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SAINT IVES

View from the Student House



As we enter into November, it always strikes me just how much remembering we do throughout this month. Not only do we remember those who have fought to protect our country in various conflicts but we also remember, remember the Fifth of November.

Remembering and looking back is a good thing to do. We must honour those who have come before, as they have often shaped the way we do things today, sometimes in heroic ways, other times just by the way they lived out their lives. We as a Church often remember and recall significant moments in the life of Christ. Every month we as a congregation share in the act of Holy Communion together which is, in itself, an act of remembering Jesus' Last Supper and his sacrifice for us upon the cross.

But as a Church we must also be looking forwards. I once heard the Church being compared to the driving of a car. We need our rear-view mirrors to check what is behind us before we manoeuvre our vehicle, but how could we drive properly if we never looked at the road ahead of us?

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Inspire -
Sunday 19th November**

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View from the Student House (from Page 1)

I sometimes find the message paraphrase of the Bible helpful, and I want to share with you some verses from the Letter to the Philippians, Chapter 3 and verses 12-14:

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong. By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward — to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

This November, whilst it is right and proper that we look back and remember, let us also not lose sight of our trajectory forwards. Let us commit to being people who try to discern where God is beckoning us onward, and be off and running, not turning back to the places we find comfortable but striving toward the goal set out for us by God.

Every Blessing,

Josh



CALLING ALL BAKERS AGAIN!

Last November and December, the Save our Spire Team called on all those who enjoy baking to bring your wares to the Free Church to be sold in the foyer to raise funds for the Spire.

It was such a success that we will be selling your wonderful products again this year.

The sales will be held from 10:30am on:

- Monday 6th November and again on
- Monday 4th December

Each day we would like to sell both sweet and savoury baked goods.

