



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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for all ages*

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## Weekly News Update, 14 April 2023

Happy Easter to everyone!

**Churchyard Work Party tomorrow, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm:** a wonderful chance to come and see how the churchyard is unfolding in Spring and to help work out how we can make it an even better friendly habitat for wildlife. The City Council gave a first cut in the week before Holy Week and everything is beginning to grow now. We need to mark out where our Summer Meadow will be this year. Our four new trees that were planted last year are in bloom at the moment. Well done to the New Tree Guardians for all your care as well as to the people engaged by the City Council who came to water. It will be lovely to see those of you who can come between 9.30 and 12.30 on Saturday morning. Hot drinks around 11.00! May 20th would be our next working party – please save the date if you would like to be involved.

The next meeting of the **Umbrella Group** will be on **Thursday 20th April**, at 2.30 pm, at 55 St Andrews Road . All welcome, please join us for tea, cake and chat.

**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 are available from the back of church. Or you can email the Electoral Roll Officer: [office@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto: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 16 April, 2nd Sunday of Easter**

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

#### **Sunday 23 April, 3rd Sunday of Easter**

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 St Andrew's Hall  
5.30 pm No service

## In the coming week

### Monday 17 to Friday 21 April

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

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

Tuesday: Bible Study Group in the Annexe. Studying St Mark's Gospel. New members welcome.

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

### Please pray for...

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

We continue to pray for Isolde Gundert, for her health and for her concerns about her future needs.

**From the Book of Remembrance:** Frances Aldrich, Eric Mitchell, Arthur Phillips, Richard Carr, Harry Clarke, Rose Clarke, Alfie Harrison

### News and some reminders...

#### Two concerts in church this month:

**Friday 28th April, 12.30 pm** The Friends of St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert. Mnatobi directed by James Eisner. Georgian songs plus music by Mozart, Stanford and others. Admission free. Retiring Collection for The Friends.

**Sunday 30th April, 6 pm** Noemi Johns, mezzo-soprano from Birmingham Conservatoire, accompanied by Marion Caldwell. Admission free. Retiring Collection for The Friends.

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:** 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. 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](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)

**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](#).

## Community News & Notices

**Concert by Argentus Szeged University Choir**, a visiting choir from Cambridge's twin city Szeged in Hungary: Saturday 29th April, 1pm in Emmanuel College Chapel. Admission free. Retiring Collection.

**A Coronation weekend event:** On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**John Bell at Ely Cathedral:** John Bell is a member of the Iona Community and is well known for his worship songs and his involvement in leading workshops on liturgy, music, spirituality and social justice in the UK, North America and further afield. The RSCM and Ely Cathedral have invited John Bell to give a morning lecture and lead an afternoon singing workshop on **Saturday 20 May** at the Cathedral. The day will start at 10.00am with coffee and the workshop will begin at 2.00pm. The event ends at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to stay for Choral Evensong at 5.30pm. (John Bell will also be preaching at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 21 May at 10.30am.) Event cost: £10 for adults; free for under 18s (with an adult to supervise). £12 after 10/4/23. Those attending need to bring their own lunch or visit one of the many eateries in Ely during the lunch break. Booking is essential. Book online at <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/john-bell-lecture-and-music-workshop>, or contact [James.Reveley@elycathedral.org](mailto:James.Reveley@elycathedral.org) or call 01353 660302.

**The Chesterton Festival Committee** were sorry to announce in the last News Update that they have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Community Funday which was due to be held on Saturday 17 June 2023. As a committee they plan to regroup 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 12 noon to [deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org). Thank you!