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

View from the manse...

Dear Friends,

Have you managed to keep the resolutions you made on New Year's Eve? We are just over a month into the New year, and I know my resolve has weakened. But do not despair, there is another season coming which may help us.



The season of Lent, which starts on the 18th February, the name come from the old English for lengthening of the day which is of course true. But I suggest it is also an opportunity for us to renew our resolve about our resolutions and go wider.

Commonly there is talk of giving up things for Lent, and there is the link with our new year resolutions they too are often about stopping doing things. So this is your chance to renew your resolutions. But it can also go wider, how about taking something up for Lent, as well as focusing on ourselves (with our resolutions), we could focus on others, on our community.

Each day of Lent, do something extra for someone else, or the community. It doesn't need to be a big thing, it's as simple as smiling at five people, putting 50p a side for a charity for example. It is your choice, I have found that often it is easier to keep on with a positive action rather than a negative one.

Traditionally Lent was a period of preparation for baptism at Easter, a time of prayer, study, reflection and discipline, so taking something up would fit with that idea well. Maybe this year instead of asking what someone is giving up ask what they are taking up for Lent. You might get some interesting ideas.

Finally thank you all for the welcome you have given me, there were lovely flowers, a food hamper and cards in the manse when I arrived. I already feel very much at home in the area and in the three congregations. The manse feels like home although not completely sorted yet, it is wise to take time before buying new furniture etc. I am in the process of trying to establish a work pattern so that I can get to know folk, the activities and groups that use our buildings and the wider communities. The only fixed point is Friday which is usually my day off.

I hope that as the days lengthen we can enjoy the Spring as we take up a Lenten challenge or discipline. *Alison*

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

1st Feb	Dr Christine Macleod Holy communion
8th Feb	Revd Christine Davies
15th Feb	Revd Barry Pate
18th Feb	Revd Roy Muttram Ash Wednesday
22nd Feb	Revd Alison Davis

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

1st Feb	Revd Alison Davis
8th Feb	Revd Dr Janet Tollington Holy communion
15th Feb	Revd Christine Davies
22nd Feb	Revd Christine Davies

What's on in FEBRUARY

Mon - Sat	10:00 - 10:15	Chapel Prayers
Mon - Sat (not Thurs)	09:45 - 14:00	Tookey's Café
Mondays	09:30 - 13:45	Tookey's Snack Bar
Sundays	11:00 - 12:00	Worship
Mon 2nd	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
	19:00 - 20:00	Chair Dancing with Sierra
Tue 3rd	14:00 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 4th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 15:00	Thanksgiving Service for Anita Hester
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves
	20:00 - 21:00	Pop Moves
Thu 5th	09:30 - 13:00	Shirley's Community Coffee Shop
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	10:00 - 11:00	U3A Beginners Italian
	19:00 - 21:00	WI
Sat 7th	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters
Mon 9th	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
	19:00 - 20:00	Chair Dancing with Sierra
Tue 10th	14:00 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
	14:30	Meditation at Fenstanton URC
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 11th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves
	20:00 - 21:00	Mamas Who Move
Thu 12th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps

Sat 14th	14:30	Induction of Revd Alison Davis
Mon 16th	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
	19:00 - 20:00	Chair Dancing with Sierra
Tue 17th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Café
	14:00 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 18th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens
	19:00 - 21:00	HRAA Gardening Club
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves!
	20:00 - 21:00	Pop Moves!
Thu 19th	09:15 - 13:00	Shirley's Community Coffee Shop
	10:00 - 11:00	U3A Beginners Italian
Fri 20th	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	13:00 - 14:00	COSI Lunchtime Concert
	19:00 - 21:00	Civic Society Open Meeting
Mon 23rd	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
	19:00 - 20:00	Chair Dancing with Sierra
Tue 24th	14:00 - 16:30	U3A Beginners Latin
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 25th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:00	RSPB
	19:00 - 20:00	Disco Moves!
	20:00 - 21:00	Pop Moves!
Thu 26th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	14:30	St Ives Free Church Poetry Group
Sat 28th	10:00 - 16:30	St Ives Photographic Club Interprint Competition
	18:00 - 21:30	St Ives Photographic Club Interprint Results

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