



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 24 March 2023

A reminder that British Summer Time begins and the clocks change forward this Saturday night/Sunday morning ("Spring Forward" an hour)!

Beetle Drive this Sunday at 6 pm. 2 tickets remaining! If you are booked to come please bring cash for the raffle if possible. Many thanks for all the offers of food and raffle prizes which can be brought to Sunday morning service, to the actual Beetle Drive or dropped off at Margaret's, 17 Mariners Way CB4 1BN. Please email margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com or phone/text 07718 753367 to make sure somebody is around to receive them. Any additional items of food welcome still. May the best beetle win! Enjoy!

Jeanne Henderson's funeral will be on **Thursday 30 March**, 11am in church, followed by a family-only committal at Huntington Road Crematorium. Jeanne requested that her coffin be received into church the evening before. There will therefore be a short service of prayers for the receiving of the coffin on Wednesday 29 March at 5.15pm.

This Sunday

Sunday 26 March, 5th in 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
6.00 pm Beetle Drive in St Andrew's Hall, a fundraising evening in aid of Azul Wasi

In the coming week

Monday 27 to Friday 31 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.

Lent Course Groups continue to meet in various venues, Monday to Thursday.
Monday Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.
Warm Hub in the Hall, Tuesday 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

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Please pray for...

Please pray for Ian Nimmo-Smith's recovery from his second knee replacement surgery. We continue to pray for the health of Isolde Gundert, who has Covid, and for Dorothy Peyton Jones's full recovery from knee surgery.

We pray for Jeanne's family, especially this week as her funeral takes place on Thursday. We continue to pray for Juliet Dusingberre, whose husband Bill died recently, and for all their family.

We also continue to 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: Louisa Parker, Mary Wright, Mary Norman, Harry Hunt, Cecily Clark (Mrs G.R. Anderson)

Next Sunday

Sunday, 2 April, Palm Sunday

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

10.00 am Family Service with Procession of Palms (live-streamed and in church)

5.30 pm Passion Service of Music and Readings

Services for Holy Week and Easter at St Andrew's

Maundy Thursday, 6 April

6.30pm Last Supper, Eucharist and Watch. A simple meal will be shared in the St Andrew's Hall followed by the washing of feet and a contemplative Communion Service, before a service of readings and silence in the church.

Good Friday, 7 April

Walk of Witness through Chesterton, starting at 10.30 am from St George's Church. The procession will reach St Andrew's by around 11.30 am, followed by refreshments and children's crafts in the St Andrew's Hall.

1.00 pm Quiet hour in church

2.00 pm The Last Hour, service with Passion readings

Easter Eve, Saturday 8 April

11am - Making the Easter Garden in church.

8.00 pm Lighting of the New Fire, Easter Vigil and Eucharist

Easter Sunday, 9 April

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 Evening Service.

More news and some reminders...

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on Tuesday 16th May, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). For our next book we have chosen to read *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Chris Cleave, a war story offering a few unusual takes on the war experience: the siege of Malta, the problem of morphine addiction due to injury, and the deep-held prejudices against blacks in WWII-era London. New and occasional members are most welcome.

Photos of Church and Community Life: As announced previously, we are building a central portfolio of photos of St Andrew's Church and community life. So, you may see Patricia with her phone or camera in coming weeks! Permissions will be sought and anyone who doesn't wish to be photographed will of course be able to opt out. Any questions or concerns please contact Patricia on 07761 478499 or speak to Deborah. Thank you.

Youth Fund: As was shared last week, the **St Andrew's Youth Fund** is open to one-off donations or pledges to give a regular amount to support the salary of a new youth worker, whom we hope to appoint this year. As I was asked this week: our aim is to raise at least £5,000 a year for 3 years from the congregation. 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. Many thanks indeed to those who have made pledges already - *Philip*.

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

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

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. Thank you.

Community News & Notices

A Coronation weekend event: On Sunday 7th May, Coronation Big Lunch Day, the Abreys are hosting a "street party" style hog roast at Seeleys Court (CB4 1SZ), which opens onto Milton Road, next to the Kia car forecourt and showroom. Lunch will be from around 1pm, arrival from midday onwards. Please bring a plate, knife, fork and spoon plus a drinking vessel. A garden chair could be helpful too. For planning purposes, we will need to ask people to book and the deadline for responses is **Sunday 16th April**, as spaces are limited.

There will be some undercover shelter and a toilet available on the day. No parking is available on site, except for bikes. There will be an opportunity to donate to the Friends of St Andrews on the day.

For more details or to book speak to Patricia Abrey or text 07761 478499. We look forward to an afternoon sharing food and friendship.

News from The Chesterton Festival Committee

We are sorry to inform you that The Chesterton Festival Committee has had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Community Funday which was due to be held on Saturday 17 June 2023. Due to soaring costs for providers, a City Council grant which was less than half the amount allocated to us in previous years and a severe lack of personnel, we as a committee felt that we could not, in good conscience, run a safe and successful event this year.

As a committee we plan to regroup after Easter and see what might be possible in 2024. If you would like to discuss this further, or offer your help on the committee, or as a volunteer for next year, please contact Rachel via email, rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk

Blandford 3 @ Hazlegrove: Ventures summer camp for 8-11 year olds: If you're aged 8-11, keen for an adventure, and free from 17-24 August this summer, come and join Hannah at summer camp! A week at camp is full of fun activities, time with friends, and amazing food, and throughout each day we learn about God together. You can find out all the details (including booking information) [here](#), and you can email Hannah (hrf24@cam.ac.uk) with any questions.

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) or message me on whatsapp ([07572 400468](tel:07572400468)).

Winter Comfort

St Andrew's has a longstanding relationship with our local information, advice, training and support centre for the homeless and vulnerably housed in Cambridge - Winter Comfort - based in our parish. At different times of year, Winter Comfort seeks donations of items they need and can distribute. At the moment, their most pressing donation drive is for spreads to feed those who are rough sleeping, so:

- jams, marmalade, marmite, peanut butter, honey and chocolate spread.

If you would like to donate one or more of the above items (they must be shop-bought and sealed - no home-made please), then you are welcome to bring them to church on a Sunday morning and place in a new Winter Comfort Collection Box. We will make arrangements for a regular bulk collection to be delivered to Winter Comfort.

As we move towards summer, Winter Comfort tell us their needs will change, and will update us regularly with items they are seeking - so we will pilot a Church Collection box for this period.

Friday 31st March, 8pm: The Orlando Singers Concert, including the St Luke Passion, attributed to J.S. Bach, and music by Heinrich Schütz. A chance to hear this rarely performed version of the Passion story. Directed by Brian Watkins and accompanied by Ian De Massini. Robinson College Chapel.

Tickets 15, £12 concessions, £5 for under 17's are available on the door, or from www.orlandosingers.org.uk

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