



Inspire

The Newsletter of The Free Church (United Reformed) St Ives

Thoughts for the month ahead.

My tendency to “never do today what can be put off until tomorrow” has again caught me out and, having not asked Catherine to write a piece for this edition before she went on holiday, I’ve had to write something myself! Hopefully I will learn one day but then again, another saying immediately springs to mind about old dogs and new tricks!



On a recent visit to a garden centre, I found that preparations for Christmas were already in full swing, with festive songs playing and enticing displays of Christmas gifts and decorations. We sometimes groan at seeing Christmas appearing so early, but perhaps it’s understandable. As we get to November, we become more aware of the shortening days and of the cold and duller days, which the approaching winter months may bring. We all need good things to look forward to and hence we yearn for the light, love, warmth and fellowship of Christmas to cheer us on our way.

Towards the end of November we will click over into a new church year as we reach Advent and start our journey towards Christmas. We will again be reminded of the reason for that first Christmas and of the amazing and quite staggering love which God has for each of us.

In our lives, we will have good times and difficult times, laughter and tears, sunny days and dark storms. Our Christian faith tells us that God is with us in all that life throws at us - although it is of course in the darker days that we become most in need of the reassurance of God’s love shining in the darkness.

Pete D.

Thank You For Keeping In Touch!

As you will probably have seen, the final issue of *Keeping In Touch* has recently been published and the regular weekly emailed newsletter has now stopped. Many thanks again to Christine and Alan Curtis for producing these ever since the first lockdown started. Over the coming months, we will try to adapt and develop *Inspire* to fill some of the gaps these will leave behind.



Weekly Video Services on our Website.

It is great to see the numbers able to join us on Sunday mornings increasing again, but for those unable to attend, we are still adding a video service to our website each week. If you get a chance to take a look then that would be great...and it would be very encouraging for us to see an increase in the viewing figures!

<https://stivesfreechurch.org/worship/at-home/latest-devotionreflection/>

November 2021

Services this month

	THE FREE CHURCH ST IVES:
Sunday 7th	11:00 Holy Communion Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sunday 14th	Remembrance Sunday (no service in the Free Church this Sunday)
Sunday 21st	11:00 Morning Worship Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sunday 28th	11:00 Morning Worship Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball

	FENSTANTON URC:
Sunday 7th	09:30 Morning Worship
Sunday 14th	Remembrance Sunday 09:30 Holy Communion Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sunday 21st	09:30 Morning Worship Rev'd Dr Catherine Ball
Sunday 28th	09:30 Morning Worship

Church Meeting

Our next Church Meeting will be on Sunday 21st November after Worship.

Tots and Carers
baby and toddler group

£1 donation per family

Come and play!

Nursery rhymes

Healthy snacks

includes craft, video Bible story, large play, nursery rhymes

WEDNESDAYS 10 - 11.30am term time only

Reverend Dr Catherine Ball: 07714 081 930
Free Church Hall

TOOKEYS CAFÉ
is OPEN!



Home cooked hot meals, sandwiches and cakes

HOT and COLD drinks

9.45am - 2pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Come in and see our menu for daily specials

EAT IN or TAKE AWAY

St Ives Foodbank

We will be receiving 'Festive Treats' for the St Ives foodbank at our service on the 5th December. If you would like to bring along any donations of food or toiletries then that would be great!

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF JOY

70th BIRTHDAY CONCERT
TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021 at 1pm



Gila Margolin,
founder of The Little Sisters of Joy, a Foundation for Peace and Reconciliation

"I am delighted that I will give another concert in your special 'Upper Room' (the Centrum) just before my 70th birthday, playing a mx of Jewish music and 60s songs. Please join me in thanksgiving."

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET

NOVEMBER FAYRE

SATURDAY
20TH NOVEMBER
10.00am - 1.00pm

BOOKS AND PUZZLES

BRIC-A-BRAC

RAFFLE

GIFTS

CRAFTS ... and lots more!

Our Indoor Bowls Club

Now meeting again on Monday evenings in our hall.

Our Poetry Club

The next meeting of our Poetry Group is on Wednesday 24th November.

Support Just Sharing this Christmas!

We're delighted to report that our Christmas shop on 29th and 30th October was a great success. The shop looks amazing, with a wonderful selection of Christmas cards, advent calendars and candles, nativity scenes, Christmas decorations and gifts.

Highlights include limited edition Divine chocolate, recycled aluminium Highland cows, felt decorations and hangings from Nepal and our range of stunning colourful paper stars.

We look forward to seeing you!

December Edition

If you have anything that you would like us to include in the December edition of Inspire please email it to:-

Inspire.sifc@gmail.com

Deadline to receive content for the December issue is 24th November.

TOOKEYS CAFÉ
Monday Snack Bar



ALL DAY BREAKFASTS

BACON ROLLS AND MORE

9.30am - 1.30pm
Mondays

Plus our usual menu

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