



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

*A thriving, open and welcoming church community  
for all ages*

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## Weekly News Update, 16 June 2023

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the **Spring Cleaning and Sorting Morning** last Saturday. It made a real difference to the tidiness of some areas of our church, and has created some additional space for us to trial some small adjustments in arrangements in the side aisles - including making the children's area a little larger. In this last week, six pews and a table have been moved from the church, as planned and agreed by the PCC. This is called a temporary reordering arrangement, with pews and table to be used in a chapel space off Thrift Walk belonging to Revd Helen Orr. This arrangement is for up to 2 years. If you would like to speak to Philip or the Wardens about how we can improve our church interior space to serve our worship and welcome, please do so.

**Saturday 17th June, 9.30am-12.30pm** will be our next **Churchyard Working Party**; and apart from gardening we will have a display table with information about what we are trying to do and inviting people to come and join in the work. One job will be to return Wimbledon to its usual shorter condition and also make the bike racks a bit easier to use. That Alexanders (plant) grows and grows! If you are coming to join us, please, if possible, bring a rake as the grass has been cut, as one worthwhile task is the raking and gathering. Thank you to all for helping us cherish our churchyard.

Also on **Saturday 17 June, 12 - 4pm**, **Chesterton Active Families Festival** will be held on Pye's Rec. Organised by Cambridge City Council. Featuring cultural activities and food by the Cambridge African Network Association, playzone, dance sessions and more. All welcome.

**Beryl's Funeral.** A funeral service for Beryl Brundish will take place at St Andrew's this coming **Tuesday, 20 June, 11am**. If you are unable to attend but would like to view the service please join the livestream:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85883485711?pwd=NnkrazU3emNEMnV3Yk1QeWxky3NnUT09>

**Friends' Lunchtime Concert on Friday 23 June, 12.30 pm in church:** *Me Dearest, My Fairest* – songs and arias with students of Ute Lepetit-Clare. Free admission, with a retiring collection for the Friends of St Andrew's.

There will also be a lunchtime concert on **Friday 30 June, 12.30 pm** given by music students from Chesterton Community College.

**Changed Pattern of Sunday 10am Services in July and August.** Our usual pattern of varied styles of Sunday morning service will change slightly for July and August, to make adjustments for annual Vassa Day and the school holiday season. The pattern will be as follows:

Sunday, 2 July, All-age Communion

Sunday 9 July - Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16 July - All-age Communion

Sunday 23 July (Vassa Day) - Family Service including Baptism of Millie Halls. A short Communion will follow refreshments, as on a typical first Sunday of the month.

Sunday 30 July- Sunday 3 September (inclusive) - All-Age Communion

Our 10am service on Sunday 3 September will include the baptism of Xander Adekunle.

**Church Building Repairs Project** - Every 5 years, our precious Grade 1 listed church building has an architect's Inspection, and we receive a report indicating where repairs are needed, and which are especially urgent. Our most recent (Quinquennial) inspection was in 2021, and a wide range of repairs were considered urgent(!) - to our roofs, the upper windows, the stonework, and, most visibly, replastering and repainting the side aisle walls, with recommended work on the drainage gulleys to the south of the church. Two years have now elapsed since this report, and so it is high time this work was done, in order to safeguard the building fabric from damp and the weather, and restore its beauty for all who enjoy this space for prayer and worship.

This past week, the PCC agreed to carry out this work, accepting one of three tender quotations - the chosen bid being from FA Valiant, a firm we worked well with for our ramp, accessible toilet, and other recent projects.

Giving the go ahead to this project commits the PCC to a very considerable expenditure - c.£70,000 in total. The Friends of St Andrew's have kindly offered to make supporting this project their current appeal. Both the Friends committee and the PCC recognise that delaying this project i) risks ongoing harm to the fabric, ii) is only likely to get more expensive in these days of inflation, and iii) will in turn delay further improvements to the building we might like to pursue next. If, for example, we were seeking to move to a low-carbon heating system or solar energy generation, we know we would need to have fixed the roofs and addressed current damp issues in the walls first. Hence, it makes sense to carry out this project now.

If you have any questions about this, or would consider supporting this project through the Friends Appeal, or directly through the PCC, please feel free to contact Philip, or PCC Treasurer, Michael Grande, or the Secretary of the Friends of St Andrew's Church, John Reynolds.

#### **Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting summary 8th June:**

PCC met on Thursday 8 June, 7.30pm. This was the first PCC gathering since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May. Peter Coomber, mainly of our 8am congregation, rejoined PCC and was welcomed, as was Chris Pountain as Churchwarden, formerly a PCC member anyway.

