

View from the Manse



All Saints' Day is the first of November. But, its celebration has been largely squeezed out by the festivities of Hallowe'en with pumpkins and people in fancy dress as ghosts and witches. Although Hallowe'en has pagan origins, its current form of celebration, of children going door-to-door to get sweets, has been brought over from America by TV and it now largely functions as an excuse for a party. Thankfully 'trick or treating' has not become a huge thing in Britain, but at times it has become unpleasant and abusive.

All the more reason for us as Christians to remember All Saints' Day, not only to oppose forces of evil, but to give thanks for God's people who have gone before us and to remind ourselves of our hope in eternal life through Christ.

It is likely that at different times in our journey of faith we have been inspired by a special Christian friend or leader whose example deepened our faith or changed the direction of our life. As we remember those saints who have preceded us, we will be inspired by their stories of courage and sacrifice. As someone once said, 'We are standing on the shoulders of giants.' Some Christians from the past who have inspired me are: C S Lewis, John Stott, Florence Nightingale and Corrie ten Boom.

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View from the Manse (contd)

Who are your heroes or heroines of the faith? There are many who have demonstrated perseverance and patience during very difficult times, from which we can gain wisdom and encouragement to live faithfully as Christians in our day.

Remembering those faithful Christians who have gone before us will also, for those of us who are now more mature in the faith, be a reminder to us that we are to be examples to the younger generations.

November is also the month we remember those who served in the First and Second World Wars and those who have served in more recent conflicts in the world. May we remember them with respect and learn from our history, the importance of working for justice and peace today.

As the evenings draw in, the weather turns cooler and we rake up the last of the fallen leaves in our gardens, let us look back on our forefathers and mothers who stood firm in the faith. Let us be challenged to live as faithful people in our times and ready to pass the faith on to this generation, who will be beacons of God's coming kingdom of light and life, until the Lord returns in glory.

Love in Christ,

Catherine

Café-STYLE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



For all the family
At
The free church
on
Sunday 27th November
at
11:00am



Graphics from MS Office

A letter from Charlotte Jordan...

Dear Friends,

My sons, Nick and Leo, and their wives, Chanda and Emma, and I would like to say thank you for all the kindness shown since the sudden, but very peaceful, passing away of Mick.

At Mick's service, Brian played music from Felix Mendelssohn's Elijah:

*"For the mountains shall depart,
But thy kindness shall not depart from me.
Then shall the sun shine forth
in the heavenly Father's realm."*

Again, thank you.

With lots of love,

Charlotte

From the Church Secretary...

A huge thanks to everyone who has welcomed me into the role of *Church Secretary*. I would like to give special thanks to Barbara Duffett, with the help of Helen Ackroyd, who kept everything well organised until I was able to start. Starting in a new role is always interesting and challenging and so I appreciate your ongoing encouragement and support.



There are a number of new events in our church life for everyone to consider. The *Church Weekend Away* is now being planned for 16th to 18th June 2017 and is residential at *Launde Abbey*. We are very fortunate as John Procter, former New Testament tutor and Principal of Westminster College—and now General Secretary of the United Reformed Church—has agreed to be a speaker on the Saturday. The theme is on ‘*Life in all its abundance*’ and we have volunteers to lead us in a myriad of activities. We will post more about expressing interest in attending the weekend soon.

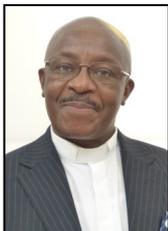
A number of people have asked how I might best use my *NHS* experience in church life. I have spoken with a few people as I became interested in running the course on ‘*The human journey – thinking biblically about health*’. This is a course that has been published by the *Christian Medical Fellowship* and comes with accompanying videos, study guide and website. *The Human Journey* has two main aims. First to establish a biblical framework that will help Christians and churches engage wisely and sensitively with current issues relating to health. Secondly to encourage more effective incorporation of healthcare expertise into pastoral life and ministry.

If you are interested in being part of a study group on this, please let me know by emailing my Church Secretary address of ChurchSecretary@stivesfreechurch.org, or leaving me a telephone message on (01480) 465921 or by chatting with me and I will put some study groups together at convenient times. Each participant will get a study guide which covers the course in eight chapters.

This year, I would also like to keep my promise of writing a few articles following on from the survey that we completed on the prayer life of our church, when I completed the Gateways into Prayer course with the support of David Viles, Geraldine Swain, Joey Dyke and Martin Ballard. Please let me know if

Christine

Revd George Mwaura moves to Milton Keynes



George served as a student minister at *The Free Church* during 2011-12 before being ordained and inducted as minister of *Bolton Trinity Pastorate*. In mid-October 2016, George moved to *The Church of Christ the Cornerstone*, in the centre of the city of Milton Keynes, where he was inducted into *The Ministerial Team*.

We wish George and his wife, Christine, a happy and fulfilling future.





SOS—Save Our Spire—Update

The core team of Veronica Angus, Val Bush, Nev and Sally Runham, and John and Mavis Williams met on Tuesday 11th October at the Dolphin Hotel. Stewart Denham popped in *en route* to another meeting to discuss promotional material.

Nev updated the group on progress with the spire repairs. The elders have agreed that work on the spire will start in March. Nev also briefly introduced the aims of the fundraising team. He felt that the team should exist for about a year. Veronica is the link between the team and the elders, and she mentioned Catherine's pleasure at the efforts and enthusiasm of the team.

Val and John's ideas for events to raise funds were brainstormed, together with new suggestions. In the end, ten events were identified and each has a nominated leader. A way forward for each event will be discussed at a meeting on 31st October at Veronica's. The events range from small to large, regular table-top sales through to big ticket high profile events that will interest townspeople. We hope members of the church will help and we have spotted key talents that we will need! Watch this space.

