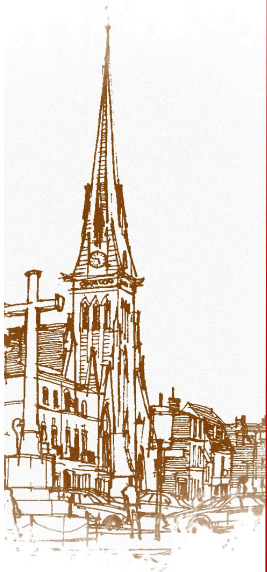


March 2017

Inspire



THE NEWSLETTER OF
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(UNITED REFORMED)
SAINT IVES

View from the Manse



This is the month of daffodils and hyacinths in the garden and the beginning of springtime. In the church calendar, 1st March is Ash Wednesday and throughout the month of March we have four of the six weeks of Lent. This is a time of preparation, personal reflection and prayer as we journey with Jesus through his ministry and the teaching of his disciples – leading to his death and resurrection.

At the time of writing, *Churches Together in St Ives* had not yet decided where and when we will hold a weekly Lent course this year, so please look out for the information on notice boards and on our service sheets in the coming weeks. For those who would like to meet with others to talk about issues of how the Christian faith relates to health and wholeness throughout life, Dr Christine Macleod is continuing to lead discussions using the Christian Medical Association Human Journey Course on selected Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in Tookey's Coffee Bar.

Spring is a time of optimism and hope as we await the awakening of new life in gardens and in nature.

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**Deadline for April Inspire -
Sunday 19th March**

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View from the Manse (from Page 1)

We are more likely to want to get outside and enjoy the longer days and increased sunshine. The Eco Group encourages us all to show our concern for the environment; some of us will be going the *Amey Recycling Centre* (see below) to learn how we can best reuse our waste.

We also celebrate new life with a baptism at the café style worship on Sunday 26th March.

Also during this month Eastern Synod is to be held on 18th March. It is an opportunity for us as a pastorate to meet with other URC churches and to share news and resources with each other.

One of the URC resources for Christian discipleship coming out this year is called *Walking the Way - Living the Life of Jesus Today*. We will hear much more about this in the coming months. Let's use this period of Lent to start thinking about what being a disciple of Christ means for us as individuals and as a Christian fellowship. For we continue to grow in faith and knowledge of God in fellowship with one another throughout our lives through worship, prayer and encouragement of each other.

Love in Christ,

Catherine

Eco Group Goes to the Dump!

Well, not exactly the dump. We're going to visit the Amey Recycling Centre at Waterbeach, to see what happens to all that stuff we put in our blue bins.

Would you like to join us?

One of the staff at the centre will leading our tour, with free and fun interactive sessions. We shall also have a tour of the site in their minibus, which takes up to 16 people. This all takes two hours. At the moment there are 7 spaces free.

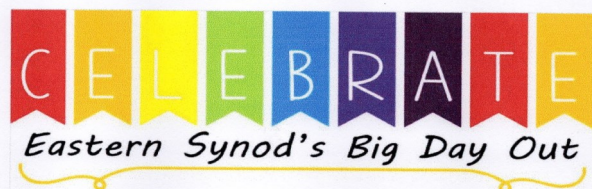
The visit will be free as Amey is keen for everyone to discover more about what happens to our waste and how we can recycle more.

The date is Tuesday 21st March. We shall leave St Ives at 9.30am for a 10.15am start.



*Like more information?
Speak to Mary Cox
on 01480-300103*

*Like to sign up?
There is a list to sign
on the landing*



9.30am – 4.00pm

£6 contribution per adult – children go free
Includes refreshments on arrival & Picnic lunch

History - Family - Future
Come as a group : Leave as friends

Download a booking form www.urc-eastern.org.uk for information tel 01223 830770

Just Sharing's 25th Anniversary!

Just Sharing, our Fairtrade shop, recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a service of celebration, led by Sue Billings, Christine Curtis and other members of the staff and volunteers.

This was followed by a shared lunch and a lovely celebration cake.

A few days later celebrations continued when 26 volunteers and staff enjoyed a fun filled Snowman Drive and supper.

Mary Anthony



Just Sharing's 25th Anniversary!

the **Save Our Spire** appeal

Saturday, 18th March 2017

there will be a

Supper and Light Entertainment Evening

at

The Free Church

from 7:00pm

Our star caterers—**Pat and Linda** will be providing the food

We hope to have an eclectic mix of:

instrumental music, folk song, readings of poetry and prose, a mini quiz and a fun competition

Tickets @ £10 will be available soon
Bring your family members and friends!

Enquiries to John (01480) 463117
on the Entertainments Team



The Table Top Sale on Saturday 28th January raised more funds towards the

Save Our Spire appeal

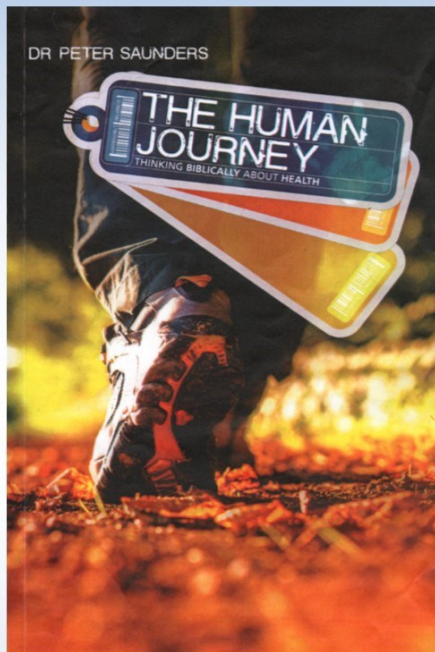


If you would like to donate to our **SOS Spire Appeal**, you may do so in our Coffee Shop 'Tookeys', or in our Fair Trade Shop 'Just Sharing' or simply contact the Church Office (upstairs) Tel 01480 468535.
St Ives Free Church is a Registered Charity in England & Wales—Number 112694

The Human Journey Study Group

Thursdays
7 - 9pm

Leader:
Dr Christine
Macleod



‘A course to help you engage wisely and sensitively with current issues relating to health. An opportunity to encourage incorporation of healthcare expertise into pastoral life and ministry’.

