

Dates for your diary

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	9.30/10.30 a.m.	Admin Meeting
		10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
Wednesday	19	10.00 a.m.	Little Steps
		1.30 p.m.	Tiny Toes
		7.30 p.m.	Summer Holiday Club meeting (Ref: Diana Parr)
Thursday	20	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	21	12.15 p.m.	Call Inn
Sunday	23	10.30 a.m.	Worship Service (Rev'd Martin Cockerill) Sending out the twelve (Mark 6:6-13)
		3.30 p.m.	3T Bouncy Castle and Crafts: Ref: Diana Parr)

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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**

Sunday 9th April 2017

10.30 a.m. Communion Service (Palm Sunday)

Speaker: David Baslington

**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 : Easter

Easter brings thoughts of new life, springtime, of freshness, of the Resurrection. This is not only a day - not only a few weeks in the Church calendar - but, for Christians, a way of life. Many Christians have said we are an "Easter people." We are to carry the joys of Easter with us in every aspect of our lives.

God gives us the assurance of eternal life at Easter, and the Church is called to perpetuate this assurance, to extend the glory of Easter, rich in tradition and meaning every day.

Without belief in the Resurrection, the Christian faith has no basis, no foundation. Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians that "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (15:14). The crux of the matter is that Christ died for us; Christ rose from the dead; Christ is alive.

Hundreds saw the resurrected Lord; the four Gospel writers separately confirm this miracle through their recounting of the Resurrection story.

May we be truly "Easter People." [Richard Lewis: Regional Minister]

End of Year Reports: 2016/2017

I'm afraid it's that time of year again time to write the Annual Reports for the various activities which we have run as a church. These need to be submitted to Lou Everard no later than Sunday 16th April.

It would help if the reports are written in MSWord format if you have access to a computer, but handwritten is fine if not. MSWord documents can be emailed to Lou using the following email address: secretary@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk. If you need help, please contact Lou or Colin who'd be willing to do so.

Even though the AGM isn't until June, we need time to assemble the report for the Charity Commission from your reports earlier than this. The sooner you can submit your report to us, the easier it will be to make the deadline set by our meeting with the Independent Examiner in May.

(Lou Everard—Church Secretary; Colin Jefferson—Church Administrator)

Whole Life Worship: Reconnecting Sunday worship with everyday lives

Stopsley Baptist Church, Saturday 6th May: 10.00 a.m. / 4.00 p.m.

If you'd like to go this event, GSFC will fund your attendance and Liz Jenkin will make the booking. For further information, and to book your place at the event, **please contact Liz Jenkin by 6th April**. (Event website: <https://engageworship.org/events/whole-life-worship-saturdays-luton>)

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

A week to dwell with God, tarry a while with the King of kings.

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 important that people sign-up on the list in the church lounge so that we know when someone needs to be on-site to ensure the security of the building. Please sign-up on the relevant sheet for the one hour slots—you can sign-up for as many as you wish**

A programme booklet is available which also includes the prayer guidelines for each day. On Maundy Thursday, there will be liturgy available relevant to 'Maundy Thursday' for people to use to facilitate their time of prayer.

NOTE: all activities, except Coffee Pot & Call Inn, will not meet during the 'Week of Prayer'.

Outline Programme for Easter Week:

Monday 10th April:

'For Yours is the Kingdom for ever and ever'

(The evening session will be led by Rev'd Martin Cockerill)

Tuesday 11th April:

'For Yours is the Power for ever and ever'

(The evening session will be led by Diana Parr)

Wednesday 12th April:

'For Yours is the Glory for ever and ever'

(The evening session will be led by David Baslington)

Maundy Thursday 13 April 7.30pm:

There will be a light meal of bread, cheese and fruit which will be followed by Communion. **Please sign-up** on the list in the lounge

Good Friday Service 14 April: 11.00 am:

There will be a Communion Service at 11.00 a.m.

This service will be the first one in the Spring/Summer series.

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

A two course meal to be served in the church hall.

Easter Sunday 16 April:

6.30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Magogs

10.30 a.m. All-Age Service @ GSFC

