Dates for your diary

March 2017

Sunday	**26**	10.30 a.m.	Worship Service (Mothering Sunday): Rev'd Martin Cockerill
			For Yours is the Kingdom the power and the glory for ever. Amen
		6.30 p.m.	Fast Food: Praying for the Persecuted Church (Ref: Richard Renouf)
Monday	**27**	7.30 p.m.	Church Members' Meeting
Tuesday	**28**	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
		10.00 a.m.	Admin Meeting
		3.30 p.m./4.45p.m.	Jump & Heroes
Wednesday	**29**	10.00 a.m.	Little Steps
		1.30 p.m.	Tiny Toes
Thursday	**30**	8.00 p.m.	Stretchworks
Friday	**31**	12.15 p.m.	Call Inn

April 2017

Sunday	**2**	10.30 a.m.	Worship Service: (Martin Cockerill)
			How did Jesus love the world? Lessons from the Master.
		12 noon/3.00 p.m.	Kids Club helpers meeting & lunch (Ref: Diana Parr)
		6.30 p.m.	Fast Food: Praying for the Persecuted Church (Ref: Richard Renouf)
Tuesday	**4**	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
Friday	**7**	12.15 p.m.	Call Inn
Sunday	**9**	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday - Communion Service (David Baslington)
		6.30 p.m.	Fast Food: Praying for the Persecuted Church (Ref: Richard Renouf)
Monday	**10**	9.00 a.m./9.00 p.m.	Prayer Week @ GSFC
Tuesday	**11**	9.00 a.m./9.00 p.m.	Prayer Week @ GSFC
		10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
Wednesday	**12**	9.00 a.m./9.00 p.m.	Prayer Week @ GSFC
Thursday	**13**	9.00 a.m./9.00 p.m.	Prayer Week @ GSFC
		7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday - reflective service - communion
Friday	**14**	11.00 a.m.	Good Friday Worship Service - communion
		12.15 p.m.	Call Inn
Sunday	**16**	6.30 a.m.	Sunrise Service - Magogs
		7.15 a.m.	Breakfast at Johnson Hall, Stapleford
		10.30 a.m.	Easter Sunday - All-Age Service (Ref: Diana Parr/Martin Cockerill)
Tuesday	**18**	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot

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Sunday 26th March 2017

10.30 a.m. Worship Service (Mothering Sunday)

For Yours is the Kingdom the power and the glory for ever. Amen

Speaker: Rev'd Martin Cockerill

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

Sunday 2nd April 2017

10.30 a.m. Worship Service

'How did Jesus love the world? Lessons from the Master.'

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 : Waterbeach Baptist Church

The Christmas period was very encouraging as we were able to bring the message of Christ to quite a few people who are on the fringes of church life. Oh what a challenge, despite them being touched in significant ways, only the Holy Spirit can bring them safely into the hands of our Saviour for eternity.
We still need the prayers of God's people if they are to become disciples of Christ. Could we also ask you to pray for those who are in Christ and who worship with us, but are yet to be whole-heartedly committed to the responsibilities of Christian fellowship?
Recently, our Leadership has felt that God is looking to raise up intercessory prayer warriors in our midst and we eagerly await God moving in the hearts of us His people.
We praise God that He continues to make Himself real to us in our daily experience and we are persistently in faith for Him to bring revival to our land. *(Pastor Martin Ensell)*

Church Meeting: Monday 27th March @ 7.30 p.m.

Agendas and papers have been sent out by email, and are also available this morning in paper form in the church lounge.
Please try to attend if you can, as there will be exciting topics relating to the development of the church's ministry and the meeting will include times of prayer and discussion with which the leaders would like to involve as many members as possible.
If you are unable to come, but want to be involved, please feel free to speak to any of the Leadership Team afterwards for feedback. *(Lou Everard, Church Secretary)*

TEAR Fund: Mean Bean Chalenge

With the famine in Africa so desperate, the need for more funds for agencies like Tear Fund is acute at the moment.
Lou Everard is taking part in this year's Mean Bean Challenge to raise funds. This means that she will give up all food and drink except oats, beans, rice and water for 5 days from 27th - 31st March.
You can sponsor her online at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lous-mean-bean-challenge, or there are paper sponsorship forms in the lounge.

For further information, contact Lou Everard.

Lent Course 2017 @ GSFC

Fast Food

Get fed by the faith of the Persecuted Church

Sunday evenings during Lent at 6.30 p.m.

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. (*Based on materials provided by Open Doors. www.opendoorsuk.org)*

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.

The church will be open from 9.00am until 9.00pm Monday/Thursday culminating in the Good Friday celebration at 11.00am.

It is anticipated that all activities, except Coffee Pot & Call Inn, will not meet during the week of prayer.

A sheet of guidelines for the prayer time will be available to help people focus on various topics. **Please sign-up** on the relevant sheet for the one hour slots—you can sign-up for as many as you wish.

Maundy Thursday 13 April 7.30pm

There will be a light meal of bread, cheese and fruit which will be followed by Communion. Both will be held in the church hall.
Please sign-up on the list in the lounge which will make catering easier to judge.

Good Friday Service 14 April:11.00 am

There will be a Worship Service at 11.00 a.m. which will include communion.
This service will be the first one in the Spring/ Summer series.

Call Inn (lunch) 14 April: 12.15 p.m.

As this will be a two course meal we need to know numbers so we can plan well.
PLEASE sign-up on the list in the lounge by Monday 10th April.

Fundraising Sale

A huge thank you to those who helped, brought items to sell, and those who bought. Despite small number of visitors, the grand sum of £501 was raised which will be a significant donation to the charities supported by the sale. (Jane Furlow)

Inter-Church Lent Lunches

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

Friday 31st March
St. Andrew's Church, Stapleford
Friday 7th April
Great Shelford Free Church

Holiday Club Meeting

Wednesday 19th April 7.30pm

This will be the first planning meeting for the holiday club due to take place 29th August to 1st September (see below).
Anyone who is interested in being part of the holiday club team is welcome to join us.
There will be a sign up sheet available in the lounge from this Sunday for people to confirm their availability to help at the holiday club itself.
(Adding your name to the list does not necessarily commit you to attending the meeting).

Summer Holiday Club 'Adventure Cruise'

Tuesday 29th Aug – Friday 1st Sept

Yes …. I know …. it's still only March…. but it's good to plan ahead …. To get those wonderful creative thoughts going in one's mind ….. and **book** the dates into your diary …. now!!
The Holiday Club will take place during the mornings of each of the 4 days and we will need **lots** of helpers.

Friends International

Give thanks that there has been aa good response to the Housing Trust funding and pray for guidance to find the right site.

Give thanks that the funding for staff member Sofie has been good, therefore she should be able to work full-time.

Please pray ford 'Word Alive' and Cornwall Weeks, also for Cambridge International Outreach (C.I.O) team leaders.
For further information, contact Jean Chambers)