

Dates for your diary

April 2017

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)
Monday	24	7.30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Tuesday	25	10.00 a.m.	Coffee Pot
		3.30 p.m./4.45p.m.	Jump & Heroes
Wednesday	26	10.00 a.m.	Little Steps
		1.30 p.m.	Tiny Toes
Thursday	27	8.00 p.m.	Stretchworks

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Sunday 9th April 2017

10.30 a.m. Communion Service

Balaam and his donkey (Numbers 22:1-39)
'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching' (John 14:23)

Speaker: David Baslington

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

Sunday 16th April 2017

10.30 a.m. All-Age Service (Easter Sunday)

Leaders: Diana Parr & Rev'd Martin Cockerill

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

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)



Creative worship for all ages @ Tea Time Together

23rd April @ 3.30pm Bouncy Castle & Spring Crafts at GSFC

Fancy a 'spring in your step'? How about springing into action? Bring the whole family and enjoy a very sociable and friendly afternoon.

For this event to be a success, we will need several helpers for this to supervise the crafts and bouncy castle as well as take and show photographs, prepare and serve refreshments and chat to any families that come along. please contact Diana Parr (details below) asap.

This year we have changed the format of our 3T Family events to be only once per term, but to be bigger events which will include various crafts and 'messy' play activities as well as a bouncy castle and refreshments. Photographs taken during the morning will be shown at the end alongside a short gospel message.

These events are for Church families as well as a way of reaching out into the community to those who have links with us through other groups or no links as yet at all, and so become one of our main outreach events.

For more details, contact Diana Parr:

Email: childfam@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk;
or tel: 01223-842181(church office)

Create & Share: 20th April

9.30/12 noon & 1.00/3.30pm

*You can decide which one to come to
or even stay for the whole day.*

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.

Current projects are:

- Lampshade for a wine glass and LED candle.
- Fabric bag, suitable for an Easter egg or toiletries.
- Handy pin cushion and thread catcher.
- Patchwork hanging sachet (minimum sewing required)

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

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)

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.

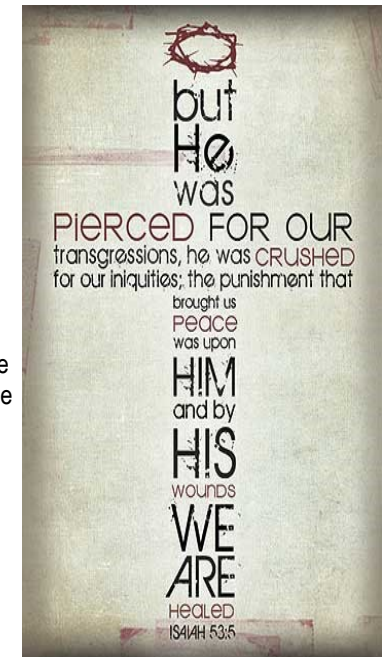
Good Friday - Call Inn (lunch) 14 April: 12.15 p.m.:

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



Mean Bean Challenge

Lou Everard would like to thank all who sponsored her. She has raised £534 (not including gift aid) for the work of Tear Fund. "Blessed are those who consider the poor and needy" Psalm 41:1.