



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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

www.standrews-chesterton.org

Weekly News Update, 1 September 2023

Please note there will be **no live-stream of the 10am service this Sunday**. This service will be in church only. The 8am service will be both live-streamed and in church.

There will be **Sunday Lunch Club** this Sunday, 3 September.

Introducing our new Youth Worker!

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that our new Youth Worker is Jess Bent, and Jess formally starts her role at St Andrew's this September. Jess has recently moved to the UK from Canada, and previously lived in New Zealand. You may have already met Jess, as she has been worshipping with us for some weeks now. Do introduce yourself and make her welcome. The first Youth Group of the year is this Sunday, 5.30pm - years 7- 13.

Jess writes: Hi, St. Andrew's Chesterton!

It is a pleasure to officially introduce myself as your new Youth Worker. I am thankful for your warm welcome over the last few weeks and look forward to getting to know you all better. I am also excitedly anticipating the start of Youth Group and WHY Group – it should be a lot of fun! As the youth, volunteers, and I begin a new school term together, I ask that you pray for us. Pray that we might grow in Christ and create relationships that encourage and uplift. Please also pray for wisdom and understanding – that the Youth Volunteers and I might serve, support, and care for the youth in a way that creates a safe and welcoming space, honours God, and reinforces in the youths' lives their inherent worth as beloved children of God all while pointing them to Christ.

Thank you, Jess.

Isolde: We are very sad to bring you the news that Isolde Gundert died this morning (Friday), peacefully at the care home in Waterbeach where she had recently moved to. Isolde was a much loved member of our church family. We pray for her family and her friends and all who knew and loved her. Funeral details will be shared when known.

Quinquennial building repairs: arrangements in church from mid-August to the end of October.

The work has been progressing well since it began on 14 August. The most disruptive part of the project involves removing and replacing plaster from the wall in the South Side Aisle. The South Side Aisle has been sealed off with plastic sheeting, and will remain out of use by the church for an estimated further 7 to 8 weeks.

For the duration of this period, the 8am Communion service is being held in the Nave area. The prayer area and votive candle stand has moved to the North Aisle.

The church remains open to the public in the usual way, but regrettably won't be as peaceful on weekdays when the work is taking place. The church may be closed earlier on some days.

Update on the Hearing 'loop' in church: The hearing 'loop' in church is currently out of action because of the building work in the south side wall. We are very sorry that this has been a consequence of the work on the wall - and our technical volunteers are looking into options to restore this as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this, please talk to Philip.

Morning Prayer online and in person:

Morning Prayer has now resumed following a break in August. Please follow the Google Meet link here [Morning Prayer](#) or from the home page of our website. **This week Morning Prayer will be at 9am** to allow for the new school run. On Tuesdays, from this Tuesday 4 September, Morning Prayer will be said in church at 9am. All welcome.

Holiday office closure: The Church and Hall office is closed **from Wednesday 30th August to Tuesday 5th September.**

Bible Study Group, Tuesday 5th September, 10.30am in the Annexe: We will begin studying the book of Genesis. New members welcome.

Service details

Sunday 3 September, 13th Sunday after Trinity

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

10.00 am All-age Communion and baptism service in church (no live-stream)

5.30 pm Youth Group in St Andrew's Hall.

Sunday 10 September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

10.00 am Sung Eucharist (live-streamed and in church)

5.30 pm Contemplative Service in church - a said service using liturgy from the Iona Community.

Weekdays

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

Tuesday: Morning Prayer (Common Worship) in church, 9 am

Bible Study Group meets in the Hall Annexe, 10.30 am.

Please pray for...

All who are mourning loved ones, especially the family and friends of Isolde Gundert.

From the Book of Remembrance: Harry Dowe

More news and some reminders...

Join in Prayer for North Cambridge, 18 September at 7.45 pm, Arbury Road Baptist Church

"In July, Holy Trinity and St Georges/Hope Church gathered us all for a time of worship and prayer for North Cambridge. The churches in North Cambridge thought that this was so good that we shouldn't stop there – so we are going to keep on praying and our next prayer event is coming soon! If you have a heart for North Cambridge we'd love to welcome you to come and pray with us." *Arbury Road Baptist Church*

The new Bishop of Ely – seeking your views: The process to appoint a new Diocesan Bishop has begun. As part of the public consultation on this process, you are invited to confidentially submit your views to help inform the 'Statement of Needs'. **Deadline: 18 September.** Please follow this link: <https://www.elydiocese.org/the-new-bishop-of-ely--seeking-your-views.php>

Ecumenical visit to the Diocese of Vellore in South India in January 2024: The Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council (<https://www.cambsecumenical.org.uk>) has links with the Diocese of Vellore in the Church of South India. If you would be interested in joining a group of representatives from the Ely Diocese in a visit to Vellore in January next year, please see this [leaflet](#) and find out more at: <http://www.vellorecambridgeshirelink.org>

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.

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**. For more details about the CHCT and how to take part in the Ride and Stride event, please visit: <https://camhct.uk/>.

The August–September edition of Chesterton Chimes, which contains news from our church community and details of services and events, is available [here](#).

Community News & Notices

The end of an era at the Newsagents: "Dear Chesterton neighbour, As you may have heard, Naresh, who owns the newsagents on the High Street, is retiring at the end of August. Naresh, Rashmi and their family have been running this amazing shop for 32 years. I am planning to put together a book of messages from all of their regular customers. As it is not possible to keep the book at the shop, please can you send your contribution to me either via an email message or a handwritten piece by **Saturday 19th September**. Either drop through my door at 39 Water Street or send via email to annecampbell58@gmail.com. Thank you."

Bridge the Gap charity walk, Sunday 10th September: 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**. For more information and to book, visit: <https://www.arhc.org.uk/fundraising/events-challenges/bridge-the-gap/>

Community Walk for Rowan, Sunday 24 September, starting at 10.30 am from Jesus Green Lido: After the success of our community walks in 2021 and 2022 we are going again this year! Join us for our annual community walk to raise vital funds for our arts centre and forest school. **It is £5 per entry per person.** Children under 5 are FREE. We encourage everyone taking part to raise funds with friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues. Share the link to this page or create your own fundraising page on [Just Giving](#).

There will be two routes available. One being slightly longer than the other for those wanting to take on the extra challenge. Both routes are fully accessible. Everyone taking part is welcome to join us after the walk for tea and cake at Jesus Green Lido.

Buy your entry ticket now for £5. You can also pre-order a very special 40th Anniversary Rowan t-shirt to be picked up on the day, for an additional £10. All proceeds go to Rowan.

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 Update by 12 noon on Thursday to deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you.