



***Welcome to our whole church gathering today!***

We are Countess Free Church – a people following Jesus together here in the city of Ely.

Young, old, big or small ... its great to have you with us today.

***We are a church in mission across the city ...***

***We want to see Kingdom Life across the city***

### ***Coming up ...***

We are gathering weekly – each Sunday at 10.30am

There is also a time of prayer from 10am in the Quiet Room.

Sunday 17th December Rich Tea Community 3pm in the Hall

See the Christmas services below and take a flyer to invite friends and family.

Please note Sunday 31st December is a day to share Jesus with family and friends wherever you are. The building on Chapel Street will not be open.

Sunday 7th January Covenant Communion Service  
10.30am and Sanctuary at 6.45pm.

### ***Christmas events at Countess***

As we approach the season of Advent, take time to reflect on how God blesses people with his presence. How can we be a blessing to others in this Christmas season? Pray for a friend or neighbour and let them know you are praying for them.

Christmas services to invite friends along to:

**Sunday 24th 10.30am** Carols and Readings

**Sunday 24th 4.30pm** Crib service for all ages with Christmas nibbles and drinks to follow

**Monday 25th 10.15am** Christmas refreshments at church with a reflection for all ages 10.30-11.15am

### **New series - the book of Acts - from January 7th.**

Read the stories together as we explore how the early Christians navigated challenging situations and saw God powerfully at work in their lives. How do these experiences help us to face challenges in modern life and culture?

Join us to study:

### **Simple Courage in Challenging Times**

### **Calling all members**

Our church meeting **Wednesday 17th January at 7.45pm** is a key evening for us to gather and review the church profile which will go to potential new ministers. The draft profile will be shared in advance for reading and prayer, but we need agreement from enough members to take it forward. Please keep this date so that you can join in this important next step of our search for a new minister.

**Key Question:[OUT]** How do we act towards the world?

**Challenge:** Put spiritual resources into practical behaviour.

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Locally we actively support Ely Foodbank, Ely CAP Debt centre, Ely College Chaplaincy, Monday Cafe and much more!

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