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View from the Manse



Winter is upon us. It is certainly colder and wetter than it was last year. I don't doubt that unlike last year we will have some snow. Apparently, the nation's favourite Christmas carol is: *In the bleak mid-winter*. Most of us have memories of the Christmases of our childhood, when it was snowy and freezing cold, before global warming meant winter became damp and grey rather than freezing cold and icy. We may have pictures in our minds of our family sitting together in front of a real fireplace and gathering round a dining room table for a special Christmas dinner – our family used to have goose at Christmas. I remember my grandparents would arrive on Christmas eve bearing gifts and all sorts of seasonal treats that we would only have at that time of year. My Mum (who was Father Christmas in our house) would put a mandarin orange in the toe of our Christmas stockings and my Granddad always put in a silver dollar as well. Our decorations were pretty basic compared to the realistic artificial decorations and LED lights of today, but we loved the anticipation and the sparkle of a Christmas tree with baubles. I admit it is a sentimental and cosy remembrance of such a happy time.

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Christmas cards often depict such happy winter scenes with feet of snow and usually with a robin in a holly tree. We do tend to have nostalgic feelings about Christmas, yet is that such a bad thing? It is true we do not know the exact date that Jesus was born – scholars say that we are probably about four years out of date even with the year. And we do not know if Jesus was born in the winter in Palestine, yet there is something magical and alluring about the warmth of a cosy fire when all around you outside is cold and bleak.

There are some who consider our depiction of Christ's birth as unscientific and become cynical and dismissive of Christmas as a result - modern day Scrooges. The festival of Christmas in the Western world does have all sorts of sentimental and Victorian additions to the reality of the birth of the Son of God. However that does not take away from the miracle of the incarnation; that God would choose to come among us human beings and become vulnerable to the realities of mortal life, is a mystery that we cannot explain or fully comprehend, but may only take on faith as the most gracious, giving act of goodness and love.

If our Christmas customs and sentimental carols, and our family traditions help us begin to grasp the joy of new birth and the extraordinary event of God becoming human, then I for one, am happy to maintain them and to build upon them for our generation. There are more things in life than we can ever know – life is more than what we can see and know, and the seasons and celebrations of life help give meaning and hope.

Thinking of celebrations, it is appropriate to acknowledge endings and new beginnings. I would like to give thanks to those who over several years have contributed to the life of our congregation. As we enter a new Church year we give thanks to Gill Innes who served as Administrator, to Christine Macleod for her four-year term as Church Secretary, and to Geraldine Swain who coordinated our Porch Chapel prayers. We are glad that Jo Dyke has agreed to take over Chapel prayers and trust that we will have new people to fill the roles of Administrator and Church Secretary.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Love

Catherine

Peterborough Awarded Fairtrade Status

Peterborough has been awarded Fairtrade status for its commitment to Fairtrade principles, following an 8-year campaign.



Peterborough is now officially a Fairtrade City, after its 2011 resolution to actively promote Fairtrade to consumers, businesses and community groups in the area.

As part of the campaign, retailers have pledged to sell more than four Fairtrade products and eateries have committed to serving Fairtrade tea and coffee. The campaign also secured support from faith groups, schools and businesses throughout the city to promote the Fairtrade message in their working practices. The campaign has involved over 40 events spreading awareness of Fairtrade; this has included organising two primary school Fairtrade conferences. In 2014, Foncho, a Fairtrade banana grower from Colombia; visited the city to meet students at the primary school conference.

Fairtrade helps small-scale farmers ensure they earn decent incomes and have long-term contracts with companies. In addition, they earn the Fairtrade Premium, which they invest in vital business, social and environmental projects.

Towns, cities, boroughs, villages, islands, counties and zones can apply for the Fairtrade Town status and join the movement towards a fairer world trade system. An area that applies for Fairtrade status must meet five criteria:

Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and agrees to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee Fairtrade at its meetings and canteens.

At least four Fairtrade products can be purchased in the area's local shops and eateries.

Fairtrade is effectively promoted to local businesses and community organisations.

Attracting media coverage and popular support for the campaign.

A local Steering Group must be established to ensure continued commitment to its Fairtrade Town status.

