



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 26 May 2023

A Curate is coming to St Andrew's!

We are pleased to share the exciting news that we will have a new member join our ministry team in July. Steven McGregor will be ordained Deacon at Ely Cathedral on Sunday 2 July, and will serve as a part-time and self-supporting curate.

Steven has written the following message of introduction: Dear St Andrew's, My name is Steven McGregor. I will be joining the church this summer as a part-time and self-supporting curate. I know some of you already, as we have lived in Cambridge for many years. Indeed, my wife, Celina, and our three children Lydia (6), David (2), and Elizabeth (1) were all born here. As for me, I am from Florida originally. Before training for ordained ministry, I spent some time in the air force and army and later worked in London and academia. I have had the privilege of writing a book on the Battle of Midway and when I am not helping to care for our young family, I enjoy reading and writing history. I am really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you all! Best wishes, Steve



And a Bishop is leaving Ely!

It was announced on Wednesday that the Bishop of Ely, Steven Conway, will be moving to be the next Bishop of Lincoln. Bishop Stephen has come to St Andrew's on numerous occasions for Confirmations and most recently for Philip's installation in December. Bishop Stephen is likely to lay down his bishop's pastoral staff in mid-July, and after that Bishop Dagmar will be Acting Bishop of Ely until a new Bishop of Ely is in post.

Bishop Stephen wrote a letter to all of us in his diocese, saying the following: "I have loved the nearly thirteen years I will have served the gospel with you. It will remain my most sustained commitment in ministry, a time of great fruitfulness for me and, I trust, a time of shared purpose and love in Christ Jesus. ... I have sought to lead and to teach by word and example. I am sorry where I have failed or fallen short. I am deeply grateful, my sisters and brothers, for all I have learned from you about our shared faith in Jesus and our eternal salvation in him. It has been a huge privilege to have baptised and confirmed so many people embarking on the journey of faith and discipleship. I shall take all this learning and encouragement with me to Lincoln. ... I shall go on praying for the flourishing of the

mission and ministry of all our churches, schools and chaplaincies, and for the well-being of their ministers. Please continue to pray for me. +Stephen

Some side aisle pews to go on loan. A former Curate of St Andrew's, Helen Orr, who still lives in the parish, is creating a chapel in her garden which she intends to make available to any who would like to go and use the garden for contemplation. While Nick was still Vicar in 2021, he explored with Helen a mutually beneficial arrangement where a small number of the spare and under-used (modern reproduction) pews in the St Andrew's side aisles might be loaned for use in this chapel within the parish. In addition to pews, it was also thought appropriate that the former Communion table, currently at the back near the South door, might be loaned for use in the chapel space. Nearly a year ago, at the PCC meeting on 11 July 2022, during the vacancy, the PCC unanimously agreed to this proposal, seeing significant advantages for St Andrew's. As the pews are on loan, they or the table could be returned to the church at any time if required. The space this loan would leave in the side aisles will enable us to develop our children's area further, and provide better circulation space for coffee serving and other uses. After some delay, we now expect the pews to be carefully transported from the church in the next few weeks. - *Maggie Fernie and Chris Pountain, Church Wardens*

Plants for sale. Various varieties of tomato, chilli and pepper plants are available for sale in aid of the Friends of St Andrews. Please email patriciaabrey@ntlworld.com or text/WhatsApp on 07761 478499 to put in an order for collection from 408 Milton Road or delivery via St Andrews from 1st June onwards. Or speak to Patricia Abrey or John Reynolds. Thank you.

Pilgrims - a new group for going further on the journey of faith. This new small group started meeting last week, and will meet again this week at the Vicarage, Tuesday 30 May, 7.45-9.15pm. This term we are exploring 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.

Beryl's Funeral. A funeral service for Beryl Brundish will take place at St Andrew's on Tuesday 20 June, 11am.

Service details

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

Sunday 4 June, Trinity Sunday

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

10.00 am Family Service (live-streamed and in church), followed by short Holy Communion.

5.30 pm No Service

In the coming week

Monday 29 May to Friday 5 June

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

Monday 29: No Monday Coffee Morning, Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30: Bible Study Group. 10.30am in the Annexe
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: Mary Egerton Lee and John Trenchard Carré

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

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion - Part-time Administrator Vacancy

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion is a Cambridge-based interdisciplinary research institute improving public understanding of science and religion. Its main focus is on the relationship between science and the Christian faith, but it also engages with those of any faith or none. They are seeking a part-time Administrator. The details for this vacancy can be found on the Cambridge University vacancy page <https://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/college/> or directly on our website <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/news/faraday-institute-administrator/>.

Romsey Mill - Vacancy for Young Fathers Development Worker to work within the Young Parents Programme (YPP). [Vacancies - Young Fathers Development Worker with Romsey Mill](#)

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.

Accommodation Request: Hello, my name is Callum and I'm 21 and have been looking to find short-term accommodation for my Summer Internship in the Science Park. As of yet, I have not managed to secure any accommodation and so I'm reaching out to ask if you have a spare bedroom and are willing to house a friendly and clean Christian lodger for the months of July, August and September (specifically July 1st until September 16th). I have a budget of between £600 -750pcm. If you would like to contact me, my email is callumwhitfield@virginmedia.com or you can send me a message on WhatsApp at 07758309830. Any help would be much appreciated.

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!