



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 23 September 2022

Harvest Service and donations, 2 October 10am: as we have done in previous years, we are collecting donations during our Harvest service for WinterComfort - a local organisation that provides practical help to those who are homeless in our city. If you would like to bring something to offer during the service, please see the list below for ideas of what we're looking for (we're particularly looking for treats this year - nice biscuits, chocolate bars, small cakes).

Pasta sauces/cooking sauces
Jam/peanut butter/chocolate spread/marmite
Tinned Veg
Salt & Pepper
Herbs and stock cubes
Ketchup/Brown Sauce/Mayo
Sugar
Tea/Coffee/squash/soft drinks/Long life milk
Coffee Mate
Drinking chocolate
Biscuits/Chocolate Bars
Cooking Oil
Fruit
Tuna/corn beef/tinned meat
Cereal
Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Deodorant

Harvest lunch, 2 October: In good old-fashioned harvest tradition, come and join in a bring-and-share lunch after the service in the Hall. Don't feel you have to bring food for 5000 - any contribution will be very welcome, and if you don't feel able to bring anything there will be enough to share and please do come along to join in what should be a festive time. No Morris dancers unfortunately! It will be lovely to have an opportunity to spend time together.

September Covid review: At the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 21st September we reviewed our Covid policy once more. It was felt people are generally more relaxed in wider society and that we should reflect that in church. Moving towards cooler weather it was decided that on days when the main doors cannot be left fully open, and especially when the heating is put back on, we would continue to open a pair of high (clerestory) windows during the main 10am services to provide some ventilation. It was also decided that the use of the collection plate during the offertory (hymn) should be reinstated at all services beginning on 2nd October. Communion will continue to be distributed by intinction or in one kind for those who prefer that, also by the one way system. At 8am and 5.30pm services numbers are lower and there has been less need for further precautions. It

is still an option to express concerns via a sidesperson at the time or to the churchwardens if you have any concerns about current arrangements.

Donations: Also at the PCC meeting, our Treasurer Michael Grande explained to the PCC that some generous donations had been made in response to the appeal to the congregation since giving is not matching expenditure and we face a potential substantial deficit this year. The Treasurer, the Churchwardens and the PCC wish to thank those who were able to respond and have generously provided some funds towards meeting this potential deficit, but would welcome any further responses. Thank you. Ian Nimmo Smith and Maggie Fernie, Churchwardens

This Sunday 25 September, 15th after Trinity

8.00am [Holy Communion](#) (BCP; live-streamed and in church)

10.00am [Parish Communion](#) (live-streamed and in church)

10.00am Junior Church Groups (in the Hall)

5.30pm Taize Service (in church only)

Monday 26 to Friday 30 September

- Every weekday: [Morning Prayer](#) at 8.30am. Online only.
- Monday Coffee Morning, 10.45am-12 noon in the Hall.

Next Sunday 2 October, 16th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP; live-streamed and in church)

10.00am Family Service for Harvest (live-streamed and in church), followed by Short Communion and a bring-and-share lunch in the Hall

5.30pm No evening service

Please pray for...

From the book of remembrance: Julia C. Waddington, Phyllis Vera Bain, Arthur Sainsbury, Nora Sainsbury, Averil Yvette Taylor

Evening Sunday Services: until the New Year, we have decided to pause most of our 5.30pm services - and offer just one evening service per month. This is due to recent low attendance, and because we are still in this last bit of our interregnum during which we are relying on volunteers to help us with our services. We're hoping that having just one 5.30pm service a month will provide us with a beautiful focus for our evening worship; this month (September), we will have a Taize service - a candlelit service of sung prayers, Bible readings, and silence - on 25 September, 5.30pm. Look out in the future weekly mailings and the next edition of the Chimes for upcoming evening service details.

Chris Pountain is currently organising the rota of clergy and laity to take part in all our services. If you have any comments or questions relating to this, then he would be happy to hear from you.

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St Andrew's News

Hannah's news: As you all know, I am not only your youth worker at St Andrew's - but also a full-time PhD student, with new College responsibilities beginning in October. This is a full and wonderful life: I

have so enjoyed being alongside you all at St Andrew's these past three years, even with all the ups and downs we've encountered together. Yet I've reached a point where I'm needing to look ahead to life beyond studying, and to recognise what is best not only for me but also for the contexts I work within - including St Andrew's. This has led me to decide that I will no longer be your youth worker from January 2023.

Although I'll be with you until Christmas, you'll see me around a lot less on October-November Sundays as my College responsibilities kick in - but during this time I will be in the Office on Fridays, at some youth groups, and my email inbox is always there. I'm looking forward to journeying through Advent with you in December! In the New Year I'll be taking some time away and then returning at the end of the University Term in March as a 'regular churchgoer'. St Andrew's is very much home to me and I look forward to being around for a few years to come (just not quite in the same way!).

@OurCofELike: for those on Twitter, go and give @OurCofELike a follow! It's an account which is hosted by a different person in the Church of England each week, shining a light on lots of different experiences within the wider church. Since Monday 19th September, Hannah has been hosting this account, tweeting about her various bits of work - everything from PhD life, to the joys of St Andrew's and Clare Chapel ministry, to watching Bake Off and growing cacti. Hannah will be hosting @OurCofELike until Sunday, after which someone else will be sharing what they get up to in the church.

Sunday Coffee Volunteers Needed: The social coffee time after Sunday service is valued by many. We would still like to have it weekly but we'll need more volunteers. Might you be willing to help? If you're not confident, we can match you up to assist someone who is. To sign up or ask questions, get in touch with Emily at emily.winslow.stark@gmail.com Thank you!

Vigil for Ukraine - Prayers for Peace: The weekly hour of prayer for Ukraine continues every Wednesday from 5.00 to 6.00 pm. Please drop in for as long as you wish.

The Chesterton Chimes contains more news from our church community, and is available [here](#).

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on Thursday 17th November, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing Excellent Women by Barbara Pym, which was first published in the year Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne. New and occasional members are most welcome.

Other News

Wintercomfort and CCHP's (Cambridge Churches Homeless Project) would love to invite you, your friends and colleagues to join us for an evening of fastest-finger-first, interactive quiz fun in support of vital homeless support services.

Whether you're a quiz lover or a complete trivia novice, we guarantee that you will LOVE The Showdown Quiz! Using interactive quiz machines complete with flashing answer options and following a multiple-choice format, it's fastest finger first and winner takes all in this crowd-pleasing experience.

Sign up as a team of up to 8 people or come along as an individual and join others on the night.

Tickets are just £15 per person which includes a delicious curry.

All proceeds from the event will be shared between the two charities making a direct impact on their work with some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Book your tickets here: [Wintercomfort and CCHP Quiz and Curry Night! Tickets, Wed 12 Oct 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)