



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 28 April 2023

SEVILLANAS – Song Recital in church this Sunday, 30 April, at 7.30 pm (Note start time):

Spanish-inspired songs and operatic arias performed by Noemi Johns, mezzo-soprano from Birmingham Conservatoire, accompanied by Marion Caldwell. Admission free. Retiring Collection for The Friends of St Andrew's.

Tomorrow, Saturday 29 April, there is to be a **'Swish' Clothes Swap at Chesterton Methodist Church, 2.30 – 4.30 pm**, where you can swap unwanted clothes for a new look, sustainably! Clothes for adults and children can be donated and as many items as you would like to take along – they just must be clean and in good condition. Free entry. Donations welcome.

2.30 pm – Drop off your clothes

2.30 – 3.15 pm – Enjoy refreshments and activities

3.15 – 4.45 pm – Get swapping!

Coronation Weekend Flowers: Our Flower 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**, the Friends of St Andrew's are organising refreshments to be served, 10 am –12 noon and 2–4 pm. There should be a few plants and other items for sale too. All welcome! If you can offer to steward or help serve refreshments that day, or if you are able to provide cake or biscuits, then please contact John Reynolds. Contributions can be dropped off before or after the 10am service on Sunday 7th May, or brought on the day.

APCM 2023: Our APCM will be on **Sunday 14 May** in the Hall 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.

Church Wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives

Ian Nimmo-Smith, who has served faithfully and ably as a Church Warden for 9 years, has indicated that he will not be standing again for this position this year. We hope very much to have an opportunity to thank Ian warmly at the APCM for all he has brought to this role over these years. Maggie Fernie, our other Church Warden, who also brings so much to this role - especially last year in the ways she served during the Vacancy - has indicated that she intends to stand for another year. We hope to have an opportunity to show our gratitude to Maggie at the APCM too. With Ian stepping down, St Andrew's is therefore needing a new Warden to be nominated and elected at the APCM.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) are the trustees of the charity of St Andrew's Church. They hold leadership and legal responsibilities, together with Wardens and the Vicar, for the flourishing of the Church. There are 12 elected posts on the PCC, of which 5 come up for renewal this year. 4 current

members of the PCC have indicated they wish to stand again and will need to be nominated and elected at the APCM. Robin Newton is stepping down after 3 years on PCC - so thanks are due to Robin at the APCM, for all he has shared in this role.

Deanery Synod is the forum for clergy and lay representatives across the North Cambridge Deanery. St Andrew's is entitled to nominate 2 lay representatives to this Synod - and who also serve as members of the PCC. These 2 posts come up for renewal this year too. Both our current Synods reps have indicated that they wish to stand again and will need to be nominated and elected at the APCM.

Service details

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

Sunday 7 May, 5th Sunday of Easter

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

10.00 am Family Service (live-streamed and in church) followed by Short Communion (in church)

5.30 pm No service

In the coming week

Monday 1 to Friday 5 May

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...

Ian Nimmo-Smith, Beryl Brundish and Isolde Gundert.

From the Book of Remembrance: Doris Scott, Basil Buchanan, George Elgar, Paul Bird (former organist at St Andrew's), Gladys Mackennal, Maisie Boswell.

More news and some reminders...

The Friends of St Andrew's Annual General Meeting, is to be held on **Sunday 21st May at approx. 6.45pm**: The meeting will follow the Evening Service, which is at 5.30pm. After the meeting, Georgia Curry will give a talk on her recent trip to Antarctica.

Ordinand on placement: We are very pleased to welcome **Abigail Harris**, an ordinand from Westcott House, who will be on placement with us this 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.

Wintercomfort Collection Box – donations of items: We continue to pilot having a Collection Box for items in church and thank you for all donations so far received. At the moment, the most pressing donation drive is for spreads to feed those who are rough sleeping, so: **jams, marmalade, marmite, peanut butter, honey and chocolate spread.** Donations must be shop-bought and sealed – no home-made please. You are welcome to bring any items to church on a Sunday morning and place them in the new Collection Box. We will make arrangements for a regular bulk collection to be delivered to Wintercomfort. As we move towards summer, Wintercomfort tell us their needs will change, and will update us regularly with items they are seeking.

Church admin email – system change: A reminder that Deborah is now handling general church admin-related enquiries via admin@standrews-chesterton.org. Rachel can be contacted at rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org and office@standrews-chesterton.org address. 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!

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on **Tuesday 16 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.

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 coming month, 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

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

John Bell at Ely Cathedral: 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 **16 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 Institute's research seminar series for this term continues with:

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

All seminars are held at 1pm (also online) – please visit faraday.institute/seminars to register.

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. I occasionally babysit for a local family in Chesterton, and as a Cambridge student (studying Spanish Russian and Polish) I'm always happy to spend a wholesome evening as a babysitter! I'm well placed for weekend, evening and potentially weekday childcare (during the week would be limited to minimal hours on request). 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)).

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