



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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## Weekly News Update, 7 July 2023

**This Sunday, 9 July, we welcome our new curate, Steven McGregor, and his family to St Andrew's:** During coffee time after the Sung Eucharist and Cafe Church, everyone will be invited to wear a name label to help Steve learn our names. This is also an opportunity for us to re-learn the names of all those people we may have known by sight at St Andrew's for years, but have been too embarrassed to ask their name again!

**Sunday Lunch Club:** Thank you (from Sheila and Karrie, cooks for the Sunday Lunch Club) for the good response for more servers/pudding makers and cooks to help with this very much appreciated club which is open to anyone to come along to, who may be eating Sunday lunch alone. Pre-booking is necessary. Contact Sheila or Karrie. Or speak to Jean Welham (01223 710686). Anyone who has had time to think about lending a hand - it's not too late - "many hands make light work". Another person/s to volunteer as a cook would be brilliant. It would mean most months would be covered. You get a free lunch for your time if you are a cook/server. Contact Sheila (07948544558) or Karrie (07752456440) for more information.

**A message from Lesley:** I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their lovely comments, beautiful flowers and generous monetary gift you gave me as I say goodbye to St Andrew's, in particular junior church. I was incredibly touched. For those that weren't there I'm moving just down the road to Hope Church which meets at the Shirley school so am still around the area. I will miss the children in particular, working with them has been my highlight at St Andrew's, be it in junior church, the chancel, cafe church, first communion preparation and everything else. I will be praying for you all and would value your prayers as I work out where God is calling me to work at Hope, there are so many opportunities and I need God's discernment as to where he wants me to serve Him.

**Concert by Anna Marmion in church on Saturday 15 July, 7 pm:** Anna will be accompanied by pianist Aleksandra Myslek. The programme will be Strauss' Mädchenblumen, a selection of Wolf songs from the Italienisches Liederbuch, and Kennst du das Land, Libby Larsen's Try Me, Good King and Zerbinetta's aria from Ariadne auf Naxos, "Großmächtige Prinzessin". Free admission, with a retiring collection.

### Service details

#### **Sunday 9 July, 5th Sunday after Trinity**

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 for families and young children in the Hall  
5.30 pm No service

## **Sunday 16 July, 6th 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

## **In the coming week**

### **Monday 10 to Friday 14 July**

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

**Monday:** Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.  
**Tuesday:** The Bible Study Group meets at 10.30am in the Hall Annexe.  
Funeral Service in church - 11am

### **Please pray for...**

Erica Newbury  
Ian Nimmo-Smith  
Steven McGregor and his family

**From the Book of Remembrance:** Frank and Olive Radford, Thomas Picot

## **More news and some reminders...**

**Stained glass windows restored and returned!** The last of the stained glass windows to be repaired after last year's damage has now been re-installed in the Church. This is in the west wall of the South Aisle - and looks especially glorious in the afternoon summer sun. We are grateful to Ark Stained Glass <https://arkstainedglass.co.uk> who have done such a good job restoring the windows across the church. Many thanks are also due to everyone in St Andrew's who helped manage this project, liaising with insurers and contractors - especially Rachel Clarke, Michael Grande, Maggie Fernie and Ian Nimmo-Smith. Everyone is encouraged to take the time to enjoy the windows once again, close up.

**Changed Pattern of Sunday 10am Services in July and August.** Our usual pattern of varied styles of Sunday morning service will change slightly in coming weeks:

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

On Sunday 6 August there will also be a Family Service and Short Communion, but otherwise there will be All-age Communion services on Sundays through the school holiday season, so on 16 July, 30 July and 13 August to 3 September (inclusive).

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.

The PCC has accepted 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. If you 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. 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.

**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. 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/>.

**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.

#### **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.

The June/July edition of **Chesteron Chimes** is available [here](#).

## **Community News & Notices**

Amy and Duncan Gray are looking for an **after-school nanny** from September to pick up four-year-old Hector from school at St Faith's and have fun with him until c. 6pm, ideally Monday–Friday. They would be very grateful if anyone can recommend someone – if you can, please let Philip know.

**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. 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>.

**'Threads through Creation' at Ely Cathedral – eight million stitches expressing God's love!**

A spectacular textile art exhibition at Ely Cathedral has just opened that will run from now until 26th July. The show is touring twenty cathedrals, and consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from the Book of Genesis. They're huge – 2.7m high, up to nearly 4m wide. It's one of the largest textile art projects by a single artist, ever. It took Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson three years – and eight million stitches!

See more at [www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk).

Admission £9 online (£10 at the door). Carers free. Under 16s free. For more details, visit: [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org).

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!