

CHESTERTON CHIMES

News from St Andrew's Church, Chesterton
A thriving, open and welcoming church community
for all ages

Welcome...

...to December and January's edition of the Chesterton Chimes.

You can read all about St Andrew's support for the Crossways Milk Project (page 5); the naming of the new Equiano Bridge (page 6) as well as all the details of the Christmas activities we have planned for young and old!

The 'Thought for the Month' (written by Graham Stevenson) provides some thoughtful reflections on the season of Advent - see page 14.

For full details of all our Advent and Christmas services, see page 2.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas season as we remember and rejoice in our Saviour's birth.







What's On

December services

4 December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L) 10:00am Family Service followed by short

communion (C, L)

5:30pm No service

11 December, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L) 10:00am Parish Communion (C, L) 4:00pm Christingle Service (C)

18 December, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L) 10:00am All-Age Communion and Nativity (C, L) 5:30pm No service

19 December (Monday), Installation of The Revd Dr Philip Lockley, our new Vicar

7:00pm Installation service (C), followed by

light refreshments.

24 December (Saturday), Christmas Eve

6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols (C,L) 11:30pm Midnight Eucharist (C)

25 December (Sunday), Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L) 10:00am All-age Communion (C, L) 5:30pm No service

Dec/Jan: Weekdays

Morning Prayer (C, M)

08:30am Monday-Friday

Tuesday

10:30am Bible Study Group (Hall)*

*Contact John Reynolds for details



January services

1 January, Epiphany Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L) 10:00am All-Age Communion (C,L) 5:30pm No service

8 January, Baptism of Christ

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L)
10:00am Holy Communion (C, L)
10:00am Cafe Church in the Hall: Epiphany
special (for children 0-11)

TBC Epiphany Procession (C)

SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE 15
JANUARY ONWARDS WILL BE
COMMUNICATED VIA THE WEEKLY
NEWS IN THE NEW YEAR.







SEE THE WEBSITE,
STANDREWS-CHESTERTON.ORG
FOR LINKS TO THE SERVICES.

Z=ZOOM, M=MEET,
 L=LIVESTREAM,
C=IN CHURCH. H = HALL.

If you would like to receive Communion at your home, email Rachel (contact details on the back page). The possibility of home Communion will be subject to guidelines - but we would love to discuss it with you if you would like to receive.



READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: DECEMBER

Readings for 4 December Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

Monday 5 December 1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday 6 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12
Wednesday 7 1 Thessalonians 2.13-end
Thursday 8 1 Thessalonians 3
Friday 9 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12
Saturday 10 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

Readings for 11 December Isaiah 35.1-10, Pslam 146.4-10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

Monday 12 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Tuesday 13 1 Thessalonians 5.12-end Wednesday 14 2 Thessalonians 1 Thursday 15 2 Thessalonians 2 Friday 16 2 Thessalonians 3 Saturday 17 Jude

Readings for 18 December Isaiah 7.10-16, Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-end

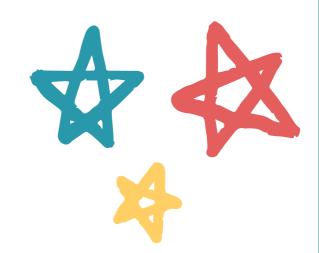
Monday 19 2 Peter 1.1-15 Tuesday 20 2 Peter 1.16-2.3 Wednesday 21 2 Peter 2.4-end Thursday 22 2 Peter 3 Friday 23 2 John Saturday 24 3 John

Readings for 25 December Isaiah 9.2-7, Pslam 96, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-15

Monday 26 Acts 6
Tuesday 27 1 John 2.1-11
John, Apostle and
Evangelist
Wednesday 28 Matthew 18.1-10
Thursday 29 John 1.1-18
Friday 30 John 1.19-28

Saturday 31

John 1.29-34







READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: JANUARY

Readings for 1 January Epiphany

Numbers 6.22-end, Psalm 8, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

Monday 2 January	John 1.35-42
Tuesday 3	John 1.43-end
Wednesday 4	John 2.1-12
Thursday 5	John 2.13-end
Friday 6	1 John 3
Saturday 7	1 John 4.7-end

Readings for 8 January

Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42.1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-end

Monday 9	1 John 5.6-9
Tuesday 10	1 Corinthians 1.18-end
Wednesday 11	1 Corinthians 2
Thursday 12	1 Corinthians 3
Friday 13	1 Corinthians 4
Saturday 14	1 Corinthians 5

Readings for 15 January Isaiah 49.1-7, Psalm 40.1-12, 1 Cortinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42

Monday 16	1 Coritnthians 6.1-11
Tuesday 17	1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Wednesday 18	1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thursday 19	1 Cortinthians 7.25-end
Friday 20	1 Corinthians 8
Saturday 21	1 Corinthians 9.1-14

