

WHAT'S ON

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

Thoughts for the month ahead.

View from the Manse...



Happy Easter!!!

This year the month of April begins with Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday on the 2nd April, leading to Maundy Thursday in which we remember Jesus' last meal with his followers, Good Friday when we recall Jesus' crucifixion at the hands of the Romans and religious leaders of his day, but then Easter Sunday on the 9th when we celebrate his amazing resurrection to new life. After the six weeks of Lent, in which some of us followed a course looking at Jesus' prayers led by Joseph, our student minister, we celebrate Easter the great day God's love triumphed over sin and death! It is a special and holy day in which we acknowledge Jesus as king above all kings and Lord above all lords.

As a special day Easter is an opportunity for us as members of God's family to meet to share Holy Communion around the table of our Lord and, if we like, to celebrate with our own private family Sunday dinner with seasonal foods such as hot cross buns and Seminal cake and perhaps some chocolate Easter eggs! All through human history sharing a meal has always been seen as a way of celebrating an anniversary or birthday and the special bonds of fellowship, friendship and family. The table is the place for sharing and serving one another. Talking, sharing ideas, asking advice, passing on news, all take place round the table. I hope that you are able to make it a special day for yourself and the people you care about.

Then, each Sunday from Easter to Ascension Day we continue to sing songs of praises to honour Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. After the success of the Lent course we are planning to have a further five-week discussion group on Tuesday evenings starting on 19th April at 7 pm in Tookey's café. We plan to follow *'Christ and the Chocolaterie'*, a course by Hilary Brand based on the film *Chocolat*. It stars Juliette Binoche and Judi Dench and is two hours long so we will meet for the first day at 6 pm. We will start by watching the film on I hope you will come along.

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Love and blessings,

Catherine

APRIL 2023

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

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| 2nd Apr | Revd Dr Catherine Ball |
| | Holy Communion |
| 9th Apr | Revd Dr Catherine Ball |
| | Holy Communion |
| 16th Apr | Pete Davies |
| 23rd Apr | Revd Dr Catherine Ball |
| 30th Apr | Christine Davies |

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

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| 2nd Apr | Christine Davies |
| 9th Apr | Revd Dr Catherine Ball |
| | Holy Communion |
| 16th Apr | Alison Jiggins |
| 23rd Apr | Keith Cakebread |
| 30th Apr | Revd Dr Catherine Ball |

Our Weekly Newsletter

We send out a weekly newsletter to help keep us all in touch with what's going on.

If you would like 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.



What's on in

APRIL



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| Mon - Sat | 10:00 - 10:15 | Chapel Prayers |
| Mon - Sat (not Thu) | 09:45 - 14:00 | Tookeys Café |
| Mondays | 09:30 - 13:30 | Tookeys Snack Bar |
| Wednesdays (term time) | 10:00 - 11:30 | Tots & Carers baby group |
| Thursdays | 14:30 - 16:00 | Migrant Welcome Group |
| Sundays | 11:00 | Worship |
| Sat 1st | 09:30 - 15:30 | Saints Crafters |
| | 10:00 - 12:45 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| Mon 3rd | 10:30 - 12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | Indoor Bowls (last session till Sept) |
| Tue 4th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 5th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 11:00 - 13:00 | U3A Current Affairs |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| Thu 6th | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| | 19:30 - 22:00 | WI |
| Fri 7th | | Walk of Witness soup in the hall |
| Mon 10th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| Tue 11th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Civic Society meeting |
| Wed 12th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| Thu 13th | 09:15 - 13:30 | Shirley's Coffee Shop |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| | 19:00 | COSI Concert |
| Fri 14th | 10:00 - 11:00 | NEW! Disco Baby |
| Sat 15th | 10:00 - 12:00 | Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action |
| | 10:00 - 12:45 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| Mon 17th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| Tue 18th | 10:00 - 12:00 | Dementia Cafe |
| | 12:00 - 15:30 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 19th | 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 20th | 09:30 - 13:15 | Diabetes Prevention Group |
| | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| Fri 21st | 10:00 - 11:00 | Disco Baby |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | U3A Local History |
| | 18:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Civic Society open meeting |
| Mon 24th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Bereavement and Friendship Group |
| | 19:30 - 21:00 | Zumba with Jane |
| Tue 25th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club (last till Sep) |
| Wed 26th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | RSPB |
| Thu 27th | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| Fri 28th | 10:00 - 11:00 | Disco Baby |
| | 19:30 | Chapel Arts Classical Guitar Concert |
| Sat 29th | 10:00 - 12:45 | Diabetes Prevention Group |



PART-TIME EXPERIENCED COOK/CATERING MANAGER



VACANCY

A hands-on Cook/Manager is required to work in a busy kitchen, preparing home-cooked lunches and snacks at Tookeys Café in the Free Church.

Working Mon/Wed/Fri - may include extra hours for functions. Access to a vehicle would be advantageous.

You would be leading a small staff team of caterers, along with a team of volunteers. Good people skills are essential.

Call: **01480 468535** or email us at:



office@stivesfreechurch.org

for an Information Pack and Application Form.



EASTER BANK HOLIDAY SNACK BAR

Monday 10th April will be our next Bank Holiday snack bar. We require volunteers to help run the snack bar in the hall. If you can spare an hour or two on this date, please look out for the signing-on list which will be on the landing table. Alternatively phone me on: **01480 463117**. Thank you, Mavis

Contacts

For a fuller list of contact details, please visit the contacts page of our website

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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!