

Dates for your diary

March 2017

Sunday	5	10.30 a.m.	Worship Service: Rev'd Martin Cockerill Lead us not into temptation (Matthew 6:13)
		6.30 p.m.	Fast Food: Praying for the Persecuted Church (Ref: Richard Renouf)
Monday	6	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	7	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
		10.00 a.m.	Admin Meeting
		3.30 p.m./4.45p.m.	Jump & Heroes
Wednesday	8	10.00 a.m.	Little Steps
		1.30 p.m.	Tiny Toes
Thursday	9	9.30/12 noon	Create & Share: Free & Easy (Ref: Janet Jefferson)
		1.00/3.30 p.m.	Create & Share: Free & Easy (Ref: Janet Jefferson)
		8.00 p.m.	Stretchworks
Friday	10	12.15 p.m.	Call Inn
Sunday	12	10.30 a.m.	Communion & Dedication Service: Rev'd Martin Cockerill
		6.30 p.m.	Fast Food: Praying for the Persecuted Church (Ref: Richard Renouf)
Tuesday	14	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
		3.30 p.m./4.45p.m.	Jump & Heroes
Wednesday	15	10.00 a.m.	Little Steps
		1.30 p.m.	Tiny Toes
Thursday	16	8.00 p.m.	Stretchworks
Friday	17	12.15 p.m.	Call Inn
Sunday	19	10.30 a.m.	Worship Service: Rev'd Martin Cockerill But deliver us from evil (Matthew 6:13)
		6.30 p.m.	Fast Food: Praying for the Persecuted Church (Ref: Richard Renouf)
Monday	20	7.30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Tuesday	21	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
		3.30 p.m./4.45p.m.	Jump & Heroes
Wednesday	22	10.00 a.m.	Little Steps
		1.30 p.m.	Tiny Toes
Thursday	23	8.00 p.m.	Stretchworks

For further information about Great Shelford Free Church visit our website:
www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk
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 Office Hours: Tues 9—4.00 pm; Weds 9—1.00 pm; Thurs 9—1.00 pm
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Link

Sunday 5th March 2017

10.30 a.m. Worship Service

'Lead us not into temptation'

Speaker: Rev'd Martin Cockerill

**6.30 p.m. Fast Food:
Praying for the Persecuted Church**

Sunday 12th March 2017

10.30 a.m. Communion & Dedication Service

Speaker: Rev'd Martin Cockerill

**6.30 p.m. Fast Food:
Praying for the Persecuted Church**

The **Youth** group will be in the Loft. The **Kids' Club** meet in the church hall.
 A **Crèche** is available for children under 3 during the service.
 (A Child Protection policy is in operation.)

Following the service, if you would like to speak to someone or if you want someone to pray for/with you, then members of the **Prayer Team** (identified by a relevant badge) are on hand to help you.

Please join us for a drink of tea/coffee/juice after the service in the Hall
Boxes are available near each door for Tithes and Offerings

EBA Cambridgeshire Prayer Call : Barton Baptist Church

Change is difficult, both for individuals and for churches, yet change can also be exciting, with new opportunities and possibilities.

We are facing major changes to our leadership team. Brian West, who has been Elder in charge for the last 15 years, finished in his post at the end of 2016. He has been a faithful servant to the church and although he and Mary will remain as members, their leadership presence will be greatly missed. Our assistant minister, Ken Jones, is also retiring at the end of this month after five years with us. He and Brian have worked together as a team, which now leaves quite a gap for us to fill.

Please pray with us for the Lord's guidance at this time, that He may show us His plans for the future. We are actively involved within our community and hope and pray that this will continue as the future unfolds.

Worship Evening: Friday 24th March

The next Worship Evening will be held on Friday 24th March starting at 7.30 p.m. Everyone's welcome to attend. We are hoping to have a 'singing' workshop, but if that doesn't work out, we'll focus on learning a few new songs which can be used in our regular services.

