

WHAT'S ON

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

Thoughts for the month ahead.

View from the Manse...



Happy Easter!!!

This year the month of April begins with Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday on the 2nd April, leading to Maundy Thursday in which we remember Jesus' last meal with his followers, Good Friday when we recall Jesus' crucifixion at the hands of the Romans and religious leaders of his day, but then Easter Sunday on the 9th when we celebrate his amazing resurrection to new life. After the six weeks of Lent, in which some of us followed a course looking at Jesus' prayers led by Joseph, our student minister, we celebrate Easter the great day God's love triumphed over sin and death! It is a special and holy day in which we acknowledge Jesus as king above all kings and Lord above all lords.

As a special day Easter is an opportunity for us as members of God's family to meet to share Holy Communion around the table of our Lord and, if we like, to celebrate with our own private family Sunday dinner with seasonal foods such as hot cross buns and Seminal cake and perhaps some chocolate Easter eggs! All through human history sharing a meal has always been seen as a way of celebrating an anniversary or birthday and the special bonds of fellowship, friendship and family. The table is the place for sharing and serving one another. Talking, sharing ideas, asking advice, passing on news, all take place round the table. I hope that you are able to make it a special day for yourself and the people you care about.

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Love and blessings,

Catherine

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Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

2nd Apr	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
	Holy Communion
9th Apr	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
	Holy Communion
16th Apr	Pete Davies
23rd Apr	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
30th Apr	Christine Davies

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

2nd Apr	Christine Davies
9th Apr	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
	Holy Communion
16th Apr	Alison Jiggins
23rd Apr	Keith Cakebread
30th Apr	Revd Dr Catherine Ball

Our Weekly Newsletter

We send out a weekly newsletter to help keep us all in touch with what's going on.

If you would like to start receiving this then please visit our website:

www.stivesfreechurch.org, click on the Newsletter link on the home page, enter your email address and click on the subscribe button.



What's on in
APRIL



Mon - Sat	10:00 - 10:15	Chapel Prayers
Mon - Sat (not Thu)	09:45 - 14:00	Tookeys Café
Mondays	09:30 - 13:30	Tookeys Snack Bar
Wednesdays (term time)	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers baby group
Thursdays	14:30 - 16:00	Migrant Welcome Group
Sundays	11:00	Worship
Sat 1st	09:30 - 15:30	Saints Crafters
	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention Group
Mon 3rd	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls (last session till Sept)
Tue 4th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 5th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 6th	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19:30 - 22:00	WI
Fri 7th		Walk of Witness soup in the hall
Mon 10th	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
Tue 11th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Civic Society meeting
Wed 12th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 13th	09:15 - 13:30	Shirley's Coffee Shop
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19:00	COSI Concert
Fri 14th	10:00 - 11:00	NEW! Disco Baby
Sat 15th	10:00 - 12:00	Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action
	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention Group
Mon 17th	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
Tue 18th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Cafe
	12:00 - 15:30	Diabetes Prevention Group
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 19th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:30	HRAA St Ives Gardening Club
Thu 20th	09:30 - 13:15	Diabetes Prevention Group
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 21st	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby
	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	18:00 - 21:00	St Ives Civic Society open meeting
Mon 24th	10:30 - 12:00	Bereavement and Friendship Group
	19:30 - 21:00	Zumba with Jane
Tue 25th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club (last till Sep)
Wed 26th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:00	RSPB
Thu 27th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 28th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby
	19:30	Chapel Arts Classical Guitar Concert
Sat 29th	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention Group

**PART-TIME EXPERIENCED
COOK/CATERING MANAGER
VACANCY**

A hands-on Cook/Manager is required to work in a busy kitchen, preparing home-cooked lunches and snacks at Tookeys Café in the Free Church.

Working Mon/Wed/Fri - may include extra hours for functions. Access to a vehicle would be advantageous.

You would be leading a small staff team of caterers, along with a team of volunteers. Good people skills are essential.

Call: **01480 468535** or email us at:



office@stivesfreechurch.org

for an Information Pack and Application Form.



EASTER BANK HOLIDAY SNACK BAR

Monday 10th April will be our next Bank Holiday snack bar. We require volunteers to help run the snack bar in the hall. If you can spare an hour or two on this date, please look out for the signing-on list which will be on the landing table. Alternatively phone me on: **01480 463117**. Thank you, Mavis

Contacts

For a fuller list of contact details, please visit the contacts page of our website

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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!