Actions will start in November (see item opposite) and some promotional material made available. The major push will start in January with a press launch and a high profile concert.

The team also put together a list of ten actions to seek funds from as many places as possible. This may be from the town's businesses or from groups that use the church facilities. We are still open to ideas so please email Nev or one of the others in the group in the first instance.

Articles in Inspire will update on progress with the structural work, with planned entertainment and activities and—God willing—with funds raised. Specific gifts can be made at the office; please use a Gift Aid Form if donated from taxed income.



Nev Runham is a member of the church *General Purposes Committee*. He can be contacted on



**CALLING
ALL BAKERS!**

The Save the Spire Team would like to gently get into fundraising mode as we put together a programme of projects to raise money for our Spire.

To start us off: on Monday 14th November and again on Monday 12th December from 10.30am on each day we would like to sell both sweet and savoury baked goods in the church foyer

Please label your baking wonders with a suggested price and a note about content, such as gluten-free or containing nuts. Further information is contained in the Allergy Book (behind the counter in Tookeys).

So, let's bake.....

Pass the word around!!

Thank you

Val Bush and Veronica



Angus

**Tots and Carers
Group
The Free Church St.
Ives
Every Wednesday
In Term Time
10.00 – 11.30am**



Zero to Nursery School age

Christian Themes

Stories - Videos

Music Time

Play Time

Refreshment Time

Fee - £1 per Child

Prayers for People in Crisis—Heavenly Father...

We ask your blessing on the people of **Haiti**, a people who had very little—and now have even less after the devastating hurricane.

May all the world join forces to help the people of **Haiti** to overcome their present situation and to build happy and prosperous lives.

Amen

We ask your blessing at this time on the people of **Syria**—that a lasting peace will be brokered by those who have the power to do so.

We pray that all of the **Syrian** people—wherever they are—will be free to rebuild their shattered lives.

Amen

We ask your blessing on the people of **Iraq**, a country beset with violence and war for so many years.

We pray that the **Iraqi** nightmare will soon come to an end, so that the people may live honourable and peaceful lives.

Amen

ST IVES
CHORAL
SOCIETY

John Rutter
The Sprig of Thyme

and

Andrew Carter
HORIZONS
Alison Daniels *Soprano*

FREE CHURCH, ST IVES
Saturday 26 November, 7.30pm
Tickets Adults £12, £10 (concessions), accompanied children under 16 free
Available from The Free Church, St Ives

Registered Charity No. 291640



Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the Church by
Thursday 17th November

Many thanks,
Val Bush (01480) 469189



Church Activities

Mondays	19:00	Bowls Club
Wednesdays	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers
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Tue 8th Nov	14:30	Meditation led by John Williams at Fenstanton
Sun 20th Nov	12:15	Church Meeting
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Wed 30th Nov	19:45	Poetry Group

Hunts Art Group

will be holding its

Annual Exhibition

in the hall at

The Free Church

on

Friday 25th & Saturday 26th November

10.00am to 4.30pm

A good selection of framed and unframed paintings, also cards will be on sale.

In celebration of our move to St Ives from Godmanchester,

the regular themed section will be

"St Ives Shopfronts and Street Views"

Entry is free and visitors will be invited to vote for their favourite painting

Please do come along to the exhibition

where you'll receive a

warm welcome!

Occasional Volunteers

are needed to help with the catering aspect of

Café-style Services

please speak to Mavis Williams

tel: (10480) 463117

Community Activities

Mondays	10:00	CRUSE
Tuesdays	19:30	St Ives Photographic Club
Wednesdays	14:00	Senior Citizens Club
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Thursdays	09:30	Sunny Steps
Thursdays	10:00	U3A Italian Class
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Wed 2nd Nov	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Thu 3rd Nov	19:30	WI
Sat 5th Nov	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair
Mon 7th Nov	12:00	U3A French group
Fri 11th Nov	09:00	Photographic Exhibition
	10:00	COPE
Sat 12th Nov	09:00	Photographic Exhibition
Tue 15th Nov	10:00	Alzheimer's Support Drop In Cafe
Wed 16th Nov	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
	19:30	St Ives Gardening Club
Fri 18th Nov	10:00	U3A Local History
	19:30	St Ives Civic Society
Fri 25th Nov	09:00	Art Exhibition
Sat 26th Nov	09:00	Art Exhibition
	19:30	St Ives Choral Society Concert
Mon 28th Nov	13:00	U3A French
Wed 30th Nov	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
	19:30	RSPB
Thu 1st Dec	19:30	WI
Sat 3rd Dec	09:00	WEA Day School
	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair

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Room Bookings should be made

Free Church Worship

Porch Chapel Prayers 10am Mon—Sat



Sun 6th Nov	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 13th Nov	10:45	Remembrance Day at Methodist Church
	10:45	Service at Hinchingbrooke Hospital
	18:00	Joint Service at Fenstanton - Gerry Swain
Sun 20th Nov	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 27th Nov	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Advent Sunday Christingle -Cafe Style
	18:30	Joint Service at Houghton
Sun 4th Dec	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion

Fenstanton Worship

Sun 6 th Nov	09:30	Revd Derek Newton - Holy Communion
Sun 13 th Nov	09:30	Remembrance Day at Parish Church - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
	18:00	Joint Service with St Ives - Gerry Swain
Sun 20 th Nov	09:30	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 27 th Nov	09:30	Advent Sunday Keith Cakebread
Sun 4 th Dec	09:30	Pauline Zahner

**Deadline for
December *Inspire*
Sunday 15th November**