Dr Peter Saunders

9th March Global health: who is my neighbour?
16th March Review of Human Life course

Tookey's Coffee Shop, St Ives URC (Free Church)

Letter to the Editor

It was good to read in the last edition [*Inspire February 2017, Page 5*] of the care taken in proof-reading and checking of all details by the Editors before publication. I am therefore wondering about Australia as a place to emigrate to, on the next sheet [*Page 7*]! *Martin*

From the Editors: Well done Martin! We stand corrected.

From our Church Secretary

2017 is a special year for the *United Reformed Church*. It marks 45 years since the denomination came into being.

Now we are in the season of Lent with the opportunity to take part in the Lent Course.

On the horizon, there are 'Big Days Out' to look forward to. The *United Reformed Church* has a theme which focusses on '*Feasts and Festivals for 2017*'. The national event to which all the church is invited is taking place at *Warwick Castle* on Saturday 20th May from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please let me know if you plan to go as I have to let *Tavistock Place* know our numbers and get tickets. The cost for adults is £16.50 per person, and for those aged 4 to 16 years a cost of £11 per child. Children under 4 are free. Young people have been involved in the planning of the days, so there will be fun for all ages.

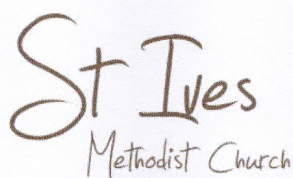
If that is too far to travel, the 20th May is also the day of the *Save Our Spire—Auction of Talents, Skills and Values* to take part in and comes highly recommended.

The *Eastern Synod* has also planned a '*Big Day Out*' on 10th June at *Trinity Park* in Ipswich from 9.30am to 4pm (see Page 2). This costs £6 for adults and children can come free. Booking forms can be downloaded directly from www.urc-eastern.org.uk or you can get more information from the Synod office on 01223-830770.

Locally there are planned events as part of the *Save Our Spire* appeal—the next being a *Supper and Light Entertainment Evening* on Saturday 18th March (see Page 4). And for those who like walking there is the church walk planned for Saturday 25th March.

Catherine and I will be attending the *Eastern Synod* on 18th March.

Christine Macleod



ST NEOTS AND HUNTINGDON METHODIST CIRCUIT

The **Methodist Church** 

Pioneer Children and Families Worker
For St Ives Methodist Church, PE27 5BY. Cambridgeshire

**St Ives Methodist Church
is looking for a Pioneer
Children and Families Worker p/t**

For further details go to: simc.co.uk
or email for an application pack to
vacancies@simc.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 3rd March 2017
Interviews to be held during the week commencing 13th March 2017

Church Activities

Mondays	19:00	Bowls Club
Wednesdays	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers
Thu 9th Mar	19:00 - 21:00	Human Study Group: Global Health: Who is my Neighbour?
Fri 10th Mar	13:10 - 13:50	Lunchtime Concert-Phoenix Players
Tue 14th Mar	14:30	Meditation led by John Williams at Fenstanton
Thu 16th Mar	19:00 - 21:00	Human Study Group: Review of Human Life Course
Sun 19th Mar	12:15	Church Meeting
Wed 29th Mar	19:45	Poetry Group
Fri 7th Apr	12:00	Lunchtime Concert

Community Activities

Mondays	10:00	CRUSE
Tuesdays	19:30	St Ives Photographic Club
Wednesdays	14:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thursdays	10:00	U3A Italian Class
Wed 1st Mar	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Thu 2nd Mar	19:30	WI
Sat 4th Mar	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair
Sat 4th Mar	19:30	Concert - tbc
Fri 10th Mar	10:00	COPE
Wed 15th Mar	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Wed 15th Mar	19:30	St Ives Gardening Club
Fri 17th Mar	09:00	U3A Local History
Fri 17th Mar	19:30	St Ives Civic Society
Tue 21st Mar	10:00	Alzheimer's Support Drop In Cafe
Mon 27th Mar	12:00	U3A French Class
Wed 29th Mar	19:30	RSPB
Sat 1st Apr	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair
Thu 6th Apr	19:30	WI

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Thank you to everyone who responded to the appeal for funds for a new out-patient centre at Purulia Hospital in West Bengal.

The retiring collection on the 5th of February raised a magnificent £257.30, which was kindly made up to £260.

I was both thrilled and delighted with your response.

The money was dispatched to The Leprosy Mission on the 8th.

Thank you again,

With love,

Sue x



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**Room Bookings should be made
through the Church Office**

Worship at the Free Church

Chapel Prayers:

Daily at 10:00am

Monday to Saturday

Wed 1st Mar	10:00	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 5th Mar	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 12th Mar	11:00	Revd Derek Newton
Sun 19th Mar	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 26th Mar	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Mothering Sunday - Cafe Style
Sun 2nd Apr	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion



Worship at Fenstanton URC

Sun 5th Mar	09:30	Revd Derek Newton
Sun 12th Mar	09:30	Revd Dr Catherine Ball – Holy Communion
Sun 19th Mar	09:30	Revd Chris Baker
Sun 26th Mar	09:30	Keith Cakebread - Mothering Sunday
Sun 2nd Apr	09:30	Revd Derek Newton