice, fair trade and ecology.*

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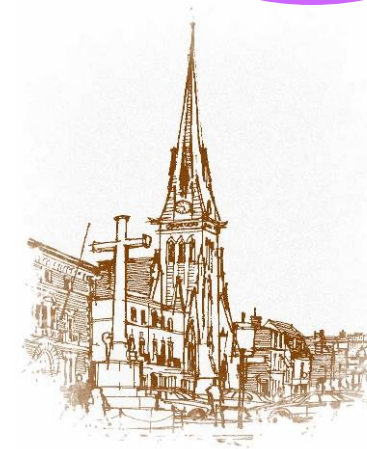
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**The Free Church
(United Reformed)
Saint Ives**



**Worship
and
Witness**

**Serving God
Serving
Community**



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Worship...

.....is at the heart of everything that we do.

Sunday morning worship takes place at 11am, with Holy Communion being held on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Children are always welcome in worship and we have a staffed activity corner for young children.

Several times a year, usually on the 4th Sunday, café style worship is held which is suitable for all ages and is also dementia-friendly.

On the second Sunday of each month we join with our sister church in Fenstanton for a short reflective evening service at 6pm.

Bi-monthly we worship jointly with our Anglican friends in Houghton on a Sunday evening.

Special services are held on major festivals.



Chapel Prayers are held daily at 10am, when we pray for those in need in our community and beyond.

Tookey's

Tookey's is our café which provides a welcoming environment for customers to enjoy a range of beverages, sandwiches, scones, and much more! Where possible the goods are fairly traded or locally sourced. On Mondays the larger hall is used and a wider menu is available.

Tookey's is staffed by a large band of volunteers supported by part-time managers and is open Mon—Friday 9:45—2 and Saturday 9:45—3:30.



Just Sharing

Launched in 1992, Just Sharing sells a wide range of Fair Trade foods, gifts and accessories from around the world. It is a member of the British Association for Fair Trade shops. Just Sharing also sells a range of Christian goods and cards for all occasions.



Part-time managers are ably assisted by a regular group of volunteers.

Sale or return goods are often supplied to other churches and community groups.

Tookey's and Just Sharing are integral parts of our Christian witness.

Within the church.....

our witness continues through a range of regular and occasional events.

Tots and Carers is a thriving group which meets on Wednesday mornings in term time (10—11:30) in the Hall to enjoy play, chat, crafts and Bible stories.

Eco Group meets regularly to raise awareness of ecological issues within the church and beyond. The Church has Eco Church status.

Discussion groups and study courses are run from time to time: see website and notice boards for details.

Inspire is our monthly magazine which is read by regular church goers and many others who use our building.

Flower Festivals are another way in which we highlight aspects of faith.



Further opportunities for fellowship are provided by the Bowls Club, Poetry Group, Fellowship Walks and other activities organised in parishes.

A wide variety of community groups use our rooms and we also host concerts and other cultural activities.

The Free Church is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.