



The Monthly Newsletter of The Free Church (United Reformed)  
St Ives and Fenstanton URC Church

## Thoughts for the month ahead... *by Joseph*



As the time draws close to the end of my placement (my last service in Fenstanton will be 16th July and St Ives and the 30th July), I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible experience I have had here. I feel so sad to be leaving but a deep appreciation for the growth and memories we have shared.

During my time at both Fenstanton and St Ives URC, I have been truly blessed to witness the unwavering commitment and warmth of the congregation. The welcoming and hospitality made me feel at home from the beginning. As a Ghanaian, I felt the spirit of 'Akwaba', meaning hospitality and love for all in the congregation. The kindness, inclusiveness and strong passion for Justice that permeate the church community's very essence have profoundly impacted my life.

I am immensely grateful for the trust and opportunities extended during my placement; I do not take it for granted. It has been a privilege to serve alongside the amazing Catherine and the awesome Elders who work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Together, we have celebrated moments of joy, faced challenges with resilience, and fostered a sense of belonging that truly reflects the love of our Creator.

As I progress in my journey, I will carry with me the valuable lessons and many wonderful memories forged together. The friendships forged, the shared experiences, and the genuine bonds formed will forever hold a special place in my heart. I am confident that the seeds sown during my time here will continue to bear fruit and contribute to the ongoing prosperity of this incredible church community.

Please know that while I may be physically departing, I will always remain connected to Fenstanton and St Ives. The lessons I have learned and the relationships I have built here will guide me in my future endeavours, and I will cherish the experiences we shared as a testament to the transformative power of faith.

The plan is to do a placement for eight months in Westbury and Warminster in Wiltshire (near Swindon). After that, I will hopefully be going to the pastorate, where I'll serve as an ordained minister (scary!!).



## Services this month:

### THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

2nd Jul	Christine Macleod <i>Holy Communion</i>
9th Jul	Gerry Swain
16th Jul	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
23rd Jul	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
30th Jul	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball

### FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

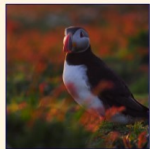
2nd Jul	Joseph Amoah
9th Jul	Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball <i>Holy Communion</i>
16th Jul	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
23rd Jul	Keith Cakebread
30th Jul	Christine Davies

I am genuinely so grateful to each of you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and embracing me as a member of your church family. I pray that God's grace continues to shine upon you, illuminating the path of love, peace, and prosperity for all.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue to serve and make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Joseph





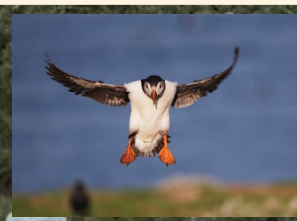
## What's on in

## JULY



Mon - Sat	10:00 - 10:15	Chapel Prayers
Mon - Sat (not Thurs)	09:45 - 14:00	Tookeys Café
Mondays	09:30 - 13:30	Tookeys Snack Bar
Wed (term time only)	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers group
Thursdays	14:30 - 16:00	Migrant Welcome
Sundays	11:00	Worship
Sat 1st	09:30 - 15:30	Saints Crafters
Mon 3rd	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
Tue 4th	19:30 - 21:00	Discussion Group in Tookeys
Wed 5th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	14:00	Diabetes Prevention Group
Thu 6th	09:15 - 13:30	Shirley's Coffee Shop
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19:00 - 21:00	WI
Sat 8th	12:00	Free lunchtime classical guitar concert organised by Town Team
Sun 9th	18:00	COSI Summer Concert
Mon 10th	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
Tue 11th	12:00 - 15:30	Diabetes Prevention Group
Wed 12th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	14:00	Diabetes Prevention Group

Thu 13th	09:30 - 13:15	Diabetes Prevention Group
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 14th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Sat 15th	10:00 - 12:00	Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action
Tue 18th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Cafe
Wed 19th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	18:00	Holt Island AGM
Thu 20th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 21st	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
Sat 22nd	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention Group
Wed 26th	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 27th	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	14:30	St Ives Free Church Poetry Group
Fri 28th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Mon 31st	19:30 - 19:15	Zumba with Juliette



A special treat for classical guitar lovers featuring  
**Justin Hyer**  
&  
**Sebastian Pompilio**  
performing a selection of South American music  
including the tangos of Astor Piazzolla



A Free concert  
in aid of Amnesty International  
at Noon on Saturday 8th July 2023  
The Free Church St Ives

Sebastian Pompilio, freshly arrived from Argentina is an acknowledged master of Piazzolla's music, having studied with original members of Piazzolla's quintet.  
ORGANISED BY THE TOWN TEAM

A Fun and Fascinating Exhibition  
**St Ives Free Church**  
9th to 16th September  
2pm to 4pm daily



Come and enjoy our  
**Knitted Bible Stories Exhibition**  
Free Entry

(You may wish to make a donation to St Ives Free Church)  
Morning group visits are available by prior arrangement  
- contact carrier: mj@yahoo.co.uk regarding these.  
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### TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS...

Why not hold a coffee morning with your organisation in our café? **Tookeys can accommodate up to 20 people!**

**Our Weekly Newsletter**

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