



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 10 February 2023

There will be **Cafe Church** this Sunday in the Hall at 10 am. This is a more informal service especially suited to families and children, but all are welcome.

The next meeting of the **Umbrella Group** is Thursday the **16th February** at 2.30pm.
We meet at 55 St Andrew's Road Cambridge.
Please come if you can for a chat and a cup of tea.

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

Copies of the book are now available from Philip, for £8.60. 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 from Philip, again please talk to Philip or email as soon as possible
vicar@standrews-chesterton.org

Communion distribution consultation: It was agreed at last month's PCC meeting 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. This Sunday is the last to fill in the simple survey form. 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.

Churchyard Work Party on Saturday the 18th of February: Come for any time you can offer between 9.30 and 12.30. Refreshments will be served!

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: Margaret Nimmo-Smith (margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com) or Mary Pountain (mary.pountain@gmail.com).

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.

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.

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

Coming up at St Andrew's

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

Monday 13 to Friday 17 February

Every weekday: [Morning Prayer](#) at 8.30am. Online only.
Monday 13 February: Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.
Tuesday 14 February: Warm Hub in the Hall, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Thursday 16 February: The Umbrella Group meets at 55 St Andrews Road, 2.30 pm.

Next Sunday, 19 February, 1st before Lent

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

Please pray for...

We continue to pray for Dorothy Peyton Jones and Isolde Gundert; for The Resettle Chesterton project; for Peru, and for the children and staff at Azul Wasi during this time of political unrest. We pray for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and for aid agencies bringing help. We remember Bridget Baguley, whose funeral takes place in Sherwood on Wednesday, and hold her family in our prayers.

From the Book of Remembrance: Arthur Last, Esme Rees, Mima Cherry, Ada Pestell, Ernest Root, Hugh Dawson

RIP Bridget Baguley