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

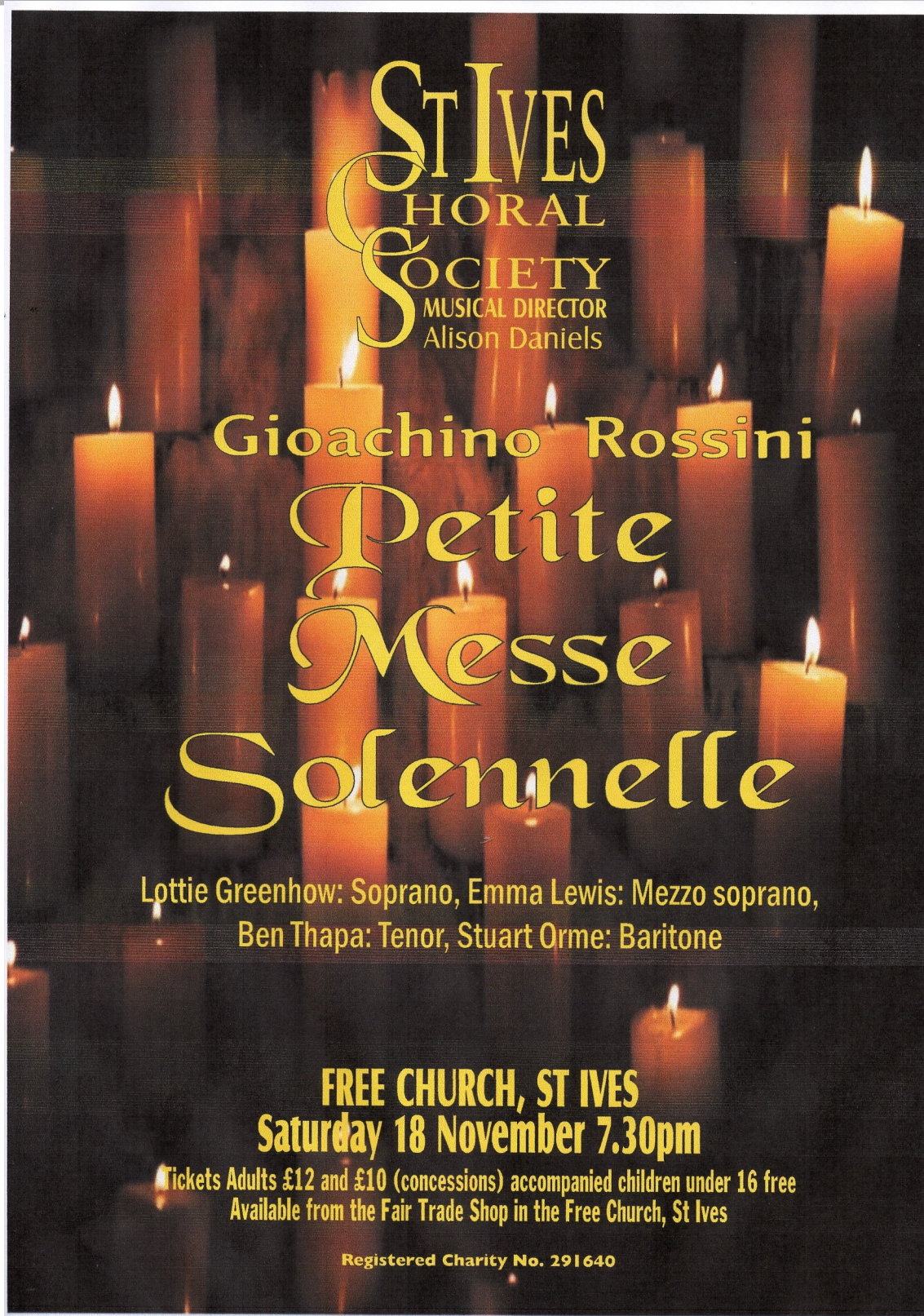


**Churches Together in St Ives
(CTSI)**
&
**Huntingdon Community Radio
(HCR 104fm)**
&
Thought for the Day



Our own **CTSI** is one of the organisations helping to supply **HCR 104fm** with presenters of **Thought for the Day**

If you would like to take part in this worthy cause, please contact David Soldan of CTSI at davidsoldan@btinternet.com



ST IVES
CHORAL
SOCIETY
MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Alison Daniels

Gioachino Rossini
Petite
Messe
Solennelle

Lottie Greenhow: Soprano, Emma Lewis: Mezzo soprano,
Ben Thapa: Tenor, Stuart Orme: Baritone

FREE CHURCH, ST IVES
Saturday 18 November 7.30pm

Tickets Adults £12 and £10 (concessions) accompanied children under 16 free
Available from the Fair Trade Shop in the Free Church, St Ives

Registered Charity No. 291640



Look out for more information on St Ives Choral Society's
Christmas Concert
to be held on Saturday 16th December—starting at 6:30pm

From our Church Secretary

Autumn seems to be a time for being 'out and about' at church meetings. The Eastern Synod meets twice a year. Catherine, Josh and I attended Synod on Saturday 14th October.

Stephen Tomkins, who is editor of the *Reform* magazine, described the recent changes made to the magazine and encouraged us all to take a look at the new layout and to consider subscribing. The magazine is to be a practical resource for the church. Jackie Ballard has details about subscribing.



Peter Ball reflected on his work as *Mission and Training Officer* with the Eastern Synod, and went on to describe his new role, from August, as *Director of Church Resource Development*. This is a new post created by Westminster College in developing the college as a *Resource Centre for Learning* for all the people of God. Already there are courses which may be of interest to our readers.

There is 'Eldership on the Frontline' giving a chance for elders to be refreshed and resourced for the important role elders play in the URC. The dates to choose from are: Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st March; or Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July; or Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th July 2018.

There are days to 'Draw Breath and Reflect' to be held in Westminster's stunning buildings. The dates (all Saturdays) are 24th March, 11th August and 3rd November. Westminster now has a new Art Studio open to all on request or exclusively booked for an event.

The Revd Simon Goddard - Regional Baptist minister - spoke on Missional Discipleship. He talked about how Jesus trained the early disciples and also drew illustrations from 'localised church planting' in places in the world such as India and Nepal where the church is growing in numbers. He gave thanks for not only the people who participate in church activities but also those who provide resources for mission. He challenged us all by asking if our church has a discipleship plan.

Future Synod meetings are on 17th March and 13th October 2018.

The Cambridgeshire Area Partnership met at Emmanuel Church in Cambridge on the evening of Monday 16th October. Keith Fox was the guest speaker. He is the Associate Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion. His own specialism is in biochemistry and DNA research. He reminded us of Kepler's view that in all our scientific discoveries 'we are thinking God's thoughts after Him'. About a quarter of the audience had a scientific degree qualification and we marvelled at the discoveries in science from the macro in space to the micro in the microscope. Keith also reviewed some of the greatest scientific minds in history who had deep religious faiths and reminded us that one of the first people to conceptualise the Big Bang Theory was a Christian theologian known as George Lemaitre.

Please consider coming to the Area partnership meetings that meet twice a year — all church members are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to network and meet people from other churches. There are also regular meetings of 'Christians in Science' in Cambridgeshire www.cis.org.uk.

Christine Macleod

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Whether you are always in a hurry or have too much time on your hands, this course is for you. Join us as we explore a spiritual life that encourages us to be both active in the chronological world, but also rooted in Kairos – God's time.

**A four-week advent course on Monday evenings
from Monday 27th November
until Monday 18th December.**

**19.30pm at Fenstanton United Reformed Church,
Chequer Street, Fenstanton.**

**For more information contact Catherine Ball on
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A Reflection on Faith

The Bible spells it out like this:

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen [*Hebrews 11:1*].

It is by **faith** we understand that the earth and everything around us was made by the Word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that were not visible before [*John 1:1-5*].

So if we have **faith**, then when we look around us, we see God in a myriad of ways. We see God in the power of the elements. We see God in the majestic beauty of the world. But he is not only there in the power and beauty of his creation, God is also there in the little things, like human kindness.

Jesus Christ's example and his words, as recorded in the four Gospels, give us the perfect example of how to conduct our lives. Armed with that knowledge and our **faith** in God, we will be given the strength and resolve to do what is right.

