



January 2024

The Monthly Newsletter of The Free Church (United Reformed)
St Ives and Fenstanton URC Church

Thoughts for January...



"Behold, I am making all things new" - for some reason this quote from Revelation came to mind when I thought about what I may write.

As some of you may remember me mentioning previously (maybe several times), I have long been a fan of a regular publication called 'Every Day with Jesus'.

Six times a year, a new booklet would drop through the letterbox with two months of daily bible readings and thought-provoking analysis. After around 60 years, the edition for November and December was the last to be produced. This could be a rather sad thing – but then again, the reason it has ceased to be printed is because the publishers (Waverly Abbey Resources) have invested in writing their own App.

No longer will there be the costs of printing and postage – the new app is available free of charge to anybody with a smartphone, tablet or computer. (They have in recent years, also made podcasts available, but now the new app contains both the written and spoken versions.)

This will be quite a leap of faith for Waverley Abbey – I understand that the new app has cost a large amount of money to develop, and some regular subscribers of the printed version may be unable/unwilling to move to the app. They must have decided that this was the best way to continue their ministry and to remain relevant and accessible now and in the future.

All churches and Christian organisations need to ensure that they remain relevant and accessible if they are to have a future. I do hope that in this new year, we will continue to demonstrate our willingness to change and grow – and maybe take a leap of faith or two as well!

A well-known quote in business circles is "It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory." The author of the quote seems uncertain (maybe Dr Edwards Deming), and it has been pointed out that this was intended to be an encouragement rather than a threat!

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

7th Jan	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
	Holy Communion
14th Jan	Christine Davies
21st Jan	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
28th Jan	Revd Dr Catherine Ball

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

7th Jan	Christine Davies
14th Jan	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
21st Jan	Chris Baker
28th Jan	Alison Jiggins

The Christian message is as amazing and as relevant now as it has ever been – how different this world would be if more leaders followed Jesus' teachings on compassion, forgiveness, tolerance and peace.

All of us have a part to play in helping to spread that message and we all need to be ready to embrace new ways of doing this.

Very best wishes for 2024.

Peter Davies



What's on in JANUARY



Mon - Sat	10:00 - 10:15	Chapel Prayers
Mon - Sat (not Thurs)	09:45 - 14:00	Tookeys Café
Mondays	09:30 - 13:45	Tookeys Snack Bar
	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
Wed (term time only)	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers group
Sundays	11:00	Worship
Thu 4th	11:45 - 12:45	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Tue 9th	12:30	Memorial Thanksgiving Service for Hazel Newton
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 10th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00	Walkeoke with Bobbi
Thu 11th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19.30 - 22.00	WI
Sat 13th	10:00 - 13:15	Diabetes Awareness Prevention
	19:00	COSI Winter Concert
Tue 16th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Café
Wed 17th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:30	HRAA Gardening Club

Thu 18th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	11:45 - 12:45	Baby Disco with Bobbi
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 19th	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	19:00 - 21:00	Civic Society open meeting
Sat 20th	10:00 - 12:00	Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action
Wed 24th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
Thu 25th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	11:45 - 12:45	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	14:30 - 15:30	St Ives Free Church Poetry Group
Fri 26th	13:00	COSI Lunchtime Concert
Mon 29th	19:30 - 21:00	Zumba with Juliet
Tue 30th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 31st	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:00	RSPB



Babs Moore took this wonderful photo in Scotland at Christmas



Winter Concert

**Saturday 13th January
@ 7.00pm
The Free Church St Ives**



Conductor - Chris Hiscock
Leader - Karen Hubbard



ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD OVERTURE
BY OFFENBACH

SUITE ALGERIENNE
BY SAINT SAENS

3RD SYMPHONY
BY SCHUBERT



**ADULTS £ 10 (UNDER 16s FREE)
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COSI's January concert is a concert of two halves. The half first features two works by French composers, the Orpheus in the Underworld Overture by Offenbach (which culminates in the famous and riotous Can Can), and Suite Algerienne by Saint-Saens a suite of four pieces depicting the arrival in Algiers by boat, a Moorish dance, the exoticism of an evening dream and a Military March. In contrast, the second half features the third symphony composed by the eighteen year old Schubert. Beautiful melodies and sensitive use of orchestral colours all framed within the symphonic form.

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CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 19th November

after worship

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**Sunday
21st January
after worship**