



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 31 March & 7 April 2023

This update covers two weeks of the Easter holidays. The next update will be on 14 April.

Electoral Roll and APCM 2023: Our APCM will be on **Sunday 14 May** after the Sunday service and before a bring and share lunch. If you would like to vote at the APCM you need to be on the electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll, you have until **Sunday 23 April** to submit your details. Forms will be available from the back of church from Easter Sunday, 9 April. Or you can email the Electoral Roll Officer: office@standrews-chesterton.org. If your name has been on the roll in previous years, you remain on the roll this year.

Service details

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

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 Quiet Evening Service.

Please find attached a flyer for our Holy Week services.

To join our Easter Day services online, please follow the links that will be posted on the home page of the website: www.standrews-chesterton.org

Please pray for...

Please pray for Ian Nimmo-Smith's recovery from his second knee replacement surgery.

We continue to pray for Isolde Gundert, who is now back at home. We pray for her health and for her concerns about her future needs.

From the Book of Remembrance: 2 April Hilda Hancock; **9 April** Olive Lincolne, Rhoda Ada Stanford

Dorothy thanks you for your prayers for her knee, which is slowly improving, and hopes to see some of you on Easter Sunday.

In the next two weeks

Monday 3 to Friday 7 April

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 Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.

News and some reminders...

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

The Azul Wasi Beetle Drive was a lot of fun. It raised a magnificent £880, which covers the sum we send each month towards the food costs for the children and staff at Azul Wasi. Thank you to all who came, provided food, donated raffle prizes, and to the members of the Youth Group and others who helped on the night. It was wonderful to have had an evening together with people from our church and our local community. Especial thanks to Margaret Nimmo-Smith who helped to organise the event and who led the evening.

If you would like to read more about Azul Wasi, or would like to make a donation you can do this on the St Andrew's Church website:

<http://www.standrews-chesterton.org/church-life/mission-and-giving/azul-wasi>

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

Community News & Notices

The Equiano Society & Sancho Memorial Committee present 'Celebrating Sancho & Equiano' on Thursday 6 April, 7.30 – 9.00 pm: Join us on this special occasion as we celebrate two iconic Africans. Hear the latest information about their lives and our plans to create memorials for them. For more information see: <https://equiano.uk/news-events/celebrating-sancho-equiano/>

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.

Please email any notices for inclusion in the next Weekly News by **Thursday 13 April, 12 noon** to deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you!