



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 15 September 2023

This week (Sunday 17th) is a Youth Group week!

We will be meeting at St Andrew's Hall at 5:30 pm for an hour and a half. If you are between the ages of 11 and 18, you are more than welcome to come along for food and fun as we explore our faith. Or, if you know of any youth who might be interested in trying Youth Group out, pass along the invite to them as well; we'd love to meet them.

And for those of you who are a little older and enjoy cooking, I've still got a couple of dates where I'm looking for someone to cook the Youth Group dinner. If you are interested in serving the youth in this way, please send an email to jess.bent@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you! - Jess

The Bible Study Group meets in the Annexe on **Tuesday 19th September** at 10.30 am. New members welcome.

The **Book Club** meets 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. New and occasional members are most welcome.

The next meeting of the **Umbrella Group** will be on **Thursday 21 September, 2.30 pm** at 55 St Andrews Road. Please come and join us, all welcome.

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.

Harvest Sunday is 1 October this year. There will be a bring-and-share lunch after the morning service(s). The 10am Family Service will have a harvest theme - we will then break for refreshments followed by setting up in the hall for the lunch. There will be a short Communion in church at about 11.20am. We will aim to eat in the St Andrew's Hall by 12 noon (so don't have a big breakfast!). Sign-up sheets will be in church from this Sunday, with the opportunity to indicate the kind of food you intend to bring. Signing up allows us to estimate numbers, but all will be welcome on the day.

Service details

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 **Youth Group** meets in St Andrew's Hall

Sunday 24 September, 16th Sunday after Trinity

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

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.
Tuesday: Morning Prayer in church, 9 am.
The Bible Study Group meets in the Annexe at 10.30 am.
The Book Group meets at 42 Hawthorn Way, 8 pm.
Thursday: The Umbrella Group meets at 55 St Andrew's Road, 2.30 pm.

Please pray for...

All affected by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, and the rescue workers and emergency relief agencies bringing aid.
The family and friends of Isolde Gundert.
From the Book of Remembrance: Thomas Hewson

More news and some reminders...

Opportunities to help our communications as a church

We want to be a church that lets our community know what's on in our church and welcomes new people warmly and effectively. We are looking for new volunteers to

- 1) help design and produce posters to publicise which worship services and other events are happening when in our church each month, and
- 2) to help keep up-to-date our church database - ChurchSuite - which allows us to keep in touch with new people and keep everyone informed about church news.

These are two distinct yet self-contained tasks which need only a small but also regular amount of time each month. Training will be given - you just need to feel reasonably confident you would enjoy spending an hour or two every few weeks doing them! Please talk to Philip for more details.

Join in Prayer for North Cambridge, Monday 18 September, 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>

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

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.