



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 21 July 2023

Millie Halls's baptism: We very much look forward to celebrating the baptism of Millie Halls this Sunday at our 10 am Family Service.

This Sunday is also 'Vassa Day', commemorating Anna Maria Vassa: Anna Maria Vassa was the elder daughter of Olaudah Equiano, a leading writer and abolitionist, and his wife Susannah. Anna Maria died on 21 July 1797, when just 4 years old, and is buried in St Andrew's Churchyard. For many years now, St Andrew's has held an annual memorial for Anna Maria Vassa when as a church and community we remember and celebrate her life and that of her father, Olaudah Equiano. The memorial will take place this Sunday at the end of our 10 am service. The congregation will process outside to the churchyard beside the plaque on the north wall of the church that commemorates Anna Maria. The poem on the memorial will be read and a wreath of white flowers placed below the plaque.

We anticipate welcoming additional numbers of guests invited for the baptism and for this special Sunday to remember the Vassa/Equiano family. Please bear this in mind when timing your arrival! Refreshments will be served outside following the service (weather permitting!). In the event of rain, refreshments will transfer to the St Andrew's Hall. A short Communion service will take place back in the church around 11.30am.

This is the first Vassa Day at St Andrew's since the renaming of our nearest bridge, the Equiano Bridge in October 2022. For those who would like to join it, a further procession is planned to take place, after refreshments, to the Equiano Bridge to mark the work of the community groups that achieved this commemoration.

If you would like to read the script from a Radio 4 talk on Equiano given by Bishop Graham Kings (before he was Bishop!), when he worked at the Henry Martyn Centre in Cambridge, you can find it here: <https://www.grahamkings.org/chapter/bbc-radio-4-talk-on-olaudah-equiano/>

Sarah and Riccardo's wedding: Sarah Abrey and Riccardo Wysoczanski are getting married at St Andrew's on Saturday 29th July. Sarah and Riccardo along with Stewart and Patricia, would be delighted if members of our church family would like to get dressed up and join us! The service will begin promptly at 12:30pm, so we ask you to arrive by 12:15pm.

The Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday in the Hall Annexe at 10.30 am. We will be taking a break until 5th September when we will start studying the book of Genesis. New members welcome.

Stained Glass Summer: The Church of England is encouraging churches this summer to celebrate their beautiful stained glass windows and invite people to come and see them. St Andrew's has a number of beautiful windows, some very recently restored. Look out in coming weeks for more

information about these, shared in the Weekly News and on the website, and for some stained glass themed materials on the welcome table and in the children's area too!

Service details

Sunday 23 July, Anna Maria Vassa Memorial Day

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

10.00 am [Family Service](#) & Baptism of Millie Halls (live-streamed and in church), followed by a Short Communion service in church

5.30 pm No service

Sunday 30 July, 8th Sunday after Trinity

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

10.00 am All-age Communion

5.30 pm No service

In the coming week

Monday 24 to Friday 28 July

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 in the Hall Annexe at 10.30 am.

Please pray for...

We continue to pray for Ian Nimmo-Smith, now returned home from hospital.

We pray for the families and friends who are mourning Benjamin Moore and Emily Penfold.

From the Book of Remembrance: Lilian Rising, Eric Morley

More news and some reminders...

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on Tuesday 19th September, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *In the Days of Rain* by Rebecca Stott, an account of the writer's own life, and her father's, in the Exclusive Brethren, and their experiences that followed their decision to walk out. New and occasional members are most welcome.

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.

Changed Pattern of Sunday 10am Services in July and August. On Sunday 6 August there will be a Family Service and Short Communion, but otherwise there will be All-age Communion services on Sundays through the school holiday season. The 10 am service on Sunday 3 September will include the Baptism of Xander Adekunle.

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 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/>.

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

Community News & Notices

Daily Bread needs you! As featured in the current issue of *Chesterton Chimes*, the wonderful Daily Bread Co-operative needs support, following all the disruption of the past few years that negatively affected so many businesses. This award-winning 100% vegetarian wholefood shop promotes an ethical lifestyle through its working practices and the products it sells. It will be well-known to many of us, but if you haven't yet visited, it is close by, in Kilmaine Close off King's Hedges Road. Their website is full of helpful information too: <https://dailybreadcambridge.org>

Ending soon, on 26 July! 'Threads through Creation' at Ely Cathedral: This spectacular textile art exhibition at Ely Cathedral consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from the Book of Genesis. 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! The exhibition runs until **26 July**. See more at www.creation-threads.co.uk. Admission £9 online (£10 at the door). Carers free. Under 16s free. For more details, visit: www.elycathedral.org.

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 or the school office: tel. 01223 568840.

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