Readings for 22 January Isaiah 9.1-4, Psalm 27.1,4-12, 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12-23

Monday 23	1 Corinthians 9.15-end
Tuesday 24	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Wednesday 25	Philippians 3.1-14
Thursday 26	1 Corinthians 11.2-16
Friday 27	1 Corinthians 11.17-end
Saturday 28	1 Corinthians 11.17-end

Readings for 29 January 1 Kings 17.8-16, Psalm 36.5-10, 1 Corinthians 1.18-end, John 2.1-11

Monday 30	1 Corinthians 12.12-end
Tuesday 31	1 Corinthians 13
Wednesday 1 Feb	1 Corinthians 14.1-19
Thursday 2	Romans 12.1-5
Friday 3	1 Corinthians 16.1-9
Saturday 4	1 Corinthians 16.10-end



The Churchwardens of the Parish of St Andrew, Chesterton, Cambridge warmly invite you to



the Institution and Induction
of
The Reverend Dr Philip Jonathan Lockley
as Vicar of the Parish
by the Right Reverend Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely
on Monday December 19th 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

followed by refreshments in St Andrew's Hall

Visiting clergy are invited to robe (choir dress) and process.

Robing will take place in St Andrew's Hall, 97 St Andrew's Road, CB4 1DH, from 6.30 p.m.

There is parking at St Andrew's Hall, in St Andrew's Road,
and in Church Street, near the church.

RSVP to: admin@standrews-chesterton.org by December 8th

We're looking forward to welcoming Philip, Ruth, Jonathan and Sam to St Andrew's and to Chesterton. Join us for Philip's Institution and Induction service on 19 December, followed by refreshments (see RSVP information above).

Please continue to pray for Philip and his family as they move home and settle into a new city, for the church community they're leaving, and for our community at St Andrew's as we head into the New Year together.







NEWS AND MESSAGES: CROSSWAYS MILK PROJECT NOV 2022 - MARCH 2023





By Patricia Abrey

St Andrews Parochial Church Council (PCC) had identified one of their objectives in 2021 as being a Mission and Giving challenge: to rethink how we might address the widening gulf between rich and poor. We were very conscious of Cambridge being deemed one of the most unequal cities. I recall my ears pricking up at a Deanery Synod meeting in July this year, when a speaker included a reference to a pop-up homeless hostel which had run during last winter at **Crossways**, 176 Chesterton Road, within St Andrews parish. Why did we not know about it?

Crossways is a 20 bed property at the junction of Chesterton Road with Elizabeth Way and from 1st November to 31st March the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project (CCHP) provides 24 hour emergency accommodation for people who would otherwise have no shelter. It is a partnership effort, led by ITAC (It Takes a City) with lots of other organisations like Jimmys and Winter Comfort. CCHP make a vital contribution by providing evening meals and also daytime volunteers at weekends and overnight: the role of the churches and the volunteers is vital to the smooth, safe, affordable running of the project.

As a community and as a congregation, we were asked if we could come together to fund, buy and deliver milk throughout the winter as the milk demand (at the hostel) is high and continuous. I am pleased to say support has poured in from the generous St Andrew's members. There's been help from Michael Grande, our Treasurer, in identifying where Gift Aid can be claimed, thus increasing the value of the pledged amounts for the project. Rachel is paying the invoices the Spar (who deliver the milk) send over to her. I have a WhatsApp group whereby the people running the project and staff at the premises let me know when the milk supply needs to be increased and its running like clockwork. So far the daily order has reached 8 litres with about 17 residents.

Some of the most vulnerable of our local community, who have no access to public funds, are being housed, nourished and having pastoral needs met.

Donations can still be made, as soon as you are able, to: "Chesterton St Andrews PCC" Sort Code: 20-17-35 Account no: 80263524 using the reference: MILK. If you want to register as a volunteer then look at https://www.cchp.org.uk/ or complete this form.

Thank you for the support so many people have given this project which is so appreciated by the organisers, staff at Crossways and the clients staying there.



A fond farewell to Hannah Fytche as she changes role within St Andrew's Church

The New Year marks a new season for our current youth worker, Hannah, as she moves on from working at St

Andrew's after Christmas to focus on her Phd work and other commitments.

Hannah came to us in September 2019 as part of the Ministry Experience scheme, which saw her placed with us for a year and working alongside Nick - our then incumbent - and various groups and teams within parish life. Hannah soon established herself as a fun, faithful and friendly part of our church family and we were thrilled when she accepted the offer to stay on after her year to continue working with our young people's groups, and she has been with us ever since.

Hannah was thrown into the deep end early on in her time with us having to navigate lockdown in early 2020 and the move to Zoom Church, online Morning Prayer meetings and online Youth Groups. She was instrumental in setting up cafe zoom church, and went above and beyond to establish and continue safe spaces for people to meet virtually throughout the pandemic - no small task, and all done with her usual skill, creativity and calmness.

