

## **And in the wider community we witness through**

- involvement in **Churches Together in St Ives** including joint activities in Lent, Holy Week, Pentecost & our presence in the “Church in the Market Place”
- outreach work in **local schools**, leading assemblies or welcoming the schools and uniformed organisations into our building
- our website which can be accessed world-wide and carries details of all our activities
- regular support for the work of **Christian Aid** and through the URC’s **Commitment for Life** scheme
- supporting the well known “Shoe Box” appeal through **Operation Christmas Child**
- playing a key part in supporting our local Foodbank and Credit Union
- leading worship at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and Broad Leas Court
- hosting Christmas Lunch for those living alone
- involvement in the wider work of the **URC** both locally and nationally.



## **Our Mission Statement**

*We see it as our mission to promote the Christian Gospel by*

- *providing for personal and public worship*
- *enriching the spiritual and cultural life of the community*
- *providing a welcoming environment for all ages*
- *responding to the needs of individuals and groups, especially the most vulnerable in society*
- *promoting issues of global peace and justice, fair trade and ecology.*

### **We are a Fairtrade Church**



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*We are an Eco Congregation—seeking to  
be environmentally friendly in all we do*

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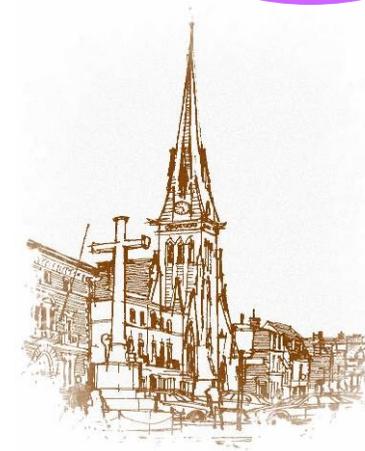
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**The Free Church  
(United Reformed)  
Saint Ives**



**Worship  
and  
Witness**

**Serving God  
Serving  
Community**



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## Worship...

**.....is at the heart of everything that we do.**

**Sunday morning worship takes place at 11am**, with Holy Communion being held on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Children are always welcome in worship and we have a staffed activity corner for young children.

Several times a year, usually on the 4th Sunday, café style worship is held which is suitable for all ages and is also dementia-friendly.

On the second Sunday of each month we join with our sister church in Fenstanton for a short reflective evening service at 6pm.

Bi-monthly we worship jointly with our Anglican friends in Houghton on a Sunday evening.

Special services are held on major festivals.



**Chapel Prayers are held daily at 10am, when we pray for those in need in our community and beyond.**

## Tookey's

Tookey's is our café which provides a welcoming environment for customers to enjoy a range of beverages, sandwiches, scones, and much more! Where possible the goods are fairly traded or locally sourced. On Mondays the larger hall is used and a wider menu is available.

Tookey's is staffed by a large band of volunteers supported by part-time managers and is open Mon—Friday 9:45—2 and Saturday 9:45—3:30.



## Just Sharing

Launched in 1992, Just Sharing sells a wide range of Fair Trade foods, gifts and accessories from around the world. It is a member of the British Association for Fair Trade shops. Just Sharing also sells a range of Christian goods and cards for all occasions.



Part-time managers are ably assisted by a regular group of volunteers.

Sale or return goods are often supplied to other churches and community groups.

**Tookey's and Just Sharing are integral parts of our Christian witness.**

## Within the church.....

our witness continues through a range of regular and occasional events.

**Tots and Carers** is a thriving group which meets on Wednesday mornings in term time (10—11:30) in the Hall to enjoy play, chat, crafts and Bible stories.

**Eco Group** meets regularly to raise awareness of ecological issues within the church and beyond. The Church has Eco Church status.

**Discussion groups** and study courses are run from time to time: see website and notice boards for details.

**Inspire** is our monthly magazine which is read by regular church goers and many others who use our building.

**Flower Festivals** are another way in which we highlight aspects of faith.



Further opportunities for fellowship are provided by the Bowls Club, Poetry Group, Fellowship Walks and other activities organised in parishes.

A wide variety of community groups use our rooms and we also host concerts and other cultural activities.

***The Free Church is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.***