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Weekly News Update, 24 February 2023

A short service for the burial of the ashes of Richard Pryor will take place in St Andrew's Churchyard **this Sunday**, 26 February, at 12 noon. Members of Richard's family have indicated that any friends of his from St Andrew's who would like to are very welcome to join them. They will gather in the church from around 11.45 am.

Returning to 'the Common Cup' – receiving Communion wine from the chalice again

As was explained in last week's News Update, the results of the recent survey showed that many people would still prefer to continue to receive the Communion bread dipped in wine by the President, but a significant number would like to return to receiving wine directly from a chalice. Both these options will now be offered at all Communion services. As is already the case, anyone may choose only to receive the bread – and may indicate this.

The way you will be asked to signal which option you would prefer, will vary between styles of Communion service, as detailed below.

At the 8am Communion (in the South Aisle): all those choosing to receive the bread dipped in the wine will be invited to come forward first. Kneeling at the Communion rail will be resumed. Then, once they have received and returned to their seats, all those choosing to receive the bread and then the wine separately will be invited forward.

At the 10am Communion (in the Nave): there will be two chalice bearers – one on either side of the President. As you are invited out of your pew, it is your choice which of two lines you join: those in line on the left as you face the altar will be handed bread dipped in wine; those in line on the right will be handed only the bread. Once the latter have consumed the bread, they are welcome to step to the right-hand chalice bearer and sip from the chalice, as they choose. Please wait beside the front pew until a space in front of the President is available before stepping forward to receive.

All this will, for a period, be reiterated verbally during the instructions before the giving of Communion, and will be adjusted in due course if an alternative, better means is found of sharing Communion in ways that will ensure we all feel as comfortable as possible in this important moment of our worship.

Prayer support during Communion – Wholeness and Healing Prayer Group

Beginning **this Sunday, 26 February**, members of the Wholeness and Healing Prayer Group will be in the bell tower area behind the font while Communion is being distributed, and will be very glad to pray with anyone who would like to come for prayer, whether for themselves or for someone else. All

prayer requests will be kept completely confidential. This prayer time will be offered during services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

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

Now it is Lent, the St Andrew's Lent Course is starting in various venues on different days of the week, based - as advertised - on Sam Wells' book *The Heart of it All: the Bible's big picture* (2019).

There was a good response to the sign-up sheets at the back of church on Sunday, and they will be there again this Sunday coming for a last opportunity to sign up. Each of the following groups will run:

The Monday Group meets Mondays 7.45pm – Hawthorn Way – 27 Feb, 6, 13, 20, 27 March, 3 April. Contact Ewa Allen for more information.

The Tuesday daytime group meets 10.30am-c.11.30am – St Andrew's Hall Annexe – 28 Feb, 7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April. Contact John Reynolds for more information.

Two Tuesday evening groups will meet:

Group 1: 7pm for meal; 7.45pm for hot drinks and start – Lynfield Lane - 28 Feb, 7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April. This group is now full. Contact Philip Lockley for more information.

Group 2: 7.45 – Montague Road - 28 Feb, 7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April. Contact Graham Stevenson for more information.

The Wednesday Group meets Wednesday 7.30 for hot drinks; 7.45pm start – Cheney Way - **Please note this group will now meet a week later than advertised, for 5 weeks:** 8, 15, 22, 29 March, 5 April. Contact Gill Bickerstaffe for more information.

The Thursday Group meets Thursday evenings, 7.45pm – Pakenham Close, **Please note this group started this week gone - i.e.** 23 Feb, 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 March. Contact Deborah Bick or Sharon Neufeld for more information.

The reading in preparation for the first session for any group is chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 of *The Heart of it All* - as indicated in the Study Guide at the back (p.97).

Philip no longer has any unreserved copies of the *The Heart of it All* book available. The book usually retails at around £9-10 online or in Heffers. It is also available as an E-book and Audiobook. Please make your own arrangements to secure a copy.

Coming up at St Andrew's

Sunday 26 February, 1st of Lent

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

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

10.00 am Junior Church Groups meet in the Hall

5.30 pm No Service

Monday 27 to Friday 3 March

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

Monday 27 February: Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.

Monday- Thursday - Lent Courses in various venues, see notice above.

Tuesday 28 February: Warm Hub in the Hall, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Next Sunday, 5 March, 2nd of 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

5.30 pm No Service

Please pray for...

We continue to pray for Jeanne Henderson's recovery in hospital, 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; for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and for aid agencies bringing help.

On this first anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine, we pray for all who have been affected by the conflict, for all who are involved in bringing aid to those who are in need and for those working towards an end to the war. We pray for peace.

From the Book of Remembrance: Louisa Edwards, Eric Clark, Dorothy Smith, Katharine Free, Doris Wood.

More news, and some reminders...

Sing for Ukraine, Sunday, 26 February: A Come and Sing (or listen) **Fauré's Requiem** in aid of Cambridge4Ukraine at Downing Place United Reformed Church, 1.00 – 5.00 pm, with conductor Peter Britton and organist Ian de Massini. More details and a sign-up link are here:

<https://downingplaceurc.churchsuite.com/events/7t2zwtw>

Wedding and Funeral Orders of Service Archive: A folder has been created in which it is hoped to make a collection of wedding and funeral orders of service, whereby members of the wider church community can be remembered, particularly now photos have now mostly become a part of funeral, thanksgiving or memorial service orders of service. It was thought such an archive would serve for us to remember those who have been part of our community for either a short or long time. We already have about 20 from the last 20 years and we know there must be many more. If you have any you would be prepared to donate to the collection then please speak to Patricia Abrey 07761 478499 or patricia.abrey@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you.

Book your tickets now for the Family Beetle Drive! This is a fundraising event for Azul Wasi and will be on Sunday 26 March, 6.00pm, in St Andrew's Hall, with a supper of savouries and cakes. Tickets are limited (only 40) and need to be booked in advance. So book yours 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.

Hope into Action's 2023 Conference: Many will remember that Ed Walker came to speak to St Andrew's about the work of the charity Hope into Action last November. If anyone would be interested in going to the charity's annual conference in Peterborough on 16 March, full details can be found here: <https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/Event/conference-2023>

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](#).