



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 12 May 2023

There will be **Cafe Church** this Sunday in the Hall at 10 am. This is a more informal service especially suited to families and children. The 10am service in church is a Sung Eucharist. All are welcome to either.

St Andrew's Church APCM 2023 – this Sunday, 14 May

The Annual Meeting will be held in St Andrew's Hall after the Sunday service and Cafe Church. The meeting is an opportunity to review the past year and also to look ahead to the future. There will be elections of Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives for the coming year and a time for us to thank those who are stepping down this year for the service they have given to St Andrew's.

You can read [here](#) the Annual Report, Deanery Synod & fabric reports, and financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022; and the [minutes](#) of last year's APCM – copies of which will also be available at the APCM on Sunday.

After the Annual Meeting, all are welcome to stay for a **bring-and-share lunch**. It will be a lovely time to catch up with one another and enjoy a meal together. All contributions to the lunch will be very welcome, and can be savoury or sweet – but you do not need to 'bring' in order to 'share'! Please feel welcome to stay whether or not you can bring something, as we expect a good spread, with enough food for everyone. Contributions can be dropped off at the Hall between 9.30 and 9.45 am, or alternatively brought to the Hall during coffee time.

Sunday is the start of **Christian Aid Week**, so there will also be an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid at the bring-and-share lunch.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Coronation Flowers Day** last Monday. It was a very good day. The flower displays were splendid and the cakes were delicious. *John Reynolds*

The next meeting of the **Umbrella Group** will be on **Thursday 18th May, 2.30 pm** at 55 St Andrews Road. Please join us – everyone welcome. *Jill Pratt*

The Friends of St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert, Friday 19 May, 12.30 pm in church: Flukes Ukulele Band. Free Admission, with a retiring collection for The Friends.

Photos of Church and Community Life – and videos! We wish to show on our website, and in printed materials too, a vibrant, warm and welcoming picture of our church community. As previously announced, we are building up a portfolio of photos of church life 'in action'. We also plan to create a **'Welcome to St Andrew's' video**, to feature on the church website. We will therefore be filming some short bits of video at times during services and activities in coming weeks. We will

announce this in advance and anyone who doesn't wish to be filmed or photographed will of course be able to opt out. Permissions will be sought for use of any footage or photos. Any questions or concerns, please contact Patricia or Deborah. Thank you.

Service details

Sunday 14 May, 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am [Holy Communion](#) (BCP; live-streamed and in church)
10.00 am [Sung Eucharist](#) (live-streamed and in church)
10.00 am Cafe Church in St Andrew's Hall
(Followed by APCM and bring-and-share lunch)
5.30 pm No service

Thursday 18 May, Ascension Day

7.30pm: Ascension Day Communion - quiet service in church.

Sunday 21 May, 7th 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 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

In the coming week

Monday 15 to Friday 19 May

Every weekday, except for Bank Holiday Monday: [Morning Prayer](#) at 8.30am (online only).

Monday Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.
Tuesday, 10.30 am: Bible Study Group in the Annexe.
Thursday, 2.30 pm: The Umbrella Group meets at 55 St Andrew's Road.
Thursday, 7.30pm: Ascension Day Communion - quiet service in church.
Friday, 12.30 pm: The Friends' lunchtime concert in the church with the Flukes Ukulele Band.

Please pray for...

Beryl Brundish - who is now very unwell; and Ian Nimmo-Smith and Isolde Gundert.

From the Book of Remembrance: Edith Tullett, Kate Rowlingson

More news and some reminders...

Churchyard Matters

The next Saturday morning Working Party will be on **20th May**. We shall be there between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm, so come and join us.

But **raking** is needed before that as the City Council team have been cutting the grass this week and there is plenty to rake up!

If you have a springy rake and some gloves, your help would be enormously appreciated! Monday and Wednesday evenings between 7 and 8 pm would be good times. Please contact Maggie Fernie if you could manage either of those.

Pilgrims - a new group for going further on the journey of faith. From Tuesday 23 May, 7.45-9.15pm, a new small group is meeting at the Vicarage for a 6-week Church of England course called Pilgrim. This term we will explore together the Creeds - the historic words we say in church to affirm our faith. The group is a relaxed and welcoming space to explore what we believe as Christians, with no questions off the table. The course will run until Tuesday 4 July (with no meeting on 13 June). To find out more, or to indicate your interest in attending, contact Philip.

“Phishing” emails and fake text messages - Please be alert to receiving emails or texts which appear to be signed by Philip or other staff members, but are not from a St Andrew’s email account or their official phone number. These messages might include a link to click, or a request that you reply to a new number. Churches and other organisations are currently being targeted by schemes like this. If you receive such a message, do not reply, delete the message, and let Philip know by another means. If you are unsure what to do, check Philip’s - or the staff member’s - details on our website, or contact someone you trust to help you do this.

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.

The Ride and Stride sponsored fundraising bike ride is celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday 9th September 2023. Cyclists visit as many churches as possible and churches have refreshments ready for visiting participants. The PCC are looking for an **enthusiastic champion** for this event, which raises money for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT). CHCT offers grants and loans to help fund repairs and improvements to church buildings, such as St Andrews. The full details of the 2023 Ride and Stride will be circulated in the next couple of months and the CHCT needs a named contact to send further information to. **Please let Philip know if you could be that named contact for St Andrews.** For more details about Ride and Stride and the CHCT, please visit: <https://camhct.uk/>.

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.

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 black people in WWII-era London. New and occasional members are most welcome.

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

Community News & Notices

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion is holding the last of this term’s seminars on **23 May**; and a public lecture on **16 May**. There are also still spaces available on the 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 <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk>.

John Bell at Ely Cathedral: John Bell will be giving a morning lecture and leading an afternoon singing workshop on **Saturday 20 May** (and 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.

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'm offering babysitting services in Cambridge. At the moment I'm studying here and I occasionally babysit for a local family in Chesterton. To get in contact with me, and for references from families I've worked with before as an au pair and babysitter, 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!