



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 3 February 2023

A Song Recital in the Church tomorrow (Sat. 4th), 5.30 pm, given by pupils of Julia Caddick, promises to be an inspiring concert, and two of our young people will be taking part. If you can, do come along! Admission is free, with a retiring collection for The Pakistan Flood Relief Fund and The Friends of St Andrew's.

The Sunday Lunch Club will be taking place this Sunday, 5th February.

Communion distribution consultation: It was agreed at last month's PCC meeting (see meeting summary in *St Andrew's News* below) to consult the congregation on a transition back to offering the chalice as a 'common cup' at the beginning of Lent – from Ash Wednesday services on 22nd February onwards. Last Sunday, the sidespeople handed out copies of a simple survey form, and they will have copies available this Sunday and the next too. This consultation aims to identify whether receiving the bread only or continuing to receive the bread dipped in the wine from the president would be the preference for those still opting not to receive from the chalice.

St Andrew's Lent Course: The Heart of it All

Lent begins on Wednesday 22 February – Ash Wednesday 2023. Over the following 6 weeks, the St Andrew's Lent Course will be based on Sam Wells' book *The Heart of it All: the Bible's big picture* (2019).

Sam Wells is Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, and is often heard on Radio 4, including on *Thought for the Day* and the *Sunday Service*.

The Heart of it All is a short and engaging book with concise but readable chapters presenting the Bible as a single story – a love story between God, creation and humanity. Each weekly Lent Group will meet to explore themes from this story and reflect on faith together. The 6 sessions accompanying the book are designed to allow open wondering, thought and reflection; it's not set questions with set answers.

This is a Lent Course that will appeal to anyone who longs for the Bible to spark their imagination or feed their faith afresh. It gives confidence to read and discover the Bible for the first time or after a lifetime.

Lent groups will meet weekly either daytime or evening from the week commencing 27 February to early April. Current times and venues include:

- Tuesdays 10.30am – St Andrew's Hall Annexe
- Tuesdays 7pm (for meal)/ 7.45pm (for hot drinks) – The Vicarage.

For more information, or to find a group, talk to Philip or email vicar@standrews-chesterton.org

To watch a video of Sam Wells interviewed about the book [here](#) or search YouTube: Bloxham Festival 2020 - Sam Wells - The Heart of it All

The book usually retails at around £9-10 online or in Heffers. It is also available as an E-book and Audiobook. If you would like to reserve a copy of the book in a bulk order, again please talk to Philip or email vicar@standrews-chesterton.org

The **February/March Chesterton Chimes**, containing news from our church community and details of services and events coming up in the next two months, is available [here](#).

The **Bible Study Group** meets this Tuesday, 7th February, at 10.30am in the Annexe.

St Andrew's Hall Warm Hub, every Tuesday, 11.30am to 1.30pm in the Main Hall. All are welcome to join us for a hot lunch (soup and a roll) and warm drinks. Board games and art materials will also be available for those who wish to use them.

The Hub is being organised collaboratively by Chesterton Community Association and St Andrew's Hall and has received a grant from Cambridge City Council.

Sunday 5 February, 3rd before Lent

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

10.00 am [Family Service](#) (live-streamed and in church), followed by Short Communion (in church)

5.30 pm No Service

Monday 6 to Friday 10 February

Every weekday: [Morning Prayer](#) at 8.30am. Online only.

Monday 6 February: Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.

Tuesday 7 February: Bible Study in the Hall Annexe, 10.30 am.

Tuesday 7 February: Warm Hub in the Hall, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Next Sunday, 12 February, 2nd before Lent

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

10.00 am Sung Eucharist (live-streamed and in church)

10.00 am Cafe Church for children and young families in the Hall

5.30 pm No Service

Please pray for...

Dorothy Peyton Jones, recovering from her knee operation

Isolde Gundert

The Resettle Chesterton project: for the family and the team who are supporting them Peru, and for the children and staff at Azul Wasi during this time of political unrest

From the Book of Remembrance: Mabel Grace Pinney, Hilda Colverd Brinkley

RIP Bridget Baguley

St Andrew's News

Family Beetle Drive, with Supper of savouries and cakes. Sunday 26 March at 6.00pm in St Andrew's Hall.

At last...the Azul Wasi Beetle Drive is coming back! Tickets are limited (only 40) and need to be booked in advance. So book your tickets now for this all-age evening of fun and laughter! Adults £10, Children £5 from: the Hall Office - Tel 306150, info@standrews-hall.co.uk, Margaret Nimmo-Smith (margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com) or Mary Pountain (mary.pountain@gmail.com).

Bishop Graham preached on the BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship programme on Sunday 22 January, 8.10am from Selwyn College Chapel.

The audio file, and full script of the service including the sermon, is still available on BBC Sounds here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001hdmn>

The sermon text and audio file is available here:

<https://www.grahamkings.org/article/nourishing-unity-bbc-radio-4-sunday-worship-sermon-22-jan-2023-from-selwyn-college-cambridge/>

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on Tuesday 14th March, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *Digging to America*, by Anne Tyler. The book charts the course of two mismatched families, the all-American Donaldsons and the quieter, more reticent Iranian-American Yazdans. All they have in common is that they both adopted babies from Korea at the same time, welcoming them on the same flight at Baltimore airport one hot August evening in 1997... New and occasional members are most welcome.

25th January PCC Meeting Summary:

- Philip chaired his first St Andrews PCC meeting on Wednesday 25th Jan.
- After opening reflection on verses from Ephesians 4, we discussed a substantial envisioning document prepared by Philip with good discussion provoked and some guiding principles established.
- Our Finances and the consequences of the deficit in our budget were further explored.
- We reviewed our Safeguarding policy, an annual review.
- We discussed whether our current procedures around Communion distribution are in step with other churches, and explored the question of when to return to the chalice as a "common cup". It was agreed to consult the congregation on a transition back to offering the chalice at the beginning of Lent - from Ash Wednesday services on 22nd February onwards. This consultation would aim to identify whether receiving the bread or continuing to receive the bread dipped in the wine from the president would be the preference for those still opting not to receive from the chalice.
- Ian brought us up to date on a meeting with the architect and Philip to further deal with work identified by the 5 yearly Quinquennial Report 2021. Solar panels are possible on our roof which is also good news.
- Margaret Nimmo Smith was agreed as St Andrew's second Deanery Synod representative which she offered to be
- A link to the Bishops of Ely and Huntingdon's statement in response to the Living in Love and Faith developments towards General Synod is as follows:
<https://www.elydiocese.org/about/news-jobs-and-events/news-and-announcements/news/living-in-love-and-faith-9201.php>

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 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>