Furthermore, **faith** in God dissolves fear. It encourages us to enter boldly into the unknown future. Even if the road ahead is difficult, with Christ beside us: 'What can we fear but fear itself?' Just think of it in this way:

‘**Fear** knocked at the door, **Faith** went to answer it, and no-one was there.’

As someone once wrote:

Faith is seeing *light* with your *heart* when all your eyes see is *darkness*

Margaret Cakebread

Please join us for a

Joint Reflective Service

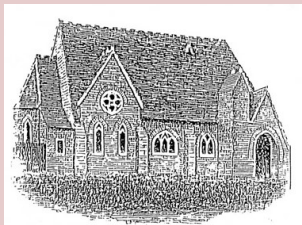
at

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

on

Remembrance Sunday

12th November at 6:00pm



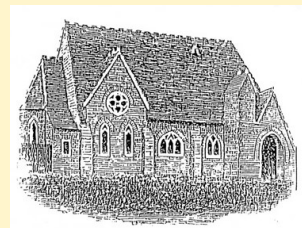
It will be led by Keith Cakebread who will be looking at **Remembrance** from a somewhat different perspective.

ALL are WELCOME

**Monthly Meditation
at**

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

John Williams regrets these sessions have had to be suspended for the remainder of 2017



They will resume early in 2018

Dates and Times will appear in the
Inspire Magazine soon

Church Activities

<i>Mondays</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>Bowls Club</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>10:00 - 11:30</i>	<i>Tots & Carers Term time only</i>
<i>Fri 17th Nov</i>	<i>13:00</i>	<i>Save our Spire lunchtime concert</i>
<i>Sun 19th Nov</i>	<i>13:15</i>	<i>Church Meeting</i>
<i>Mon 27th Nov</i>	<i>19:30</i>	<i>Start of Advent Course at Fenstanton URC (see details on Page 5)</i>
<i>Wed 29th Nov</i>	<i>19:45</i>	<i>Poetry Group</i>

Community Activities

<i>Mondays</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>CRUSE</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>20:00</i>	<i>St Ives Photographic Club</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>14:00</i>	<i>Senior Citizens Club</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>09:45</i>	<i>Sunny Steps</i>
<i>Wed 1st Nov</i>	<i>11:00</i>	<i>U3A Current Affairs</i>
	<i>19:30</i>	<i>WI</i>
<i>Sat 4th Nov</i>	<i>09:30 - 16:30</i>	<i>Saints Crafters Fair</i>
<i>Fri 10th Nov</i>	<i>10:00 - 17:00</i>	<i>St Ives Photographic Club Exhibition</i>
	<i>10:00</i>	<i>COPE</i>
<i>Sat 11th Nov</i>	<i>10:00 - 17:00</i>	<i>St Ives Photographic Club Exhibition</i>
	<i>13:30</i>	<i>U3A French</i>
<i>Wed 15th Nov</i>	<i>11:00</i>	<i>U3A Current Affairs</i>
	<i>19:30</i>	<i>St Ives Gardening Club</i>
<i>Fri 17th Nov</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>U3A Local History</i>
<i>Tue 21st Nov</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Alzheimer's Support Drop-In Café</i>
<i>Mon 27th Nov</i>	<i>13:30</i>	<i>U3A French</i>
<i>Wed 29th Nov</i>	<i>19:30</i>	<i>RSPB</i>
<i>Sat 2nd Dec</i>	<i>09:30 - 16:30</i>	<i>Saints Crafters Fair</i>
<i>Sun 3rd Dec</i>	<i>15:00</i>	<i>Hemingford Ladies' Choir Concert</i>
<i>Wed 6th Dec</i>	<i>11:00</i>	<i>U3A Current Affairs</i>

Be sure to bring your
Children
to the
Café-style



Christingle Service
at
The Free Church
Sunday 26th November
at 11:00am

Everyone Welcome!

From Mother Teresa (and Ephesians)

The fruit of **silence** is **prayer**;
The fruit of **prayer** is **faith**;
The fruit of **faith** is **love**;
the fruit of **love** is **service**.

Make Jesus the centre of your life, and with his help let your hearts be filled with thankfulness to God.

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through the Church Office**

Worship at The Free Church

Chapel Prayers:

**Daily at 10:00am
Monday to Saturday**

Sun 5th Nov	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 12th Nov	11:00	Joint Service with St Ives Methodist Church, on The Waits
Sun 12th Nov	18:00	Joint Reflective Service at Fenstanton URC Keith Cakebread (see Page 6)
Sun 19th Nov	11:00	Richard Lewney
Sun 26th Nov	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball Café-style: Christingle
Sun 3rd Dec	11:00	Revd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion



Worship at Fenstanton URC

Sun 5 th Nov	9:30	Revd Derek Newton
Sun 12 th Nov	9:30	Revd Dr Catherine Ball Remembrance Sunday at the Fenstanton Parish Church
Sun 12 th Nov	18:00	Joint Reflective Service Keith Cakebread (see Page 6)
Sun 19 th Nov	9:30	Revd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
Sun 26 th Nov	9:30	Keith Cakebread Advent Sunday
Sun 3 rd Dec	9:30	Revd Derek Newton