



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 8 September 2023

The new Junior Church term starts on Sunday and we're very much looking forward to seeing familiar faces and greeting new families after the long summer holiday. This Sunday we'll be meeting in groups in St Andrew's Hall at 10am. Ages 0-18 all welcome!

This Sunday - Creation Sunday

Our 10am Sung Eucharist marks 'Creationtide' - the season of the Church year when we are especially encouraged to celebrate the gift of Creation, to lament and repent of the ways we neglect our created world, and to resolve to renew our shared commitment to Creation Care. This Sunday we welcome as our preacher, Duncan Cowan Gray, a member of our congregation who works in the field of sustainability.

Also in church this Sunday is a **Contemplative Evening Service at 5.30pm** with liturgy and prayers from the Iona Community - influenced by Creation-centred themes in the Celtic Christian tradition. The service will be said, with a period of shared silence after the Bible reading. All are very welcome to join us for prayer and worship in this distinctive service.

Praying for our youth, volunteers and new Youth Worker:

Please continue to pray for Jess, our new Youth Worker, and for the Youth Group and WHY Group this term. As Jess wrote in last week's newsletter: "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."

Change of Saturday in September for the Churchyard Working Party!

This month, we will meet on **Saturday 23rd September** (fourth Saturday!) at our usual time of 9.30am. I hope you will still be able to come and start to get the churchyard ready for Autumn and Winter.

We would very much welcome new gardeners and anyone who is interested in looking after our graves and finding out about them. Please talk to Maggie Fernie if you would like to know more. Next month, back to our usual third Saturday.

Service details

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); **Junior Church Groups** meet in the Hall.

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

Sunday 17 September, 15th 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.

Weekdays

Every weekday, except Tuesday: [Morning Prayer](#) online at 9.00 am.

Tuesday: Morning Prayer in church (Common Worship) at 9.00 am.

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

Please pray for...

Our children and youth, Junior Church and Youth Group leaders, as the new term starts.

The family and friends of Isolde Gundert.

From the Book of Remembrance: Roy Castleman Brown, Margery Castleman Brown.

More news and some reminders...

The Ride and Stride sponsored fundraising bike ride, tomorrow (Saturday 9th): This annual event raises money for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT), and is celebrating its 40th anniversary. For more details, please visit: <https://camhct.uk/>.

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.

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.

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

Bridge the Gap charity walk, this Sunday (10th): 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, 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.

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.