Our children, young people and their families especially value Hannah's creativity, gentleness, fun and steadiness - providing much needed stability and connection over what has been a very tumultuous few years. And the broader church family have really valued Hannah's presence, leadership, hard work and wisdom during our interregnum, again all handled with her usual calm organisation, warmth and skill.

We are delighted that Hannah will stay part of our church family and remain a member of our congregation, so we shall still see her about. And we release her to new projects in the new year with a mix of great pride, affection and a little sadness - but most of all gratitude for all she has been and done for us. Hannah, you are much loved - thank you and we wish you every success for your next adventures.

Equiano Bridge

The pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Cam have officially been renamed after a local man who was a leader in the anti-slavery movement. Riverside Bridge will now be known as **Equiano Bridge** to commemorate Olaudah Equiano, the well-known abolitionist.

Olaudah Equiano (1745-1797) was enslaved as a child and purchased his freedom as an adult. He married and settled his family in Cambridgeshire. One of his daughters, Anna Maria Vassa, is commemorated by a plaque at St Andrew's Church.

St Andrew's honours this connection yearly as custodians of her memorial and the Equiano association thereby rooted, is linked on both sides of the river. The bridge's former name was officially 'Riverside', or more informally 'Tesco', now it celebrates Equiano and his tireless campaigning and advocacy for the abolition of slavery and the trade in human captives from Africa.

The renaming event on October 31 was attended by representatives from community groups Circles of Change and the Cambridge African Network, as well as by members of Cambridgeshire County Council.

More than 200 people gathered to see a new name plaque and information board being unveiled by schoolchildren from St Laurence's Primary School, along with the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Dr Nik Johnson.

The spire of St Andrew's was clearly visible through the branches of the trees on Logan's Meadow and a special peal was rung on the church bells to celebrate the occasion.

There is a video made by James Murray White of the event here.





Written by Ian Nimmo-Smith



Azul Wasi News

We have lots of news to share with you from Azul Wasi which you can read here* in the latest Autumn 2022 Newsletter.

You'll find news about the Sports Day and a Careers Fair that LAFF (Latin American Foundation for the Future) organised, letters from the boys themselves, the new study space for the older boys, and a short video that takes you straight to Azul Wasi.

We also outline the change in the amount we are now sending to Azul Wasi towards the food costs.

If you would like to sign up to the mailing list to receive the twice-yearly Newsletter by email, or would like to make a donation, you can do this via the church website (standrews-chesterton.org/church-life/mission-and-giving/azul-wasi/).

Chris and Mary Pountain azulwasista@gmail.com









Junior Church News: 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given'

We have enjoyed working through the stories of Moses this term, both in cafe church and junior church groups in the hall, and it has been wonderful to see our visiting preachers engaging with the children during family services and all-age communions in church too. The excitement is mounting as Christmas approaches and we mark advent on 27th November. Our Christingle Service and Nativity procession are always very special: do come along to help us prepare Christingles on Saturday 10th and to light them as dusk falls on Sunday 11th. And on Sunday 18th, make sure that you come dressed - or ready to dress - as your favourite nativity character to take part in the nativity story and procession that come at the end of the morning service.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Jonathan and Sam Lockley to our Junior Church this December as they move into the Vicarage with their Mum and Dad. And there will be more of the Christmas season to celebrate into January as we will be holding a special 'Epiphany' cafe church on 8th January. Keep an eye on the mail outs for more details or email the Junior Church Co-ordinator on julia.eisen@standrews-chesterton.org

As we welcome the Lockleys, we say goodbye to Hannah, for the time being at least, and acknowledge the huge contribution she has made to the life of St Andrew's, to many of our lives as individuals, and to the life of our Junior Church. Here we think particularly of her innovative pandemic 'Zoom church' that drew together a community of parents, children, teenagers - indeed anybody who wanted to be there - in unpressured, fun and creative worship. Out of this online meeting place has grown our vibrant in-person 'cafe church', and we look forward to seeing how this will develop further in the future - and to welcoming Hannah back someday as a participant!



Happy Christmas!







When: Saturday 10th December 10.30 am

Where: In The Church

Help! We have 100 Oranges that need to become Christingles!

All welcome!

We will also be... DECORATING THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE!

Refreshments will be provided!

The Christingle Service is on Sunday 11th December at 4pm

Please come, it's in aid of the Children's Society

Christingle Service: 11 December, 4pm

See page 13 for full details of Christmas services.



Community Carols in the Churchyard

Thursday 22 December, 6.30pm in the St Andrew's Churchyard.

Come & sing your favourite carols with members of CSD Brass followed by Christmas refreshments.

