



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 19 May 2023

Beryl. We share the sad news that Beryl Brundish died last Sunday evening. Beryl died peacefully, with her family present, in Cambridge Manor Care Home. Beryl lived most of her life in Belvoir Road, and was a much valued member of St Andrew's for a significant period, since moving here from Holy Trinity. Details of Beryl's funeral at St Andrew's to follow.

Churchyard Working Party tomorrow: Please come on Saturday to help rake up the grass that was cut a week ago. One of the conditions for the bronze level of the Cambridgeshire Churchyards Conservation programme is raking up the grass cuttings so that they don't rot into the earth and make too rich an environment for wild plants to grow. There is still a lot to rake up! Your help on Saturday morning is much needed. Come any time between 9.30 and 12.30. Please bring a rake and gloves. I have two spares. Refreshments at about 11.00. *Maggie Fernie*

There will be no **Youth Group** this Sunday. It will next meet on 4 June.

The Friends of St Andrew's Annual General Meeting, is to be held on **Sunday 21st May at approx. 6.30pm:** 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.

Christian Aid Week, 14–20 May: You can still donate online at:
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

The Coronation Weekend Hog Roast on 7 May raised over £800 for Christian Aid, plus £50 pledged to Street Aid. Thank you to the Abreys for organising and hosting such a wonderful event. You will be able to read more about it in the next issue of *Chesterton Chimes* – coming soon!

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.

APCM: On Sunday 14th May we held our Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in St Andrew's Hall, attended by 37 people.

Ian Nimmo-Smith came, his first time with us since his knee operation in March. Ian was thanked for his extraordinary 9 years of service as Churchwarden.

Maggie Fernie and Chris Pountain were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Existing PCC members Deborah Bick, Julia Eisen, Quentin Harmer and Sue Lacey stood for a 2nd term each of 3 years.

Peter Coomber was nominated to stand for 3 years to replace Robin Newton, who was thanked for his term of service on PCC and Michael Grande, previously co-opted as Treasurer, was elected for 1 year to replace the gap left by Chris Pountain on becoming Churchwarden.

This year we also had Deanery Synod elections and in late 2022 Margaret Nimmo-Smith had offered to be a Deanery Synod representative, so she stood for election with Patricia Abrey. St Andrew's being allowed 2 candidates, they were both elected for 3-year terms. This means they are ex officio members of PCC, as is Hannah Fytche who remains on Diocesan Synod.

Please pray for all these representatives but also make your comments and encouragements known to them, as you feel appropriate, and for Philip as he chairs the PCC and Standing Committee meetings. *Patricia Abrey*

Service details

Sunday 21 May, Sunday after Ascension, 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, followed by the Friends of St Andrew's AGM)

Sunday 28 May, Pentecost

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 the Hall

5.30 pm No Service

In the coming week

Monday 22 to Friday 26 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 23: The Pilgrims group meets at the Vicarage, 7.45–9.15 pm

Please pray for...

We continue to pray for Ian Nimmo-Smith and Isolde Gundert.

We remember Beryl Brundish and hold her and her family in our prayers.

From the Book of Remembrance: Albert and Kitty Thorburn, and their son Christopher Thorburn; Robert and Annie Clifton, Margaret (Peg) Clifton.

More news and some reminders...

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.

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 18th July, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *The Slaves of Solitude* by Patrick Hamilton. Written in 1947, it is described as a black social comedy, set in a wartime boarding house in a small town on the Thames, and follows the lives of the assorted residents there. It achieved quite some critical acclaim. 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, is available [here](#).

Community News & Notices

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!