



WHAT'S ON

MARCH 2024

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

View from the Manse...



March is the season when I always remember my mother, whose birthday was 15th March.

We always included some daffodils with our gifts as we celebrated her special day. This year we celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 10th March and will include the lighting of a candle in memory of our mothers who have passed away into God's presence.

This year Easter is early in this month. It is a season right at the beginning of spring, with variable weather, but already we can see hints of warmer weather to come. It is a time of new life – the hyacinths and narcissus are out in bloom and birds and animals are beginning to look for mates. We're all familiar with the Easter Bunny who comes along on Easter Sunday and hides chocolate eggs, but what you might not know is that it has its roots in the Easter Hare. Seeing hares apparently boxing is behaviour you're most likely to witness in the month of March.

As well as enjoying chocolates and Easter eggs at Easter to celebrate new life in spring, as Christians, this is the time of year that we recall how Jesus sacrificially gave his life to bring salvation for the world.

You may still join us for our Lent course based on the film series of Jesus and his disciples called The Chosen on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 pm.

Then during Holy Week, the final week of the month, on Maundy Thursday we will have a service remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples at 7 pm at the Free Church. We have invited friends from the Methodist Church to join us. On Good Friday we have our ecumenical Walk of Witness starting at the Parish Church at 11 and a service in the market square in front of our church at 12 noon

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

3rd Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball and Stephanie Atkins
10th Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball and Stephanie Atkins Mothering Sunday Café Style
17th Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
23rd Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
24th Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball
28th Mar 7pm	Revd Dr Catherine Ball Maundy Thursday
31st Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball HC Easter Sunday

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

3rd Mar	Revd Christine Davies
10th Mar	Revd Christine Davies
17th Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball HC
24th Mar	Alison Jiggins
29th Mar	Revd Christine Davies
31st Mar	Revd Dr Catherine Ball HC Easter Sunday

with the Somersham Band and have soup and hot cross buns in our church afterwards. This leads us to the final day of the month which will be our Easter Sunday Service led by myself and Steph Atkins, our student minister this year.

We hope you will all be able to celebrate with us the new and eternal life in Christ we may have, through faith in our Lord Jesus.

Easter Blessings, Catherine



What's on in MARCH



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
Sat 2nd	09:30 - 15:30	Saints Crafters Craft Fair
Wed 6th	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	18:45 - 19:45	Walkeoke with Bobbi
	19:30 - 21:30	St Ives Youth Theatre Show
Thu 7th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	11:45 - 12:45	Disco Baby
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	14:30 - 16:00	Lent course
	19.30 - 22.00	WI
	19:30 - 21:30	St Ives Youth Theatre Show
Fri 8th	19:30 - 21:30	St Ives Youth Theatre Show
Sat 9th	10:00 - 13:15	Diabetes Prevention group
	19:30 - 21:30	St Ives Youth Theatre Show
Tue 12th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Café
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 13th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	18:45 - 19:45	Walkeoke with Bobbi

Thu 14th	09:15 - 13:15	Shirley's Coffee Shop in Tookeys
	11:45 - 12:45	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	14:30 - 16:00	Lent course
Fri 15th	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	19:00 - 21:00	Civic Society open meeting
Sat 16th	10:00 - 12:00	Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action
Mon 18th	20:00	Zumba with Juliet (an extra session!)
Tue 19th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Cafe
Wed 20th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	18:45 - 19:45	Walkeoke with Bobbi
	19:00	HRAA Gardening Club
Thu 21st	09:00 - 10:00	Pilates
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	11:45 - 12:45	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 22nd	13:00	COSI Lunchtime Concert
Sat 23rd	19:30	St Ives Choral Society Spring Concert
Mon 25th	19:30 - 21:00	Zumba with Juliet
Tue 26th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 27th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	18:45 - 19:45	Walkeoke with Bobbi
	19:00 - 21:00	RSPB
Thu 28th	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

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The COSI lunchtime recital in February starred Steph and Derek and was a huge success! Thank you to Mike O'Brien for these wonderful photos that truly capture the magic of the clarinet and piano.

The next COSI concert will be on **Friday 22nd March** at 1.00pm.