The FAIRTRADE Mark independently certifies that products meet economic, social and environmental standards. As such, it is the most widely recognised ethical mark worldwide.

For more information about the FAIRTRADE Mark and how to apply for Fairtrade status, visit www.fairtrade.org.uk. Awareness of the FAIRTRADE Mark continues to be high at 93%.

PORCH CHAPEL PRAYERS

Dear Friends,

A few days ago, searching through my box file entitled URC [be both surprised and amazed - I am) - I came across a copy of a letter I had written to the prayer leaders. It was a year after I had taken over from our friend the late Pam Hoare who had co-ordinated Chapel Prayers for the previous "exemplary eight years". In it I am suggesting a meeting date. I presume it took place. I added "on a truly personal note - it is very pleasing indeed having the opportunity to speak to you all on a regular basis. Your hearts may sink a bit but it never shows!"



A later article connected to Vision 4 Life includes "...communal prayers precede the prayers of intercession which lie at the heart of the little service. The open public book has many requests. Today they concern a family from Bogata; people in hospital; people who are dying; a child who is to be baptised; requests for help in the faith; an expression of gratitude. In simple faith people we do not know and yet with whom we feel connected have entrusted us to pray for them, their families and friends. These requests are often expressed with emotional or spiritual anguish as well as joy. It is an awesome privilege and responsibility'. So, it remains today fifteen years on.

A further letter dated 2013 refers to those newly coming on the rota and those retiring from it. It includes "The warmest of thanks also to our dear Gill in the office. Faithfully she ensures the readings and prayers are available. At the same time, she keeps an eye on the Chapel - attends worship when she can and in extremis will lead it. She deals with my idiosyncrasies in the most patient and droll way", so has Gill continued up till Easter this year. "

My most recent correspondence to the prayer leaders was to let them know that the I was passing on the role of co-ordinator to Joey Dyke who will be responsible for the February /March prayers, readings and rota onwards. It has been a sweet task - not without its challenges of course, and together we have seen considerable changes. Yet the one most important constancy - that prayers continue to be led and said every single day, week after week, year after year. People we know and do not know entrust their prayer requests to us, as an act of faith and hope, and we in turn in faith and hope repeat them in our short daily service. To the prayer leaders, present, retired, with us in spirit, from other churches as well as our own I say thank you. I wanted to name everyone but realised inevitably I would omit someone. To avoid that calamity, I won't.

Simply then dear friends, thank you for your dedication, faithfulness, good humour, patience and kind helpfulness. Speaking with you over the phone regularly as well as seeing you has been a real pleasure and a significant part of my life. I cannot thank you enough.

To our dear Gill (Innes) who has just retired and whom I have been able to visit and with whom chapel prayers have been inextricably linked these past 15 years I cannot thank you enough. Gill has been entirely wonderful, so often giving her own time saying it was her contribution to the life of the church. When the format was changed into the now two monthly prayers and reading booklet, she devised the order of the pages into its now comprehensible and pleasing form. Over the years I have sought her advice and opinion. As deadlines and panic sometimes hovered she calmed me. She has continued to do droll and it is a wonderful gift. I have missed her greatly. She tells me she is pleased with what has been achieved and its present form and I am glad for that.

To Sarah involved with the design and now on maternity leave, and now to Tracey (Hipson), Joanne and now Gail, my warmest thanks for your huge help since Easter when Gill became ill. You have ensured continuity and been lovely with it. For myself it has been a huge privilege and I am grateful for it. So, I will of course remain on the rota. I shall await the call from the coordinator Joey.

With my love and thanks and kindest thoughts, and wishing you every blessing.

Gerry

From The Church Secretary

As I write we are about to turn to the new lectionary year, starting with Advent. Sometimes it is good to reflect on the year we will leave behind and the opportunities for the New. I have greatly enjoyed my time with you all as Church Secretary. At the outset, I did not realise that I would learn so much. We have been on a journey together. Our staff and volunteers along with the congregation have been immersed in all the varied events in the church calendar year as part of the witness of the church. I have also unexpectedly learned a lot about property and maintenance, keeping the church in a good state of repair. We hope that all who enter our premises feel the benefits of everyone's hard work that underpins our community engagement.



