



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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## Weekly News Update, 17 March 2023

### **Mothering Sunday Preparations!**

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

**Churchyard Work Party tomorrow, Saturday 18th:** Come for any time you can offer between 9.30 and 12.30. Refreshments will be served!

**Beetle Drive – Sunday 26 March, 6 pm. Last few tickets left!** To make this fun fundraising evening a roaring success here is an **Urgent Appeal for small cakes/buns/ biscuits/savouries and also raffle prizes**. You don't have to be coming to contribute! Please email [margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com](mailto:margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com) or phone 288820 or 07718 753367 with your offers. Can be delivered Saturday or brought to church Sunday. Many thanks, *Margaret and Mary*

### **Two concerts at St Andrew's this coming week:**

**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.

**Jeanne** We are very sad to bring you the news that Jeanne Henderson died last Sunday. Jeanne was a much loved member of our church family, and she will be greatly missed. She served for many years as Assistant Sacristan and as a member of the Healing and Wholeness Prayer Group and Flower Group, and supported our church community in so many other ways too. We pray for her daughter Roz, and for all her family. Funeral details will be shared when known.

## **Coming up at St Andrew's**

### **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

## **Monday 20 to Friday 24 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.

## **Next Sunday, 26 March, 5th 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

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

Please pray for Ian Nimmo-Smith, that his second knee replacement surgery this coming Tuesday would go well and for a good recovery.

Please pray for the health of Isolde Gundert, who has Covid, and for Dorothy Peyton Jones's full recovery from knee surgery.

We pray particularly for all who are mourning loved ones. We pray for Jeanne's daughter Roz, and for all of Jeanne's family and friends, and we pray for Juliet Dusinberre, whose husband Bill died recently, and for all their family.

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

**From the Book of Remembrance:** Jack and Florence Thorburn, Annie Warren Mellanby

## **More news, and some reminders...**

### **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.

Last 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](mailto:michael.grande@standrews-chesterton.org)

**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](mailto: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. Thank you.

**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. 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](mailto:patricia.abrey@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](#).

## **New 'Noticeboard' Section of the News!**

This is a new section where posts featuring requests and offers can be shared.

### **Babysitting services**

Hello, my name's Olivia and I'd like to advertise that I'm offering babysitting services in Cambridge. As a student in the city, I'm well placed for weekend, evening and potentially weekday childcare (during the week would be limited to minimal hours on request). I grew up going to St Andrews with my

parents, Catherine and John, before I moved away to be an au pair to a young family, and then teach English for a year in a primary school. I'm currently studying Spanish, Russian and Polish, and I love getting kids involved in crafty activities, playing games or winding down with bedtime stories (I have a small collection of colouring books and a healthy imagination). I occasionally babysit for a local family in Chesterton, and as a student I'm always happy to spend a wholesome evening as a babysitter! To get in contact with me, and for references from families I've worked with before, please email me ([olivia.blydenstein@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.blydenstein@gmail.com)) or message me on whatsapp ([07572 400468](tel:07572400468)).

#### **Outdoor trampoline available**

We have an 8 ft trampoline in good condition, with frame and safety net attached, that we would like to freecycle to a new home. If you are interested, please email [deborah.drybones@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.drybones@gmail.com) for photos and more details. *David & Deborah Bick*

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