

WHAT'S ON

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

Thoughts for the month...

Greetings for October!

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed my family and I to the pastorate these past few weeks. I am very much looking forward to shadowing Catherine this year, learning from each of you, and joining in with what God is doing in St Ives and Fenstanton.

As the Autumn weather becomes greyer, the colours and bounty of creation are coming to the fore. The red and gold trees and bushes near my house are filled with the fruits of season, and muddy dog walks are brightened by shouts of joy from my children as they scramble to find the best conkers hidden amongst the fallen leaves.

We read in the Bible that, after freeing the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, God promised to bring them into a fruitful land. Just as we have been enjoying our Harvest celebrations, we read in Exodus 23:19 that the choicest of the first fruits were brought to the temple to honour God. Indeed, the ancient Israelites valued fruit trees so highly that even in wartime it was forbidden to cut them down.

While each season of our lives can contain dark and gloomy days, God's faithful provision can always be found if we pause to look around. As the trees surrender their leaves to the wind, there may also be burdens or worries that we can release to God, trusting in the promise of new growth in the next season of our lives.

Every blessing,
Steph Atkins

Student Minister -
Westminster College Cambridge Living Ministry Programme

Welcome Steph!



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Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

1st Oct Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Holy Communion

8th Oct Revd Peter Ball

15th Oct Revd Dr Catherine Ball

22nd Oct Christine Davies

29th Oct Christine Macleod

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

1st Oct Christine Davies - Harvest
Festival at 11am
Harvest Praise at 3pm

8th Oct Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Holy Communion

15th Oct Revd Dr Catherine Ball

22nd Oct Gerry Swain

29th Oct Keith Cakebread



Lunchtime Concert series

Donations in aid of the Free Church, St Ives

Last Friday of each month at 1pm.
Here at the Free Church.

Our next Lunchtime Concert is on
Friday 27th October



What's on in

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Mon - Sat	10:00 - 10:15	Chapel Prayers
Mon - Sat (not Thurs)	09:45 - 14:00	Tookeys Café
Mondays	09:30 - 13:30	Tookeys Snack Bar
	19:00 - 21:00	Indoor Bowls
Wed (term time only)	10:00 - 11:30	Tots & Carers group
Thursdays	14:30 - 16:00	Migrant Welcome
Sundays	11:00	Worship
Tue 3rd	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 4th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	11:00 - 13:00	U3A Current Affairs
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	14:00 - 15:45	Diabetes Prevention Group
Thu 5th	09:15 - 13:30	Shirley's Coffee Shop in Tookeys
	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	19:00 - 21:00	WI
Fri 6th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Sat 7th	09:30 - 15:30	Saints Crafters
Sun 8th	14:00 - 17:00	COSI String Workshop
Tue 10th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 11th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies' Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	18:30 - 19:30	NEW! Walkeoke with Bobbi
Thu 12th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps

Fri 13th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
Sat 14th	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention
Sun 15th	15:00 - 16:00	Family Disco with Bobbi
Tue 17th	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Cafe
	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 18th	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 St Ives Gardening Club
Thu 19th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
Fri 20th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	10:00 - 12:00	U3A Local History
	19:00 - 21:00	Civic Society public meeting
Sat 21st	10:00 - 12:00	Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action
	10:00 - 12:45	Diabetes Prevention
Tue 24th	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club
Wed 25th	10:00 - 11:30	Hemingford Ladies Choir
	14:00 - 16:00	Senior Citizens Club
	19:00 - 21:00	RSPB
Thu 26th	09:45 - 10:45	Sunny Steps
	12:00 - 14:00	Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise)
	14:30	St Ives Free Church Poetry Group
Fri 27th	10:00 - 11:00	Disco Baby with Bobbi
	13:00	COSI Lunchtime Concert
Mon 30th	19:30 - 21:00	Zumba with Juliette
Tue 31st	19:00 - 21:00	St Ives Photographic Club

Knitted Bible Stories



What a great success our Knitted Bible Stories exhibition has been. Just under 700 people visited the exhibition and over £600 was raised for church funds.

Marjorie has asked us to pass on her thanks to the talented musicians for playing the piano; to those who helped set up and take down the exhibition; to those who helped publicise it and to Irene for her lovely poem about it which appears below.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Marjorie, and her daughter Heather, for all they did to make it possible and to make it such a success!



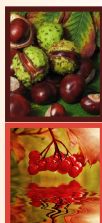
Thank you for all the great photos Babs!

We send out a weekly newsletter to help keep us in touch with what's going on. To start receiving this then please visit our website:

www.stivesfreechurch.org, click on the Newsletter link on the home page, enter your email address and click on the subscribe button.



A wonderful turn out for our Harvest café-style worship last Sunday (24th September).



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TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS...

Why not hold a coffee morning with your organisation in our café? **Tookeys can accommodate up to 20 people!**