Living in harmony in a faith community can help our feelings of happiness. When we are happy our whole autonomic nervous system is working best, promoting health and well-being. No-one needs feel inadequate as we can support one another to get through the good times as well as the tough challenging times.

Change continues. We welcome Joey Dyke as our new prayer co-ordinator taking over from years of faithful service by Geraldine Swain. We also appreciate all the contribution that Gill Innes has made as Administrative Assistant and send her our warmest wishes on her retirement.

I have started my post-graduate Diploma at Glasgow University and look forward to completing this late in 2020. It is very intensive. However, as this is largely through the virtual classroom using the latest teaching methods and technology in clinical medicine and public health, I can still enjoy worshipping and being part of the life of the church as a non-serving elder. I also look forward to trips back to Glasgow. There is certainly lots for all of us to engage with at our local church, giving us such a wide variety of opportunities to use and develop our skills. Over my four years as church secretary I have been greatly impressed by everyone's level of engagement with the life and work of our church.

In this issue of Inspire you will find lots of events to experience the joy of Christmas and the hopes for the New Year. Our committees will continue to meet to underpin the smooth running of the church finances and property, and perhaps Synod will ask us to renew the vision for our church for the next 5 years. Thanks to all those who have already contributed to horizon scanning. We have a good base on which to develop our outreach and mission and can wait expectantly for God's loving intervention and grace in our own lives and in our church in this place.

Christine Macleod

Afternoon Tea - Sunday 10th November

Fifty friends and relatives joined in the Afternoon Tea put on by Pat, Linda, Helen and Sam and coordinated by Mavis. A lovely afternoon of chat accompanied a shared 'high' tea that included smoked salmon and cream cheese sandwiches, small savoury tarts, breaded chicken bites and sausage rolls. The afternoon was rounded off by songs by David Gardner.

The food was delicious, with a large platter of savouries followed by tiered cake stands of delicious homemade scones (with jam and cream), tea bread and cakes: lemon drizzle, chocolate and Victoria sponges.



Our table had to take some home for tomorrow's docket. We would like to say thank you very much for this enjoyable social event to Pat and her staff and to Mavis and John for providing the raffle and for coordinating the event. Pat's team were keen to raise funds for kitchen equipment in a tough financial year for the church. What a super way to do this! And well-supported by all who attended. Thank you very much and £375 was raised.





Westminster College

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As you read this article Advent will have been marked, the Christmas meal will have been eaten and the Christmas Tree will be looking the worse for wear and needing to be put outside. No I have not submitted the wrong article at the wrong time of year. I am talking about the cycle in the life of Westminster College. Whilst college life continues the nature of terms means that singing around the tree, present sharing, the final college services and the full Christmas meal take place in the first week of December before we wave the students off until January. This has been a strange thing to get used to in my time at Westminster. To reach the climax of "College Christmas" and then to have three weeks more to wait until "the Real Christmas". As a Christmas lover I rather like the extra Christmas meals and mince pies as well as the chance to get more use out of the seasonal jumper!!!!.



It is now over two years since I arrived at Westminster. The life of the college continues to evolve and our work for the denomination is varied, interesting and at times challenging, so a good mix. A recent event and an upcoming one shows the diversity of what we are doing. In November we held a day helping people to better understand dementia and to think about how our churches and their worship can be more dementia inclusive. This day sold out so quickly it is clear many of our churches are grappling with this issue. Then in January 2020 we begin a new initiative supporting lay pioneers who are trying to make connections to the cities, towns and villages they serve in ways that meet people where they are and then look to build new worshipping communities. I am excited to see how this develops over the coming years.

Above all else Westminster looks to be a place to come to for everybody in the URC. Whether to study, reflect, be creative or simply come and spend some time here. If individually or as a group you would like to come and have a look round and discover more of what we do just let me know and I would be delighted to welcome you and show you round. I can guarantee coffee and if you time it right possibly a free lunch as well.

See you all soon – *Peter Ball*

The Earth in Peterborough Cathedral



At the end of August Peterborough cathedral hosted the touring exhibition Gaia, an artwork by Luke Jerram.

