



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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## **Weekly News Update, 23 & 30 December 2022**

A very happy Christmas to everyone!

We have extra cause to celebrate this year, following the installation of our new vicar, Philip, on Monday 19th. We look forward to Philip leading our Christmas services and we wish the Lockley family a very happy first Christmas in their new home.

**Funds for Wintercomfort:** We have heard from Wintercomfort that £1,232 was raised at the Community Carols on Thursday evening. This includes around £230 generously donated by High Wired from their Christmas Show in St Andrew's Hall on Tuesday. Wintercomfort send very grateful thanks to everyone involved. These funds will make a significant difference to many people.

**A message from Hannah:** Dear friends at St Andrew's: thank you for your thoughtfulness, care and generosity at my last Sunday as your Youth Worker - and indeed over these last three and a half years that I've been with you. I was blown away by your words of thanks and your gifts - and by your blessing as I step into PhD research, College Chapel life and the discernment process once more. You have trusted me with your stories, with youth work and with leading worship, and you have both taught me much and been so gracious to me as I've learned new things and grown in confidence. It has been a privilege and a joy, and I'll always remember and be grateful that I weathered the ups and downs of the last few years with you (and a particular shout-out to our young people: our youth groups have been such a blessing and highlight - a real bright spot through everything that's happened over these past few years!).

I'm looking forward to being back with you 'in the pews' in the coming months, after a little time away - keep in touch, and also know that you're always welcome to come and visit Clare Chapel, where I'll be during Uni term times (service details can be found [here](#) in January).

Finally - a note on the gorgeous kingfisher print you gave me. As I said on Sunday, this painting is my favourite! & I might have mentioned to a few of you that kingfishers have been a kind of symbol and prayer for me over the past few years. I used to live above Clare College bridge, where kingfishers live - and, as I was starting to think through where I might find my place in the life of the church and church ministry, I'd go down to the bridge to pray about it and I'd always see kingfishers. I also started spotting kingfishers in poems - like [this beautiful Hopkins one](#), about Christ calling us to be ourselves; and indeed the two that you chose to include in my card, 'Disclosure' by Ann Lewin, and the stunning quotation from T.S. Eliot's 'Four Quartets' about 'the still point of the turning of the world'. In short, this is to say that your gift to me of this print and these words is a thread in a larger tapestry of prayer, faith and calling, of which you at St Andrew's are a part - and in which, as I go, I want to encourage you, as you step into all that Christ has prepared ahead of you in 2023 and beyond. With love and prayer, Hannah

**Janet Atkin's funeral** will take place at St Andrew's on Monday 9 January at 2.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**A message from Cambridge Regional College's Welfare Department:** "A huge thank you to all who generously donated to both the students in need of clothes and toiletries and Looked After Children/Care Leaver presents request. The response was overwhelming and heart-warming. The donations have enabled CRC to provide students with clothes and toiletries as they begin to live independently. We have also started to hand out the LAC/CL gift bags this week. All students have been extremely grateful and loved their presents."

### **Saturday 24 December, Christmas Eve**

6.30 pm: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (in church only)

11.30 pm: Midnight Eucharist (in church only)

### **Sunday 25 December, Christmas Day**

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

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

5.30 pm No service

### **Monday 26 to Saturday 31 December**

There will be no weekday [Morning Prayer](#) from 26-30 December.

### **Next Sunday New Year's Day, 1st after Christmas**

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

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

5.30pm No Service

### **Please pray for...**

Please continue to pray for Isolde Gundert's health and for the family and friends of Jesse Nwokejiobi.

**RIP** Janet Atkins, Richard Pryor, Patricia Mary Kelly

**From the Book of Remembrance:** 25 December William Camps, Martha Camps, Ft/Lt Hubert Camps, Ivo Camps and Norah Camps, Louie Victoria Turner, Ted Hall and Ruby Hall;  
1 January Elsie Neve, Marjory Jarman, Florence Christwood, Jacqueline Line.

### **St Andrew's News**

#### **A Christmas greeting received from LAFF:**

Dear Mary and Chris, and everyone at St Andrew's,

I wanted to take a moment to wish you, the church, and your families all a wonderful Christmas, and a happy new year on behalf of us all at LAFF. We're sending digital Christmas cards this year to keep costs and our environmental footprint at a minimum.

