



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 23 June 2023

Friends of St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert, Friday 30 June, 12.30 pm: Music performed by students from Chesterton Community College. Free admission. Retiring collection for the Friends.

World premiere of Tristan Latchford's settings of seven poems by Bishop Graham Kings: In 2022 Bishop Graham [preached](#) at St Andrew's on many of Silvia Dimitrova's seven paintings of Women in the Bible and his poems on them. Tristan Latchford's world premiere of his seven anthems on these paintings and poems took place on Wed 13 June 2023 at St Stephen, Walbrook, Wren's church next to Mansion House, London. Tristan sang with the St Andrew's Choir last year another anthem of his and Graham's, 'Elizabeth the Gracious'.

The recording of the livestream of the concert may be viewed [here](#) (starting 16 mins 30 secs in): Graham, Alison and Tristan read the poems and Andrew Earis conducted the Choral Scholars of St Stephen, Walbrook. Will Harmer, and his mother Rachel (a member of St Andrew's Choir), sang in the concert. The Concert Programme, with paintings, biblical texts, poems and details of the artists etc, may be downloaded [here](#).

Graham is the co-producer of a film, which is being made by Fugue State Films, of the event and about Tristan Latchford. His article about the film and the concert is [here](#).

Service details

Sunday 25 June, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am [Holy Communion](#) (BCP; live-streamed and in church)
10.00 am [Parish Communion](#) (live-streamed and in church)
5.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 2 July, 4th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP; live-streamed and in church)
10.00 am All-age Communion
10.00 am Junior Church Party
5.30 pm No service

In the coming week

Monday 26 to Friday 30 June

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

Monday: Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.

Tuesday: Bible Study Group meets at 10.30am in the Hall Annexe.
The Pilgrims group meets at the Vicarage, 7.45–9.15 pm.
Friday: The Friends of St Andrew'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.

From the Book of Remembrance: Agnes Rogers, Mary Everett, Grace Penicud, Robert Yorke, William Mackennal (Vicar of St Andrew's 1920-34), John and Irene Hall.

More news and some reminders...

Tom and Jessica Powell are visiting this Sunday, 25 June and hoping to catch up with friends!

A **mobile phone** was found in church on Tuesday and can be claimed by contacting Rachel: rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org.

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 Chairman of the Friends of St Andrew's Church, John Reynolds.

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.

Ordinations at Ely Cathedral:

Steven McGregor, soon to be St Andrew's new curate, will be ordained Deacon on **Sunday 2 July**. We look forward to welcoming Steven and his family to St Andrew's soon!

Our former Youth worker until 2019, **Maggie Tate Druiff**, is being ordained priest on **Saturday 1 July**. 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.

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.

Intercession and Worship Evening, Prayer event for North Cambridge

St George's Chesterton are hosting an opportunity for Christians across North Cambridge to pray and worship together for our common mission field and the work of the gospel in the north of our city on the 5th July at 7.30pm at St George's Church, CB4 1LN. A worship band from Holy Trinity in the city centre will lead a period of sung worship, and during the evening there will be short updates from different areas, sharing things to pray and give thanks for.

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.

The Ride and Stride sponsored fundraising bike ride, which raises money for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT), is celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday 9th September 2023. 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: 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. Anyone who doesn't wish to be filmed or photographed will of course be able to opt out, and 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 June/July edition of Chesterton Chimes, which contains news from our church community and details of services and events, is available [here](#).

Community News & Notices

Save Soulaf's Sight: Fundraising Lunch at St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 1 July, 12 noon – 3 pm

Soulaf is a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon. She needs an operation to save her sight so she can care for her three young children. Soulaf's sister, Linda, lives in Cambridge and she is desperate to help. Linda and her husband are excellent cooks and a fundraising lunch has been organised, where there will be delicious sweet and savoury Syrian dishes served. There will also be a silent auction. More information about the event is [here](#).

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 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. 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>.

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