



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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for all ages*

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## **Weekly news update 9 October 2020:**

Please pray for:

- Our church building for which we give thanks on this Dedication Sunday, and the beautifully refurbished chancel and organ
- The sick: including Lizzie St George
- RIP: Diane Bacon, Valerie Phipps and Zena Galbraith

### **Zoom Church this Sunday 10am**

Zoom Church is a new format of service that we're trying out this October. The first one is this Sunday, 11 October; you can join from 09:50 for the service to start at 10am. It's aimed especially at children and families: it's shorter, with fun and familiar songs, a Bible story and short reflection. A Zoom link will be sent out today to the Junior Church mailing list and the Youth Email mailing list. If you'd like to come but have not received the link, please email Linda. And see the attached poster for more of a taste of what Zoom Church will be like!

### **Harvest Gifts**

Many thanks to everyone who brought in donations of food for Wintercomfort last Sunday. They were delivered on Monday and were very gratefully received.

### **New church opening times**

Now that the builders have finished working in the chancel, the church will now be open at the following times: Mondays to Fridays 9.15am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm and Sundays 2.30-5pm.

### **The APCM and new PCC**

1. The postponed Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings were held on Monday 21 September when an amendment allowed Ian Nimmo Smith to stand again to ensure stability and continuity and Maggie Fernie was also elected as churchwarden. Deborah Bick was thanked for the spirit in which she carried out her duties as she stepped down.
2. The first PCC meeting was held on Tuesday 22 September when the officers were elected: Vice chair: Ian Nimmo-Smith (Nick is Chair), Patricia Abrey as PCC secretary (following Peter Hilken standing down but remaining on PCC) and Treasurer Michael Grande as before.
3. At its first meeting of 22 September our newly elected PCC met to consider, amend and approve the current risk assessments concerning COVID-19. The latest changes include the provision of music in church and the recent changes in government guidance permitting small choirs to sing. We also agreed the importance of communicating such substantial changes to the congregation so that everyone is clear what we are doing and why. Please click below to view the current risk assessments. <https://www.standrews-chesterton.org/2020/09/church-risk-assessments/>

*Patricia Abrey*



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**Next Sunday (18 October)** there will be an 8am Holy Communion service (BCP, livestreamed and in church, no need to book), an All-Age service at 10am (livestreamed only) and a Contemplative Communion service in church at 5.30pm (no need to book – just turn up!)