



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 10 March 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.

Tickets are still available for the Family Beetle Drive – book yours now for this all-age evening of fun and laughter! This fundraising event for Azul Wasi 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) – Adults £10, Children £5 – and need to be booked in advance 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. New and occasional members are most welcome.

The next meeting of the **Umbrella Group** will be on **Thursday March 16th, 2.30 pm** at 55 St Andrews Road. Please come and join us, everyone welcome.

Mothersing Sunday Preparations!

Please join us in church from 11 am on Saturday 18th March to help assemble our traditional bunches of daffodils for Mothersing Sunday. Refreshments provided at the outset! Dads and children are especially welcome. Any questions to julia.eisen@standrews-chesterton.org

6th March PCC Meeting Summary:

- After opening reflection on verses from Psalm 122, we discussed various matters arising from the previous meeting relating to staffing and ways in which Rachel Clarke's tasks can be more effectively shared using volunteers. We are especially grateful to Deborah Bick for her continued voluntary work in support of church administration.
- A draft job description for a new Youth Worker was discussed and an editing process agreed as well as a fundraising process for that post. Pledges and donations towards the Youth Fund, which has been the means of supporting a Youth Worker in the past, are very welcome (see further notice below).
- Ian Nimmo Smith reported that the architect is preparing tenders which will go out to contractors for the most urgent work identified in the last Quinquennial Report in 2021.
- Michael Grande presented his written finance report, updating us that there had been a smaller deficit than predicted at the end of 2022 (£5,107), including a Church Commissioners/Diocesan heating grant of £600 for each parish. Very slight changes to the

Reserves Policy were agreed from 2023 onwards and a long overdue increase to the flower arrangers' budget had been agreed.

- Philip explained plans for our worship up to Easter, some in collaboration with St George's church for Good Friday.
- Our awareness was drawn to the need to prepare for the outcome of decisions of General Synod to approve the blessing of same-sex couples and how that might be expected to be implemented at St Andrew's. The Church of England has issued draft 'Prayers of Love and Faith' to be used by willing clergy when the prayers have been finalised and commended.
- Arrangements for the Coronation weekend and APCM the following weekend were discussed, including the PCC members who might wish to step down or agree a further 3-year term.

Patricia Abrey, PCC Secretary

Seeking a new Youth Worker

Since we said goodbye to Hannah Fytche as our Youth Worker in December (though Hannah wonderfully remains a member of our church community while she studies full-time!), we have been without a paid Youth Worker. Our fortnightly Youth Group, Why Group and other youth initiatives have been continued thanks to a small, committed team of volunteer leaders (and chefs!) meeting with, feeding, and exploring faith with our young people.

This week, the PCC took the decision to invest again in supporting and growing creative, thoughtful, and relational youth work at St Andrew's. A proposal to advertise for a part-time (15-hour a week) Youth Worker role was agreed, and the job description for this staff post will be advertised shortly.

At this stage, we wanted to share this decision with the congregation, and ask you please to pray for all involved in this process of recruitment and appointment – that we might find the right person called to this role.

This also seems an appropriate moment to remind everyone of the **St Andrew's Youth Fund** – a designated fund that our church has operated for several years, which – through the considerable generosity of St Andrew's members – has been the means of supporting the salary of our past Youth Workers. This fund is open to one-off donations or pledges to support this fund through giving a regular amount. Any donation to the fund is made to the usual church bank account, but **please reference 'Youth Worker'**, so that it reaches the right fund. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about how the fund works, please contact Michael Grande, the Treasurer.
michael.grande@standrews-chesterton.org

Coming up at St Andrew's

Sunday 12 March, 3rd of 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 March

Every weekday: [Morning Prayer](#) at 8.30am. Online only. During Lent, we are using daily prayer material in the Celtic Christian tradition from the Northumbria Community.

Monday–Thursday: Lent Course Groups meet in various venues. Contact Philip for further details.

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

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

Tuesday evening: The Book Club meets at 8 pm at 42 Hawthorn Way.

Thursday: The Umbrella Group meets at 2.30 pm at 55 St Andrew's Road.

Next Sunday, 19 March, Mothering Sunday

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

5.30 – 7.00 pm The Youth Group meets in the Hall.

Please pray for...

We continue to pray for Jeanne Henderson, Isolde Gundert and Dorothy Peyton Jones.

Please also pray for the family, colleagues and congregation of the Revd Anna Matthews, Vicar of St Bene'ts Church in central Cambridge, who died suddenly and tragically this week.

From the Book of Remembrance: Cornelius Stearn, Flora George, May Benstead.

More news, and some reminders...

Preparing for Confirmation – and other next steps in affirming your faith in public: Have you been baptised, yet know you want to explore the promises of faith for yourself, potentially leading to Confirmation? Or have you not been baptised, yet know you are on a journey in your Christian faith which might lead to claiming this faith for yourself? Alternatively, do you still feel new to St Andrew's or church life and have wondered if there's a small group to explore questions of what Christians believe? Philip is interested to hear from anyone who thinks they might answer yes to any of these questions – as he's currently looking at forming a group to meet in May-June time for a 6-week course. This could potentially prepare some for Confirmation, Baptism or another appropriate stage in affirming faith. Do be in touch with Philip directly with any questions:

vicar@standrews-chesterton.org

Photos of Church and Community Life: The Communications Group of the PCC would like to build a central portfolio of photos of St Andrew's Church and community life, in its broadest sense, for use on the website and in church printed materials. Patricia Abrey is going to be taking as many photos as possible when she can across the next few weeks. Please don't be shy if you should see her with her phone or camera, although anyone who doesn't wish to be photographed at the time will of course be able to opt out. Sensitivity around permissions for children and photos will obviously be applied. We will also share photos taken with those people featured in them to ask for their

permission to use them. In due course, it would be good to also gather up any recent photos you might have taken at church and community events and would be happy to send us. Any offers, questions or concerns please contact Patricia on 07761 478499 or speak to Deborah Bick, Communications Group chair. Thank you.

Two concerts at St Andrew's this month:

Sunday 19 March, 4 pm - Margery: The sounds of medieval pilgrimage St Radegund's Voices sing music by Ciconia, Dufay, Binchois, Dunstaple, and others, inspired by the pilgrimages of Margery Kempe, mystic and autobiographer from King's Lynn. Free admission, retiring collection.

Wednesday 22 March, 7.30 pm - Gabriel Faure's Requiem, sung by the Chesterton Choral Society. Also featuring music by Boulanger, Mendelssohn, Mozart and more. Tickets £10 on the door.

Concert by the Cambridge Concert Orchestra, Sunday 12 March 2023, 7pm, West Road Concert Hall, proceeds to the [Cambridge Women's Resources Centre](#)

Hear, There and Everywhere – a World of Women Composers

In recognition of [International Women's Day](#), the Cambridge Concert Orchestra programme is entirely made up of pieces composed by women, focusing on their contribution to the light-orchestral repertoire.

Tickets: adults £15, (£12 for restricted view or block bookings of 10 tickets or more), children FREE.

Available on the door, or via online booking at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cambridge-concert-orchestra/t-gajxgmp>

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.

Future plans for the Weekly News Update: We are planning to introduce a new 'noticeboard' section to the Weekly News where posts featuring requests and offers can be shared, e.g. babysitting services, equipment loans, accommodation needed or to let, etc. We hope that it might prove a helpful section – we will try it out for a few weeks and see, and it might evolve as time goes on. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about this or anything else to do with the Weekly News, please email Deborah or speak to Philip.

Please email any notices/posts for inclusion in the next Weekly News by **Thursday, 12 noon** to Deborah: deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you!

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](#).