We are incredibly grateful for your support over 2022, especially the extra support to Azul Wasi. Your donations have secured a safe, nurturing, home and quality education and personal development support for the boys.

It has been a challenging year at Azul Wasi and in Peru in general, but there has been plenty of hope, too. With the opening of schools again at the beginning of the year, we've seen the boys transition back to where they belong: playing with their friends, learning in the classroom, and getting the education they deserve and need to thrive. Our recent sports day with the young people at Azul Wasi was a real highlight - it was great to see the boys having fun, and doing things that students in the UK often take for granted ([here's a short video of one of the activities on the day!](#))

Your donations make that happen. Thanks to you and the Church, the boys have been able to continue to progress away from troubled pasts towards much brighter futures. We can't say thank you enough.

So here's to a hopeful and happy new year in 2023. We are honoured that St Andrew's continues to put its faith in LAFF to deliver for vulnerable young people in Peru, and look forward to sharing the progress of the students in the next year.

In the meantime, thank you, once again, and we hope that you have a peaceful and joyful Christmas period.

Yours sincerely  
Thomas Pickford  
LAFF Trustee for Fundraising and Income Generation

St Andrew's has been helping to raise money during Advent for **The Children's Society**. At the back of church are some **Christingle Candle money boxes** and please take one if you would like to join in the fundraising. More information about The Children's Society is available on their website here: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk>.

**Updating ChurchSuite:** We would like to ensure that all details on *ChurchSuite* (our digital Parish Directory) are up to date. If you are signed up to *ChurchSuite*, please could you log on and check your details are correct and, if possible, add a photo to your profile. Photos of people will be very helpful to Philip in getting to know us all! If you have problems with uploading a photo, or in logging on if you have not done so for a while, please get in touch with Deborah: [deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org). If you are not yet signed up to *ChurchSuite* and would like to be, please email Rachel: [rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org).

**Hope into Action:** St Andrew's had a Giving Day on Sunday 27 November for **Hope into Action**, a Christian charity that was founded in 2010 by Ed Walker, who was our speaker at the 10am morning service. To find out more, visit <https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk>. **If you would like to read Ed's book 'A House Built on Love', a copy is now on the church library bookshelves.** (Please use the signing out folder – thank you!) You can also hear Ed's talk if you follow the link on the website under 'Recent Sermons'.

For 10am services **sound and livestreaming** have been provided by a very small number of people since March. It's important we recruit one or two more people so this is sustainable. If you think you

could help, please speak to a churchwarden, or to current team members David, Sarah or Mark to get more details, or email [david.bick@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:david.bick@standrews-chesterton.org)

**Sunday Coffee Volunteers Needed:** The social coffee time after Sunday service is valued by many. We are now managing to have it weekly but we will need more volunteers to continue doing so. 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](mailto:emily.winslow.stark@gmail.com) Thank you!

**Book Club:** The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday 17th January**, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *East West Street* by a professor of international law, Philippe Sands. It examines the lives of two Jewish lawyers, students in the same city of Lviv, and is a memoir and history of the origins of international criminal law in the aftermath of the Second World War. New and occasional members are most welcome.

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

### Other News

**Helping the homeless this winter:** As temperatures drop, rough sleepers are especially vulnerable. Cambridge City Council's website has advice for how you can help if you see someone sleeping rough and are concerned for their wellbeing:

- If you see someone sleeping rough, you can inform the [CGL Street Outreach team](#) on 01223 366292 or via the [Streetlink website](#). You can also direct them to a team of advisers during [housing advice opening hours](#). When informing the team of the person's location please use What Three Words if possible to help them locate the person quickly.
- In an out-of-hours housing emergency you can call 0330 053 8109. If you see someone who is in need of immediate medical attention, call 999 or 111 (with option 2 for a mental health crisis).

Find out more about the help available in the city for single homeless people and people sleeping rough at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cold-weather-support-for-homeless-people>. Also see: [www.cambridge.gov.uk/services-for-rough-sleepers](https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/services-for-rough-sleepers) and the Street Support website for further details of the services operating in the city: <https://streetsupport.net/cambridge/>

Financial support: As a congregation, St Andrew's is supporting the Crossways project. You can also give to Street Aid (see <https://www.facebook.com/camstreetaid>), and donate to It Takes a City: <https://www.ittakesacity.org.uk> and Jimmy's: <https://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk>