



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 21 April 2023

Tomorrow, Saturday 22 April, is Earth Day, a global annual event which has been held on April 22 since 1970 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Events will be taking place across the world, including here in the UK, and also online: visit www.earthday.org for more information. Ely Diocese is committed to the Church of England's aim to achieve net zero by 2030. Bishop Stephen and Bishop Dagmar have issued a joint statement, calling for action on Climate Change, which you can read here:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/climate-change-the-bishops-share-a-call-for-action.php>

Church admin email – system change: Rachel has been doing a fantastic job of handling all of the church admin email, as well as St Andrew's Hall email, since Dan left post as church administrator last year, and we are very grateful to her. Wishing to lighten her load, we are now taking back off her shoulders responsibility for the email address admin@standrews-chesterton.org to which general enquiries about St Andrew's come. For the moment, Deborah will take on handling email sent to that address, and so you can send any admin-related enquiries to her at that address.

Please contact Rachel directly using her rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org address. She also retains the office@standrews-chesterton.org address, through which she handles enquiries about weddings and other special services.

It may take a little while to fully adjust to the change. N.B. Your computer may automatically still bring up the admin@ address when you type Rachel's name into the 'Send to' field, so please be alert to the need to check your email is going to either rachel.clarke@ or office@. Thank you for your help with this!

Electoral Roll and APCM 2023: Our APCM will be on **Sunday 14 May** after the Sunday service and Cafe Church. We will have the Annual Meeting - and then all are welcome to stay for a bring and share lunch. 14 May is the start of Christian Aid Week, so there will also be an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid at the meal.

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 **this 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. If your name has been on the roll in previous years, you remain on the roll this year.

Ordinand on placement

We are very pleased to welcome **Abigail Harris**, an ordinand from Westcott House, who will be on placement with us from this Sunday for the summer term. As many of you will be aware from St Andrew's having students training for ministry here before, Abigail is required to reflect on her experiences at St Andrew's as part of her academic work. The work will be marked and seen only by examiners. All names and identifying details will be changed. If you have concerns about this or would rather that they didn't reflect on any encounter with you, please contact Philip, who will be Abigail's supervisor. Please do make Abigail welcome during her time with us.

Service details

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

Sunday 30 April, 4th 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

In the coming week

Monday 24 to Friday 28 April

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

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

Please pray for...

Beryl Brundish, Ian Nimmo-Smith and Isolde Gundert.

From the Book of Remembrance: George Edwards, Austen Sparkes, Doreen Clarkson, Cyril and Ida Brady

More news and some reminders...

Coronation Weekend Flowers: Our flower arrangers group will be creating wonderful floral arrangements for the Coronation Weekend that will be on display in the church from Saturday 6 May. On **Monday 8 May**, refreshments will be served, 10 am –12 noon and 2–4 pm. All welcome!

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, 7.30 pm - NB new start time - 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

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

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

St Andrew's Hall is pleased to be hosting '**The Writing Space**', a lightly guided creative writing group for adults and teens. Refreshments are provided and the first class is free. 4 to 5pm on a Thursday. Led by published author Giulietta M. Spudich. elementgorls.org/workshopnew

The Big Give 'Green Match Fund', 20 to 27 April: The Big Give is focussing on environmental issues (<https://biggive.org/green-match-fund/>), doubling donations made by midday this Thursday to participating charities, which include **Cambridge Carbon Footprint**, who are seeking to raise funds for their Open Eco Homes and Thermal Imaging projects (<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org>).

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.

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. (He will also be preaching at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 21 May at 10.30am.) Book online at <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/john-bell-lecture-and-music-workshop>, or contact James.Reveley@elycathedral.org or call 01353 660302.

The Faraday Institute is holding a public lecture on **16th May**: Prof. Paul Shellard (University of Cambridge) will be speaking on 'The Beginning of All Things: Modern Perspectives from Lemaître to Hawking'. The lecture will be held in the Queen's Lecture Theatre, Emmanuel College Cambridge at 6pm. To register, please visit faraday.institute/publiclecture

The Faraday Institute's research seminar series for this term begins this week. All seminars are held at 1pm (also online) – please visit faraday.institute/seminars to register. The seminars are:

25 April: Dr Mari van Emmerik, [University of Cambridge]: The Anatomy of Unbelief: Rethinking the Scientific Approaches to Nonreligion

9 May: Dr Emily Qureshi-Hurst, [University of Oxford]: The Many Worries of Many Worlds: Exploring the Implications of Everettian Quantum Mechanics for Theism

23 May: Revd Dr Michael Reiss, [UCL]: Learning to Teach Controversial Topics in School Science Education

There are still spaces available on the Faraday Institute's Summer Course, entitled 'Science, Faith and Hope for the Future'. It will be held both online and in Cambridge, 2 – 7 July. For more information, please visit faraday.institute/SummerCourse2023

The Chesterton Festival Committee If you would like to offer your help on the committee, or as a volunteer for next year's Festival, 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, 12 noon to deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you!