For further information, contact Liz Jenkin/Charlotte Smith

Create & Share Workshop: Thursday 9th March

Over the next two workshops I'm offering four simple projects.

1. A lampshade for a wine glass and LED candle.
2. A fabric bag, suitable for an Easter egg or toiletries.
3. A handy pin cushion and thread catcher.
4. A patchwork hanging sachet minimum sewing required)

For details of quantities of fabric and haberdashery, please contact Janet Jefferson (see below).

The aim of Create & Share is to encourage everyone no matter what level one feels they are creatively. We all have a creative instinct inside us, but some feel more confident than others to 'create'!

We celebrate each other's achievements and encourage one another in all that we do as well as spending time chatting and enjoying each other's company.

There are two sessions: (9.30/12 noon & 1.00/3.30pm)
and you can decide which one to come to or even stay for the whole day.

Please feel free to bring friends, but let Janet know whether you wish to come for the morning, afternoon or the full day so that she has an idea of numbers for refreshments and resources.

For further information, contact Janet Jefferson (Tel: 01223 513471 or email janet@frenchfrogs.net)



Fundraising Sale

If you can help in anyway to make this a very successful event, there are 2-hour slots covering all the needs for the day so please sign-up on the list in the church lounge indicating what you can help with. NB—you can sign up for as many 2-hour slots as you wish!! **Items for sale can be placed on the balcony upstairs in the boxes provided.** Contact Jane Furlow for more information.

Inter-Church Lent Lunches

All the following lunches commence at 12 noon and finish approximately 1.30pm

Friday 10th March

Great Shelford Free Church

Friday 17th March

All Saints Church, Little Shelford

Friday 24th March

St Mary's Church, Great Shelford

Friday 31st March

St. Andrew's Church, Satpleford

Friday 7th April

Great Shelford Free Church

Communion

If you would like to receive communion, but can't make it to our regular monthly communion service, then Martin or one of the Elders would be willing to bring communion to your home.

If you would like to receive communion, please speak to Martin Cockerill.

Called to Preach ... ?

Do you feel called to preach? Would you like to explore if you have a gifting and calling? If so, Martin would love to talk with you, and test this calling. Martin is keen for the preaching and teaching to be shared amongst the church membership, and to give guidance and opportunity for people to explore this gifting.

Easter Week @ GSFC

Prayer Week 10/14 April

We believe that PRAYER is the engine-room of a fruitful church. Building upon the successful Prayer Week held in January, we would like to encourage everyone at GSFC to spare an hour during Easter Week to join others in prayer for the life and work of GSFC in the community as well as in the wider world in which we live. More details to follow in terms of how the week will be organised.

Maundy Thursday 13 April 7.30pm

There will be a very simple meal of bread, cheese and fruit at 7.30 followed by communion. Both will be held in the church hall. Please sign up on the relevant list in the lounge if you are planning to come so we have a rough idea of numbers.

Good Friday Service 14 April 11.00 am

There will be a Worship Service at 11.00 a.m. which will include communion.

Call Inn (lunch) at 12.15 p.m.

This will be followed by Please sign up on the relevant list as this helps with catering.

The lists are to help us gauge the quantities of food required. Even if you haven't signed up on the lists, please still feel free to come as you will be most welcome.

Further information, contact Jane Furlow

Lent Course 2017 @ GSFC

Fast Food

Get fed by the faith of the Persecuted Church
Sunday evenings during Lent 6.30 pm starting 5th March

Many of the things we might choose to give up for Lent are luxuries that Christians in other countries cannot enjoy. For many, being a Christian means hardship and persecution. What's it like to live in a country where being a Christian could cost you your life?

Each week we'll learn about the lives of our brothers and sisters in some of the most difficult places in the world. We'll taste their food. We'll learn how we can pray for them effectively and support them in practical ways. We will also be given a challenge each week to help us understand some of the hardships they face.

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