Free entry, bucket collection all proceeds after expenses to Wintercomfort (don't forget to bring a torch or lantern).

Organised by St Andrew's Church and Hall on behalf of all in Chesterton.



CHURCH AND COVID SAFETY

The PCC continues to monitor our response to Covid. Given the number of positive cases in the community, including some in our church community, we'd like to remind people to take a test or not come to church inperson if you are displaying Covid symptoms. Our 8am and 10am church services are live-streamed, so if you are unwell you can still come along!

If you do come to church in-person please be aware that, as in most places, the decision to wear a mask is personal: it is up to you whether you wear a mask or not. There is space to sit at a distance from others at church services if this is what you would prefer.

Communion

Communion will continue to be administered in both kinds by the celebrant dipping the wafer in the wine (also called intinction) before giving it to each person.

Contact churchwardens Ian and Maggie if you have questions or thoughts regarding our current Covid response. All contact details on the back page.

If you have any questions or thoughts, do contact the churchwardens Ian and Maggie (contact details on the back page).



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Advent & Christmas



Christingle Service

Sunday 11 December, 4pm

Nativity Service -

Sunday 18 December, 10am

Community Carols

Thursday 22 December, 6.30pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, 6:30pm

Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Eve, 11:30pm

All-Age Communion

Christmas Day, 10am

A classic Christingle service: with songs, a Christingle made ready for you, and a special way to hear about God's love for the whole world at Christmas.

you are welcome to come dressed as your favourite Nativity character for this service - a shepherd, a king, an angel_or even a came!?!

Our Nine Lessons and Carols and the Midnight Eucharist are peaceful, traditional services that you can relax into as we tell the beautiful news of Christmas.

Come and CELEBRATE!

It's Christmas Day: get
your sparkliest
Christmas jumper on,
your festive cheer
ready, and we'll joyfully
ring in Christmas
together!

Find more details at standrews-chesterton.org

Cambridge Concert Orchestra



Saturday 10 December 2022, 4pm

A concert to

Celebrate 100 Years of the BBC!
The Atrium Theatre, Chesterton

Community College, Gilbert Road, Cambridge CB4 3NY

Box Office: http://cco.org.uk





OPEN FOR PRAYER & VISITING

Monday-Sunday: 9am - 5pm





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The Chesterton Chimes will now be released once every two months. The next edition will be for February 2023 and March 2023: if you have church news or messages that you would like to include, send them to Pip Tofaris by 18 February (email pip rodgers20@hotmail.com).

Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY GRAHAM STEVENSON

On Christmas Eve 1865, the year that saw the end of the American Civil War which left around three quarters of a million dead, Philips Brooks, an American priest and renowned preacher, rode on horseback from Jerusalem to the hills outside the small town of Bethlehem. This pilgrimage was the inspiration for his carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem, which includes the line, "yet in those dark streets shineth, the everlasting light, the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

Advent is a time for hopeful expectation. With a terrifying encounter with the angel Gabriel, a young woman was told that she would carry a child, the Son of God. In Advent we look back and re-live something of Mary, and her peoples', hopeful expectation of the coming of the Messiah, the first coming of Jesus. Advent also reminds us that the Christian account of history is narrative. History is the story of God which ends with the full realisation of universal justice and peace. In Advent, we also look forwards, looking to the future and the second coming of Jesus with hopeful expectation.

What does it mean to face the future with hope? When we look to the future, we might be inclined to see not the hopes but the fears of all the years. What does it mean for this generation to be formed in the context of a Global Pandemic, or at a time of climate emergency? Surely such a backdrop contributes to the feelings of anxiety which seem so rife?

The Christian story teaches us to face the future with hope rather than fear. It is the hope which comes from recognising 'Jesus our Emmanuel'. Emmanuel: God is with us. Through all the challenges and troubles that we face, God is with us and for us.

This hope is not like that of the character Dr Pangloss, in Voltaire's Candide, who naively went about saying that "all is for the best, in this best of all possible worlds". It is not a delusional hope that expects that somehow everything will work out fine in our lifetimes. Nor is Christian hope the hope of an escape from the troubles of this world, as if the 'ship of faith' was an ark to hunker down in while the storms pass.

The Advent hope is the promise of the future which provides a vision for the present. That ultimately all will be put right, shows us that things need not be as they are now. Advent hope motivates us into action. And we act not alone but know that God is with us, empowering us, together as his people, to work out his will for the fulfilment of all hope.

Into the darkness of the fears of this world, a light has shone. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. The light of God-made-flesh and the promise of the fullness of light is hope for our world.

Whether in small or big ways, we are called to be people of hope. As the church, together we receive, and are lit by, the light of Christ so that we can be light in the darkness and a sign of the hope of the glorious shining future of the second Advent.

So, may we all be motivated by Advent's hopeful vision of the future, that we might act together as those who share light in the present.

Amen.

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