A summary of the meeting is as follows:

We agreed on some considerable expenditure on the work deemed the most urgent since our Quinquennial (5 yearly) inspection (see notice in Weekly News above). Much of this project has been agreed by the Archdeacon, but the improvements to the drainage need faculty permission, the Church of England's permission granting system for work on its historic building. We hope to gain this permission over the summer. PCC Fabric committee received three quotations for the project, and PCC members voted to accept the tender quotation from FA Valiant, as proposed by the Fabric Committee.

PCC were made aware of what we believe was a bit of half-term mischief in the church, nothing malicious. We were encouraged to note any unusual behaviour or activity we observe in the church or churchyard and, as ever, encouraged to come into church as we pass by or make a visit anyway so that we ensure we can keep our building open and ensure it is used appropriately. Reporting

suspicious activity in the churchyard to Rachel Clarke in the Church Office is also encouraged to keep a full record.

The Aumbry to the left hand side of the high altar at the East end of church is currently empty, and not being used for storing the reserved consecrated sacrament - as has been the case since Covid. For this reason, a candle is no longer being kept lit permanently in the red holder. The PCC and Vicar will keep this situation under review, but decided we did not want visitors to be misled about the presence of the reserved sacrament, implied by a lit candle.

We have 2 strong applicants for the Youth Worker post, with interviews to take place late in June. This news was greeted enthusiastically. We were notified of an intended swap between Cafe Church to 4th Sunday and Junior Church to 2nd Sundays from September, which will make half-term holiday period cover easier for those in future. Also that preparation of children aged 8/9 years would take place for receiving 1st communion at an All Age Communion service in July.

Rachel had prepared a proposal of work to carry out a long overdue refurbishment to the church office during the closure period in August. This will also take place in conjunction with work on the church archives seeking to centralise, rationalise and store them all in a secure location.

Philip was able to officially share the news of the new Curate Steven McGregor who will be ordained on 2nd July and be with us Sunday 9th July before a pre-booked family holiday after that. Philip would be absent for annual leave during August.

Michael gave us an update on Finance. Income is slightly up on last year giving a forecast deficit of £10,979. Forecast income assumes giving remains the same. We are still not 100% sure the insurance claim will be paid in full, as expected, for the damaged windows. As a PCC and therefore charity trustees, we are mindful of running a deficit budget and either need to increase giving or cut costs. The reintroduction of collections has made a significant difference in addition to the card machine at the back of church.

We had an annual review of 3 policy documents: Conflicts of Interest, Equal Opportunities and Complaints policies to update them and approve them.

We were given a certificate of thanks from the diocese for paying our Parish Share (£75,541.85) in full. [A copy is on the noticeboard in church.]

With the news that Bishop Stephen is leaving to be Bishop of Lincoln we were informed Bishop Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon would be acting bishop for Ely.

## **Service details**

### **Sunday 18 June, 2nd Sunday after Trinity**

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 (Youth Group meeting in St Andrew's Hall)

### **Sunday 25 June, 3rd Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP; live-streamed and in church)  
10.00 am Parish Communion  
10.00 am Junior Church Groups meet in St Andrew's Hall

5.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

## In the coming week

### Monday 19 to Friday 23 June

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

- Monday:** Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.  
**Tuesday:** Beryl Brundish's funeral in church, 11 am.  
The Pilgrims group meets at the Vicarage, 7.45–9.15 pm.  
**Friday:** Friend's Lunchtime Concert in church, 12.30 pm.

### Please pray for...

We continue to pray for Ian Nimmo-Smith's recovery from knee surgery, and for Isolde Gundert as she settles into her new home in Waterbeach.

We remember Beryl Brundish, whose funeral will be on Tuesday, and hold her and her family in our prayers.

**From the Book of Remembrance:** William Pye, Roger Ward, Hermon Rowlingson, Jessie Dean, Percival Shrimpton

## More news and some reminders...

**Tom and Jessica Powell on a return visit!** Many of us will remember Tom and Jessica, who were regulars at St Andrew's until they moved to Sydney, Australia, last year. We share the great news that they will be back and visiting St Andrew's on **Sunday 25 June** and hoping to catch up with friends after church.

### Intercessions and reading at 10am services

It would be helpful to extend the rota of people particularly to lead intercessions at 10am services. Don't be put off by the excellent people who lead them already. They will admit to being nervous and unsure at times about what they prepare. Training and/or support can be given, but it's such a good way to hear from many voices across our church, each unique approach and concern being brought to our services is offered to God and on everyone's behalf. Please speak to Philip, the Churchwardens or rota organiser, Patricia Abrey (07761 478499) if you are inspired to serve in this way. Readers are also welcome and remind Patricia if she hasn't been in touch lately. Thank you.

Our former Youth worker until 2019, **Maggie Tate Druiff**, is being ordained priest on Saturday 1st July at Ely Cathedral. She is serving in the Benefice of The Ramseys and Upwood where she and Toby have been living since she finished her studies in Bristol. There's other news but Helen or Harry can share that.

