

WHAT'S ON

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

Thoughts for the month ahead.

View from the Manse...



Spring Greetings for May!

This is one of the loveliest times of the year – the birds singing and the flowers blooming and the leaves on the trees out giving a fresh bright green.

It is also a wonderful time of year in the Church Calendar. The Easter season comes to an end with Ascension Day on Thursday 18th May. Throughout Easter weeks we recalled the stories of the risen Lord in our weekly worship. The risen Jesus showed himself many times to his followers to reveal God's great love by saving the world through his sacrificial death to enable all to come to God through him. In his risen life he then reveals God's power over evil and death. The disciples have been affirmed in their faith and now the Lord is returning to the Father in heaven, and they are commissioned to continue Jesus' ministry of love and justice in the world. It is a challenge for his followers to do so without his physical presence with them, so God sends the Spirit to come alongside them and guide them which we remember at Pentecost on 28th May.

Over two thousand years have passed, and Jesus' ministry of reconciliation is ongoing through the Church. At the Free Church we have ongoing ministries: growing in discipleship through the post Lent course; by offering hospitality through Tookey's café; the Tots and Carers Group helping parents and young children; Migrant Welcome supporting and helping local asylum seekers settle into British life; as active members on the Eco Faiths group, seeking to care for our environment; and by supporting the arts through poetry, concerts and hosting the gardeners club, photography club and seniors and bereavement groups. The Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in our world and we celebrate the Spirit's coming and working in our lives this month.

May we grow in faith and understanding and be faithful in our work and witness to God's grace and mercy and bring God glory.

A Prayer for Pentecost by John Harvey

Spirit of God, flickering over our heads, illuminating our faces, inspiring our thoughts, give us now, we pray, JOY AND PEACE.

Spirit of God, filling our hearts with hope, steadying our nerves with peace, comforting our lives with love, give us now, we pray, JOY AND PEACE.

Spirit of God, come to us now – surging through the darkness of our lives, sweeping over our weariness – so that in this time of Pentecost, the sparkling light of faith, the rushing wind of hope and the joyful sound of praise may echo round the world, may echo in the church, and find their response in us. Spirit of God, give us JOY AND PEACE.

Love in Christ, Catherine

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Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

7th May Joseph Amoah

Holy Communion

14th May Revd Peter Ball

18th May Revd Dr Catherine Ball
ASCENSION DAY

21st May Revd Dr Catherine Ball

28th May Revd Dr Catherine Ball

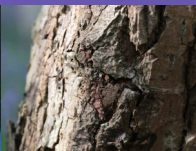
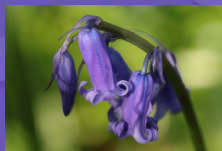
FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

7th May Christine Davies

14th May Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Holy Communion

21st May Revd Dr Catherine Ball

28th May Christine Macleod





What's on in

MAY



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 (not 31st May)	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers group
Thursdays (not 11th)	14:30 - 16:00	Migrant Welcome
Sundays	11:00	Worship
Wed 3rd	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 4th	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19:30 - 21:00	WI
Fri 5th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Sat 6th	09:30 - 15:30	Saints Crafters
Tue 9th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Civic Society open meeting
Wed 10th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 11th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 12th	10:00 - 11:00	NEW! Disco Baby
Sat 13th	09:30 - 12:30	Diabetes Prevention Group
Mon 15th	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
Tue 16th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Café
	12:00 - 15:30	Diabetes Prevention Group
Wed 17th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	16:30	Karen England and Mark Burton present a FREE charity concert
	19:00 - 21:30	HRAA St Ives Gardening Club
Thu 18th	09:30 - 13:15	Diabetes Prevention Group
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 19th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Civic Society open meeting
Sat 20th	19:30	Hunts Blind Centenary Concert
Mon 22nd	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
Wed 24th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 25th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	14:30	St Ives Free Church Poetry Group
Fri 26th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	13:00 - 13:45	COSI Lunchtime Concert
Sat 27th	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention Group
Mon 29th	19:30 - 21:00	Zumba with Jane
Wed 31st	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club

Karen England (Operababes) and Mark Burton (piano) present

A FREE CHARITY CONCERT

With retiring donation collection and homemade cake sale

In aid of Alzheimer's Research UK



Along with special guests -
The Riverport Singers

And guest speakers from Alzheimer's Research UK

Wednesday, May 17th, 2023
St Ives Free Church

4.30pm



Our Weekly Newsletter

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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!**