The 7 metre diameter sphere featuring detailed NASA imagery of the earth's surface hung under the central tower of the cathedral. The effect is as if seeing the earth as it is from the moon, which has had a profound effect on many astronauts.

It was internally lit and rotated once every four minutes, so was best seen in the evening with very low lighting in the cathedral. Depending where you stood in the cathedral you got a very different perspective of our fragile but beautiful earth, (mats were provided if you wished to lie on the floor and gaze upwards). It was also quite an unusual experience to be guided up to the gallery level in the dark to view the earth from above and appreciate the magnificence of the cathedral.

Barbara Duffett

Church Activities

Mon	19:00	Bowls Club (not 14th Oct)
Wed	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers (not 18th or 25th Dec)

Luke 1: v 30—35

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.



Tapestry Singers

Present their annual
Christmas Concert
 An evening of Christmas music and
 readings
Monday, 16 December at 7:30pm
St Ives Free Church
 Free entry with a retiring collection for
 local charity Dan's Hope

The highlight of Tapestry's season is always their annual charity concert of Christmas readings and music. In recent years we have raised considerable funds for local charities such as the local branch of Dementia UK, Dreamdrops and the Lewin Stroke centre at Addenbrookes. Last year, we were delighted to raise £1000 for Epilepsy Action and this year, we are supporting the local charity Dan's Hope. Dan has Ullrich Congenital Muscular Dystrophy and his charity raise vital funds for research to fight this muscle wasting condition.

Community Activities

Mon	10:00	CRUSE
Tues	19:30	St Ives Photographic Club (not 24th or 31st Dec)
Wed	14:00	Senior Citizens Club (not 25th Dec)
Thu	09:30	Sunny Steps (not 26th Dec)
Sun 1st Dec	15:00	Hemingford Ladies Choir Concert
Wed 4th Dec	11:00	U3A Current Affairs
Thu 5th Dec	19:00	WI
Fri 6th Dec	19:30	Mayor's Charity Quiz
Sat 7th Dec	09:30 - 16:00	Saints Crafters crafts and gifts
Sat 7th Dec	19:00	St Ives Community Choir - Christmas No.1s concert
Sun 8th Dec	17:30	St Ives Rotary - Christmas Cracker Concert
Wed 11th Dec	19:00	Gardening Club
Thu 12th Dec	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
Sat 14th Dec	18:30	St Ives Choral Soc Christmas Concert
Mon 16th Dec	19:00	Tapestry Christmas Concert
Tue 17th Dec	10:00	Alzheimer's Drop-In Cafe
Wed 18th Dec	19:00	RSPB
Sat 11th Jan	19:00	COSI Concert
Wed 15th Jan	19:30	Gardening Club
Fri 17th Jan	19:30	St Ives Civic Society - The Civil War in the Fens
Tue 21st Jan	10:00	Alzheimers Support Drop-in Cafe
Tue 28th Jan	19:30	Photography Club
Wed 29th Jan	14:00	Senior Citizens Club
Wed 29th Jan	19:30	RSPB

Free Church Worship



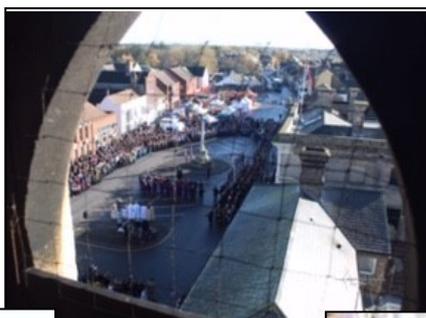
Chapel Prayers 10am Daily Mon—Sat

Sun 1st Dec	11:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 8th Dec	11:00	Worship: Revd Peter Ball
Sun 15th Dec	18:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Carols by Candlelight
Sun 22nd Dec	11:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Cafe-Style Christingle
Tue 24th Dec	18:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Family Service
Tue 24th Dec	23:30	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 29th Dec	11:00	Worship: led by the Elders
Sun 5th Jan	11:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball - Holy Communion
Sun 12th Jan	11:00	Worship: Revd Derek Newton
Sun 19th Jan	11:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 26th Jan	11:00	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball

Fenstanton Worship

Sun 1st Dec	9.30	Worship: Revd Derek Newton
Sun 8th Dec	9.30	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
Sun 15th Dec	9.30	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 22nd Dec	9.30	Worship: Keith Cakebread Carol Service
Wed 25th Dec	9.30	Christmas Day Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 29th Dec	9.30	Chris Baker
Sun 5th Jan	9.30	Worship: Revd Derek Newton
Sun 12th Jan	9.30	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
	18.00	Joint Service with St Ives - John Williams
Sun 19th Dec	9.30	Worship: Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Sun 26th Jan	9.30	Worship: Pauine Zahner

Remembrance Sunday Parade, St Ives



Arrow Prayers



One of the sustaining aspects of my Christian life is the use of "Arrow Prayers". What do I mean by this. When I was at College over fifty years ago now , we had a visiting minister speaker who came in to inspire us from years of experience in Ministry. Over all the passing years I well remember the way in which he imparted the use of Arrow Prayers to keep in touch with our Heavenly Father.

His first spiritual exercise of the day was to throw open his window, take a deep breath and pray the words of a well known hymn.. "Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew". As he shared his experience of an "arrow prayer " with which he would begin every day, I took this on board and it has remained a blessing to me over all these years, although I will confess to not always throwing open the window!! I still use it most days.

Another such sustaining prayer came to me a few years ago. I was due to preach at a small Methodist Church at Manea, in the Fenland District. I went on my own as Hazel was not too well and it was a very icy pre-Christmas date. The car began to slip and slide on the slippery roads and I found myself singing some words from the lovely carol, "Away in a Manger". And the line that came to mind has been with me often ever since. "Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay, close by me forever and love me I pray". Whenever I feel threatened in any way that is my instant "Arrow Prayer". There can be so many other thoughts you could turn to when you seek immediate access to Almighty God to help and encourage through all the changing scenes of life.

Just one or two other things come to mind. How often do you say Bless You to someone. As it says in Numbers ch.24. "those you Bless are blessed". Its so much more that a casual expression from a Christian, so know the power in such a brief couple of words. Or the oft misused "Oh,My God" when we cry out in this way it can be to one who hears us and loves us in such a way as to respond to us in His Amazing Grace and love. Create Your own "Arrow Prayers" and send them right into the heart of our loving Heavenly Father.

Derek Newton

**FENSTANTON
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CHEQUER STREET**

A CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

WITH

BURY AND RAMSEY BAND

**SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER
7-00PM**

Refreshments served afterwards



**FENSTANTON
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**A CAROL SERVICE WITH A
DIFFERENCE**

**SUNDAY DEC 22ND
3-00PM**



**DONATIONS TO EACH
East Anglia's Children's Hospice**

Pikpa SpudEve



On October 19th we organised a fundraiser. It was a tasty supper, a short first-hand account, with pictures, of a visit to Pikpa Refugee Camp on Lesbos, and a happy social get-together.

We were delighted by the enormous generosity, and the tremendous sum of £1,400 was raised.

A great team effort by family, neighbours and friends; uplifting in these rather dark times to know that so many people want to give in order to help others. It means such a lot to the extremely vulnerable refugees at Pikpa to know that they are not forgotten.

A million thanks to everyone involved, With love *Charlotte*

For more information, go to www.lesvosolidarity.org



A Fond Farewell to Our Office Administrator

As you may know Gill our office administrator for the last 23 years has retired.

Gill has always been the friendly face of the Free Church and knew all the workings and coming and goings of the organisations that use the building on a regular basis.

She was the “go to” person if there were any problems.

Where are the Christmas decorations? Where are the flower stands? Who uses the Warren room on the third Wednesday of the month? How do you re-set the lift? years of experience had made Gill a fount of knowledge.

We are sorry to see Gill go and thank her for her years of faithful service to the Church.

Enjoy your retirement Gill

Love from all your friends at the Free Church—we wish you well for the future

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From the Eco-Group

We all enjoy a celebration but this can create a lot of waste which can easily end up in landfill instead of being recycled. When we are tired it's quicker and easier to collect everything in a black sack and put it in a grey bin. Let's all try to make this a thing of the past.