**A Curate is coming to St Andrew's!** We look forward to Steven McGregor and his family joining us in St Andrew's in July. Steven will be ordained Deacon at Ely Cathedral on Sunday 2 July, and will serve in the ministry team at St Andrew's as a part-time and self-supporting curate.

### Farewell service for Bishop Stephen in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 16 July, 4.30 pm

There will be a farewell service for Bishop Stephen in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 16 July 2023 at 4.30pm. It will also be the occasion for a presentation to Bishop Stephen to express our gratitude. If you would like to contribute to this **by 5th July** at the latest, you are welcome to use the preferred processes noted below:

Bank payment:

Account Name: Ely Diocesan Board of Finance

Account No: 10346241

Sort Code: 20-17-68

Ref: Bishop Farewell

Cheques may be sent to *Sarah Hewitt, Diocese of Ely, Bishop Woodford House, Barton Road, Ely CB7 4DX*

They should be made payable to Ely Diocesan Board of Finance and have "Bishop's Farewell" written on the back.

**Legacies:** In recent months, St Andrew's Church has been left two generous legacies, which the PCC would like to acknowledge and give thanks for. The first was from the late Mrs Sylvia Hancock, who was a faithful member of the St Andrew's choir into her late 80's. The second was from the will of the late Mrs Sheila Cracknell. Philip would be interested to hear from anyone who remembers Mrs Cracknell, and can tell him more about her connection to St Andrew's.

**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](mailto: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.

**The Ride and Stride sponsored fundraising bike ride**, which raises money for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT), is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Cyclists visit as many churches as possible and churches have refreshments ready for visiting participants. The PCC are still looking for an **enthusiastic champion**, who can be St Andrew's named contact for this event – please let Philip know if you could be that person! 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. Donations of shop-bought jams, marmalade, marmite, peanut butter, honey and chocolate spread are still very welcome. The box can be found at the back of church on Sunday mornings, near the welcome table.*

**Photos of Church and Community Life – and videos!:** As previously announced, we are building up a portfolio of photos of church life 'in action' and also planning a **'Welcome to St Andrew's' video**, to feature on the church website. We will 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 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 new June/July edition of 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

**Christian Ukrainian refugee urgently requires accommodation:** Oxana, a 36 year old Ukrainian refugee, is urgently looking for accommodation in Cambridge. She has been here since March but has to find a new host/ess. She speaks some English and has a job. She requires her own room and share of bathroom and kitchen facilities. She may need more help settling in, registering with doctor and dentist, discovering social groups etc. The Council pays the host a monthly sum so that they are not out of pocket. I found it a rewarding experience introducing a Ukrainian to English life. Please let me know if you would like to do the same. Alison Wilson ([alisonwilson36@gmail.com](mailto:alisonwilson36@gmail.com))

### **Foundation Governor Vacancy: St Paul's CofE VA Primary School**

Church Schools of Cambridge (<http://csoc.org.uk/>) are looking to appoint two new Foundation Governors for St Paul's Primary School ( <https://www.stpauls.cambs.sch.uk/>). It is an incredibly rewarding voluntary role, serving the whole school community. Sarah Abrey is the staff governor at the school and if anyone is interested in understanding more about the school and the work of the governors, do speak to her. You can also contact the Chair of Governor's, Beverly Jones, for more information: [chair@stpauls.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stpauls.cambs.sch.uk) or the school office: tel. 01223 568840.

**A message from Rowan:** "We have a fantastic opportunity here at Rowan this summer with our **NEW holiday club for adults with learning disabilities**. Starting from July we are running Shakespeare workshops, Makaton sing and signing, an extra day of forest school and the chance to join our regular workshops in print, wood, mixed media, ceramics, and textiles. A wonderful opportunity to get busy this summer, meet new friends, and to find out more about what we can provide at Rowan. With all places subsidised by The Arts Council, The National Lottery and Cambridgeshire County Council." To find out more, visit <https://www.rowanhumberstone.org.uk>.

**Booking is now open for this year's Bridge the Gap charity walk!** This year's walk will take place on Sunday 10th September 2023. The event gives you the opportunity to take part in a leisurely family-friendly walk around some of the beautiful grounds and courtyards of seven of Cambridge's colleges. Money raised from registrations and donations is shared equally between two Cambridge-based charities, **Romsey Mill** and **Arthur Rank Charity Hospice**. There is an Early Bird booking price available until 5th July. For more information and to book, visit: <https://www.arhc.org.uk/fundraising/events-challenges/bridge-the-gap/>

**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! You can find out all the details (including booking information) [here](#), and you can email Hannah ([hrf24@cam.ac.uk](mailto:hrf24@cam.ac.uk)) with any questions.

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