



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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for all ages*

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## Weekly News Update, 22 September 2023

**Harvest Sunday is on 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.

### **Harvest Collection for WinterComfort - Sunday 1 October**

As in previous years, we are collecting donations during our Harvest Service for WinterComfort - a local organisation that provides practical help to those who are homeless in our city. If you would like to bring something to offer during the service, the list below offers some suggestions:

#### **Food items**

Dried pasta / Gluten free pasta / Rice  
Noodles (dried or 'straight to wok' types)  
Tins of tuna or ham  
Tins of baked beans, chopped tomatoes, kidney beans, green lentils, sweetcorn or soup (any flavours)  
Pasta sauces  
Individual porridge pots  
(Shop-bought only) jam, marmalade, chocolate spread, peanut butter  
Jars of sandwich spread  
Coffee or Tea

Please remember that WinterComfort is not allowed to give out home-made items, so if you wish to donate other items not on this list, ensure they are shop-bought. Many thanks.

**Isolde Gundert Funeral Arrangements.** Isolde Gundert's funeral service will be at Cambridge Crematorium, Huntingdon Road, on Friday 6 October, 9.30am, East Chapel. A shorter service for the Burial of Ashes will be held the next day, on Saturday 7 October, 11.30am, in St Andrew's Churchyard. The family have said that all who knew Isolde at St Andrew's and in the Chesterton community are most welcome to attend either or both services.

### **Service details**

#### **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)  
10.00 am Cafe Church in the St Andrew's Hall

### **Sunday 1 October, Harvest Sunday**

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

10.00 am Family Service (live-streamed and in church), followed by a service of Short Communion in church (and then Bring + Share lunch in the St Andrew's Hall).

## **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.

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

Please continue to 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:** Sydney Wheatley, Doris Wheatley, Maria Taylor, Kathleen Cook, William and Beatrice Layton.

## **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.

**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

**ESOL Cafe in Chesterton:** A friendly group meets on Tuesday mornings at St Laurence's Church to help anyone who would like to improve their English speaking for whom it is not their first language. Each session deals with a different useful topic. Please see this [flyer](#) for details and visit [www.esolcafe.co.uk](http://www.esolcafe.co.uk), where the programme for this term can be found.

**Community Walk for Rowan, this Sunday (24th) 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](mailto: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](mailto:deborah.bick@standrews-chesterton.org). Thank you.