All these things are recyclable:-

- Glass bottles and jars.
- Cans and tins. Buy beer cans in boxes to avoid 4-pack plastic rings which are not recyclable and dangerous to wildlife.
- Large biscuit and sweet tins.
- Juice cartons.
- Plastic drinks bottles, pots, tubs and trays.
- All cardboard, including sleeves from food packaging.
- Aluminium foil from cakes, foil food trays and clean baking foil.
- Aerosols.
- Bread bags, cling film and bubble wraps from gift packaging.
- Paper plates (not waxed), paper serviettes and paper table-cloths can only be recycled if they are not covered in grease and food. Crumbs can be shaken off so that they look clean.
- Paper cups up to no. 5 recycling label.



Crisp packets are NOT recyclable.

All the above items can go straight in your blue bin (NOT in a black sack) or, put in a CLEAR bag to go next to the blue bin for collection.

All food waste, including vegetable peelings, bones, plate scrapings, coffee grounds, tea leaves and any out of date foods can be put into the green bin.

This information is applicable to Huntingdonshire District, other places may vary.

Mavis



Christmas at Just Sharing

Christmas is a special time of year in Just Sharing and our staff and volunteers look forward to welcoming you. Our Fairtrade shop is decorated with lovely Christmas baubles, stars, nativities and lots more.

We have some delicious Christmas food, tasty jams, marmalades and chocolates. Also come and see our beautiful range of scarves, gifts and wooden toys and craft items.



New Deal for Climate Justice petition



'Over the next year, Christian Aid will be focusing on stopping this climate crisis. We'll continue to support people on the frontline to adapt the changing climate and call for a transformation of the economic system that drives both climate change and poverty. Keep an eye out for what's to come. But for now, you and your church can get behind the New Deal for Climate Justice by signing this petition.



From the indigenous communities whose homes have been destroyed by Amazon fires, to the farming communities in Malawi starving because of drought, the people Christian Aid works with are not facing a climate crisis. They're already living with it.

Those who have done the least to cause this crisis are now living and dying with its impacts. Our current economic system is broken. It's driving inequality, poverty and climate breakdown. But if we act now, we can build a better world, where everyone can flourish. It's time for a New Deal for Climate Justice.

Will you call for a New Deal for Climate Justice?

In 2020, the UK government will be hosting the UN climate talks, giving it the opportunity to be a champion for climate justice. But to be a real champion, it must take rapid action at home and globally. We want the UK Government to deliver a New Deal for Climate Justice. Specifically, we want the Government to:

- ◆ transfer its fair share of finance and technology to poor and climate-vulnerable countries
- ◆ stop fuelling fossil fuel expansion and support clean, renewable energy instead
- ◆ develop renewable energy without exploiting people or destroying the environment in the Global South
- ◆ curb the over-consumption that is driving climate breakdown
- ◆ invest in decarbonising the UK economy in a way that addresses economic and social inequalities.

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION ON THE TABLE AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS

The Free Church, St Ives
Advent & Christmas Services 2019



Sunday 15th Dec 2019 at 6 pm Readings and Carols by Candlelight
 Sunday 22nd Dec 2019 at 11 am Café Style Christingle Service
 Tuesday 24th Dec 2019 at 6 pm Christmas Eve All-age Service
 Tuesday 24th Dec 2019 at 11.30 pm Midnight Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
 Wednesday 25th Dec 2019 at 9.30 am Christmas morning service at Fenstanton URC

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 St Ives
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 Minister: Rev Dr Catherine Ball
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Café Worship for All Ages
 The Free Church, St Ives
 Sunday 22nd December 2019
 11am
 Minister: Revd Dr Catherine Ball



"Christingle"
 Refreshments, Craft, Worksheets,
 Slide Presentation, Worship songs,
 Interactive talk

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through the Church Office**

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



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 6th Dec 1pm -4pm
Saturday 7th Dec 10am- 4pm
Sunday 8th Dec 11am - 4pm

**DONATIONS AT THE DOOR
FOR
ARTHUR RANK HOSPICE /
CHURCH**



**The Minister and Elders wish you
a happy and peaceful Christmas**