



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 29 September 2023

This Sunday is Harvest Sunday: 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!). All welcome!

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. 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.

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

This week (Sunday 1st October) 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 (5 Nov. & 3 Dec.) 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

Isolde Gundert's 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.

Taize Service next Sunday 8 October, 5.30pm

The Sunday evening service in October will be a Taize service, with contemplative prayers and chants from the Taize Community tradition. Please join us as we resume this reflective service - and invite others you know who might value this distinctive style of Christian worship.

The Bible Study Group will meet this Tuesday morning at 10.30am in St Andrew's Hall Annexe. New members welcome.

The October–November edition of Chesterton Chimes, which contains news from our church community and details of services and events coming up in the next two months, is available [here](#).

Service details

Sunday 1 October, Harvest Sunday, 17th after Trinity

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 a Bring + Share lunch in the St Andrew's Hall)

5.30 pm Youth Group meets in St Andrew's Hall

Sunday 8 October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

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

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

10.00 am Junior Church Groups meet in St Andrew's Hall

5.30 pm Taize service 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.

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

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: Elsie Porter, Violet Edwards

More news and some reminders...

Minims

Minims is the singing group for 4-8 year olds that runs on Sunday afternoons in the church. You may have heard the Minims singing at the front during one of the Easter or Christingle services. The group

now meets on 1st and 3rd Sundays, rather than only once a month. We would really benefit from another person to come and accompany us on piano or guitar for some of the sessions.

We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to commit to praying for Minims from the comfort of your own home, perhaps while the session is running (4-5pm), or anyone who would like to serve refreshments to the parents who attend. Any questions or ideas, please email lizzie.h.thomas@gmail.com.

WinterComfort and Cambridge Church Homeless Project Quiz Night - St Barnabas Church, Mill Road - Wednesday 11 October, 7pm

WinterComfort and the Cambridge Church Homeless Project are holding a fundraising event on Wednesday 11th October. This is a Quiz and Curry Night at St Barnabas Church. A similar event was held last year and was a great success. The quiz is reportedly something quite special – nothing like your average pub quiz! They are using an interactive quiz system – very flashy and LOTS of fun. Teams from churches are encouraged. This link should take you to Eventbrite for tickets.

[Wintercomfort and CCHP Quiz and Curry Night! Tickets, Wed 11 Oct 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Azul Wasi Newsletter

Life at Azul Wasi has been very challenging over the past few months for a number of reasons which we have explained in the latest Azul Wasi Newsletter. You can find this on the Mission and Giving section of the is available on the church website:

<https://standrews-chesterton.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Azul-Wasi-Autumn-Newsletter-2023.pdf>

There are some printed copies in the hall and at the back of the church. If you aren't on the mailing list and would like to receive the twice-yearly Newsletter, you can sign up to this on the website:

<https://www.standrews-chesterton.org/church-life/mission-and-giving/azul-wasi/>

Please pray for Alcides and the other staff and of course for the boys whose home it is.

Chris and Mary Pountain (azulwasista@gmail.com)

Book Club: The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Tuesday 28th November, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk. It's set in a rural part of Poland and is part mystery story, part philosophical 'fable', offering ideas on injustice against marginalized people, animal rights, hypocrisy of traditional religion, among other issues. As ever, new and occasional members are most welcome.

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.

Community News & Notices

Something for Call the Midwife fans...Saturday 14th October, 3–4.30pm at Little St Mary's Church: Heidi Thomas (Creator) & Stephen McGann (Dr Turner) share candid insights and exclusive behind-the-scenes images in an illustrated talk about this much-loved TV drama. This is a special fundraising event in aid of two Cambridge-based charities, Whitworth House and Camtrust. Tickets £16.96 including homemade cake, tea, coffee & booking fee from Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heidi-thomas-stephen-mcgann-on-the-hit-call-the-tv-midwife-tickets-717021569817?aff=ebdssbeac>

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, where the programme for this term can be found.

Please email any notices for inclusion in the next Weekly News Update by 12 noon on Thursday to admin@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you.