

# May 2017

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## View from the Manse



Oh the joys of spring!

The weather is warmer and new leaves on the trees are bright green and flowers are in bloom. May is one of the loveliest months of the year in England. It is a wonderful time of year in the church calendar as well as we follow the Easter season through to Pentecost.

We have two bank holidays this month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and we are once again providing refreshments for all those who come into St Ives for these busy market days. Thank you to all who help in the kitchen and our church hall on those days.

Our Café style service will be led by Sandy Nunn, our intern from Council for World Mission. He will be following the theme of being Dementia Friendly at this service. I hope all families will be supportive of this service. It is an excellent opportunity for us to learn ways that we can celebrate and enjoy people of all ages, regardless of health or ability.

We commemorate Christian Aid week from 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. Christian Aid Week is a week when tens of thousands of people across the UK and Ireland pray and raise funds for Christian Aid's work around the world. Christian Aid began just after the



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**THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE FREE CHURCH  
(UNITED REFORMED)  
SAINT IVES**

### **Easter Monday Snack Bar**

A big thank you to the 20+ volunteers who came to help at various times on Easter Monday. We were very busy and everyone was needed throughout the day. It was lovely to see several new faces and we hope they enjoyed the experience and will volunteer again.

We took over £1000, giving approximately £750 profit, which is magnificent, considering that we didn't do any hot lunches. Sam, Pat and Linda had a well deserved rest.

The "Buy a Brick" for the Spire raised an additional £92. By the time you read this we will have had the May 1<sup>st</sup> snack bar. The next one will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all there. *Mavis*

United Reformed Church

### **BIG DAY OUT**

20th May 2017  
10am - 5pm

- Worship for everyone with live music
- Access to Warwick Castle and attractions
- Meet with friends, old and new from all over the country
- A duffle bag for use on the day plus special badges

**Prices:** £16.50 per person - 17 years +

£11.00 for 4 - 16 years

Under 4s - Free Entry

For further information please contact  
Christine Macleod Church Secretary

⇒ Second World War, to help refugees, and it continues to help people in Europe and around the world who have had to flee their homes. From providing food and shelter, to specialist services such as physiotherapy for people with disabilities, support for people who have experienced violence, and legal protection services, Christian Aid has been a rock for those in need and far from home.

This year once again, our Churches Together in St Ives is taking part in Christian Aid Week, no longer by going door-to-door, but by handing out

envelopes during our church services and inviting those who attend church to donate and also to take any extra envelopes to neighbours and friends, whom they think might also like to support this well-known and respected charity. This year the funds raised are to help refugees to find places of safety and security.

We enjoy a peaceful and green and pleasant land to call home. Please give generously to help those who are not so fortunate.

With love in Christ,

*Catherine*

**THE FREE CHURCH OF ST IVES  
SPIRE APPEAL**



**A MUSICAL GARDEN PARTY  
SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 3.00 – 7.00PM**

**WAVERLEY, HIGH STREET, OAKINGTON CB24 3AG  
(EASY PARKING NEXT TO WAVERLEY  
HOUSE)**

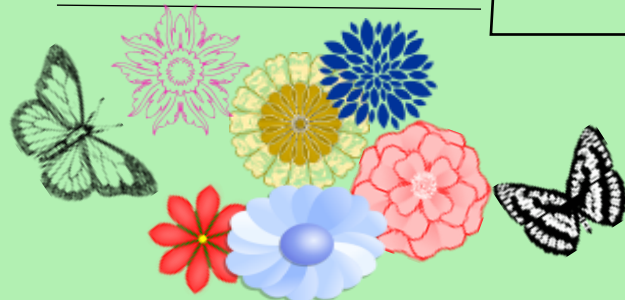


**SUMMER TEAS, WINE, GARDEN GAMES, CONCERT  
BY THE PHOENIX PLAYERS OF ST IVES  
AND OTHER MUSICIANS  
A SPECIAL RAFFLE AND A CAKE COMPETITION**

**TICKETS £12.50**

**CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER FREE**

**AVAILABLE FROM OUR "JUST SHARING" SHOP  
AT THE FREE CHURCH  
OR TELEPHONE 01223 233929**



## From the Church Secretary .....

The new term has started. It looks busy for our church with a number of subjects for us all to consider prayerfully.

We are still seeking more people to come forward to take an interest in property and maintenance and to recruit more members onto the Finance and Property committee that meets bi-monthly. The elders have updated the risk register for the church and there are re-renewed efforts to keep our church property safe and in good repair. So if you are interested in this area of church life, please do have a conversation with me or Peter German who diligently convenes our Property and Finance committee.



St Ives has ambitions to become a dementia friendly town. Margaret Cakebread, Sandy Nunn and I are attending a conference in Essex to learn more about this. The policy drive comes from the Prime Minister's pledge that - "There will be dementia-friendly communities across the country which means that people affected by dementia will be able to say, 'I have a sense of belonging and of being a valued part of family, community and civic life'". Some members of our congregation have already done the training to be a 'dementia friend'. We will give feedback as we learn more about this initiative and what contribution we can make. It is the condition that people in their late 50s fear most, possibly because of dependency.

On Saturday 13th May from 10am to 12 noon in the church Centrum there is a discussion group on same-sex marriage, followed by a light lunch. **In keeping with the 2007 commitment on Human Sexuality, General Assembly does not consider it appropriate to express a single view on behalf of the whole United Reformed Church on the matter of the marriage of same-sex couples.** The 2016 General Assembly of the United Reformed Church passed Resolution 7. In this, the General Assembly declared that the Church Meeting of each local church in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales is the relevant governing authority for the purpose of giving consent for the trustees of its building to seek the registration of that building for the religious marriage ceremonies of same-sex couples, in accordance with the provision of Section 26A(1) of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013. Please do try to come along to the discussion in May which will be facilitated for us and where we will make available summaries of some of the recent books written on the subject and discuss differing theological perspectives. The subject is scheduled for ballot at the July Church meeting.

Another resolution at the General Assembly was resolution 26. Here the General Assembly welcomes the participation of the United Reformed Church in the Churches' Mutual Credit Union. A small group of people from Churches Together in St Ives will be meeting to consider what this might involve and will begin to meet on Fridays in our church to think this through.

So the New Term certainly brings lots of subjects for us to ponder over, and to consider prayerfully. The record of General Assembly is also available at <http://www.urc.org.uk/images/General-Assemblies/Assembly2016/RECORD-2016.pdf>

*Christine Macleod. Church Secretary*

## FELLOWSHIP WALKS

This is the season for a very good reason. Blossoms are out but the shoes must still be very stout for the walks.



If you have some ideas of where you might like to take a walk please get in touch with John or Hilary



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**  
14 - 20th MAY 2017

LOOK FOR ENVELOPES IN THE FREE CHURCH AND GIVE WHAT YOU CAN!

THANK YOU

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every second Tuesday in the month there is a session of meditation at our sister Church in Fenstanton, for any Christian people and others interested.

The next session will be on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This will be at 2:30pm. All are welcome to these sessions. Each begins with a short period of relaxation in which we still our bodies and minds in order to receive more meaningfully the words of short extracts of scripture or of writings by Christian authors.

Many people have found these sessions beneficial, both for physical well-being and spiritual reflection.

Further details are available from John Williams, 463117 or [jlec.williams44@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jlec.williams44@yahoo.co.uk).

### A SEASONAL FAVOURITE POEM

#### A Summer Day Part 1

The dawn laughs out on orient hills

And dances with the diamond rills;

The ambrosial wind but faintly stirs

The silken, beaded gossamers;

In the wide valleys, lone and fair,

Lyrics are piped from limpid air,

And, far above, the pine trees free

Voice ancient lore of sky and sea.

Come, let us fill our hearts straightway

With hope and courage of the day.

Lucy Maud Montgomery

ST IVES FREE CHURCH  
Is holding a Meeting in the Centrum

on  
SATURDAY 13TH MAY  
at  
10AM — 12NOON

Followed by a light lunch

Subject: Same Sex Marriage Discussion  
Speaker: Rev John Filsak, St Andrews URC Peterborough

To learn about the Resolution 7 at General Assembly and to access a  
Number of summaries of theological books written on the subject.

**SOS**  
*Save Our Spire!*

## LUNCHTIME CONCERT APRIL 2017



Another excellent event enjoyed  
by a lovely group of appreciative  
people.

£213 goes into the coffers to Save  
Our Spire which is the highest total  
for a lunchtime concert.

Big thanks again to Brian and Felicity who've  
put in so much rehearsal and time for us. It  
was another lovely programme, just right for a  
lunchtime to help the afternoon go smoothly.

Well done all and here's to the next concert!!

Thank you to all and see you at the next one.



### Church Activities

Wednes- days	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers
Tue 9th May	14:30	Meditation led by John Williams at Fenstanton
Fri 12th May	12:00	Lunchtime Spire Concert Trio
Wed 31st May	19:45	Poetry Group
Fri 2nd Jun	12:00	Save Our Spire wind quartet concert

### Community Activities

Mon- days	10:00	CRUSE
Tues- days	19:30	St Ives Photographic Club
Wedne sdays	14:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thurs- days	09:30	Sunny Steps
Thurs- days	10:00	U3A Italian Class



#### A Musical Garden Party in the English Strawberry Season Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 3 to 7pm

You are cordially invited to the SOS Appeal Garden Party generously hosted by Charlotte with the help of friend Sonia, shown in the photo at the first planning meeting in Tookeys.

Music from the popular Phoenix Players string quartet accompanied by Beverley Budd on clarinet will waft through the shrubbery as we dine on strawberry cream teas and wine. Piano music will filter through the windows as children enjoy Pony Rides and everyone mingles over Garden Games such as Croquet. Skills can be tested in a Contributed Cake Competition with a top prize. Raffle with exciting prizes. We would love to see you there. Tickets £12.50 (children 10 and under free) will be available from Just Sharing or from Charlotte.

SoS Team

Wed 3rd May	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Thu 4th May	19:30	WI
Sat 6th May	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair
Fri 12th May	10:00	COPE
Tue 16th May	10:00	Alzheimer's Support Drop In Cafe
Wed 17th May	19:30	St Ives Gardening Club
Fri 19th May	09:00	U3A Local History
Fri 19th May	19:30	St Ives Civic Society
	19:30	WI
Sat 3rd Jun	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters Fair
Wed 7th Jun	11:00	U3A Current Affairs

..... and don't forget the  
**AUCTION of GREAT  
 GOODS & TALENTS on  
 MAY 20TH 2017**



Viewing from 10am and  
 auction bidding starts at 11am.

Please contact Veronica or Sally for  
 further information. Thank you.

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

## Free Church Worship Chapel Prayers Daily at 10am Monday to Saturday

Sun 7th May	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 7th May	18.30	Joint Service at St Mary's Chapel Houghton Keith Cakebread
Sun 14th May	11:00	Revd Peter Ball
Sun 21st May	11:00	Sandy Nunn - Cafe Style Dementia Theme
Thu 25th May	10:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion - Ascension Day
Sun 28th May	11:00	Christine Macleod
Sun 4th Jun	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball – Holy Communion/ Pentecost



## Fenstanton Worship

Sun 7th May	9:30	Revd Derek Newton
Sun 14th May	9:30	Revd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
Sun 21st May	9:30	Reverend Catherine Ball with the Parish Church
Sun 28th May	9:30	Pauline Zahner
Sun 4th Jun	9:30	Revd Derek Newton