



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 17 November 2023

The Allcomers Group will be singing at the All-Age Communion on Sunday. There is a practice in church this (Friday) evening, 7.30-8.30 pm, and then from 9.00 am on Sunday morning. The Group will sing regularly at the All-age Communion Service on the third Sunday in the month. If you would like to take part in future months, please let Chris know at chris.pountain@standrews-chesterton.org

Churchyard Working Party. As the forecast for tomorrow, Saturday morning, is for heavy rain, the churchyard working party is **cancelled** but watch this space. We might smuggle one in for another Saturday soon! Contact Maggie Fernie: maggie.fernier@standrews-chesterton.org if you would like to join us for future dates. You would be most welcome.

Leading prayers at St Andrew's - upcoming training, Sunday 19 November

Do you currently - or would you like to - lead prayers in our 10am services across the month? Philip and Patricia are hosting an informal training session for intercessors on Sunday 19 November, 11.45am, after coffee after the All-age Communion that day. We will gather in church and exchange thoughts and ideas about approaches and principles for praying publicly, and looking at some materials designed to inspire our collective prayer in future. Do talk to Patricia Abrey or Philip to find out more. pcc.secretary@standrews-chesterton.org

'Fall into Harmony' Concert tomorrow evening, Saturday 18 November, at 7pm in church: featuring **Cambridge Harmony**, a female a cappella group, and local folk string band **String Onion**. This is a charity music night in support of Arthur Rank Hospice. See Cambridge Harmony's [Events](#) page for more information and to book tickets.

The St Andrew's Advent Fayre will take place on Saturday 25 November from 1 - 4pm. Come along for seasonal gifts and a cup of tea and a slice of cake. The Fayre in the Hall will be followed by a concert in Church with students from Chesterton Community College. There are still a few stall spaces left, so if you would like to have a stall at the Fayre please contact rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk to book your place.

Lighting in church. Those of us who have been in church recently on darker mornings or for evening events and services will have noticed that fewer lights are working than we would expect. Unfortunately, recent attempts to solve this by changing the bulbs have revealed that the fault lies with many of the light fittings - a number of which have failed at the same time. To improve the lighting in the short-term, we plan to introduce some stand-alone lighting. The PCC has recognised and agreed the need to bring forward a long-planned project to upgrade to an energy-efficient and flexible lighting system, and to find the funds for this as soon as possible. Please bear with us while the project is planned and implemented. If you have any views about our future lighting needs in church, you are most welcome to share them with Philip in the first instance.

Service details

Sunday 19 November, 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

10.00 am [All-age Communion](#) (live-streamed and in church).

Sunday 26 November, Christ the King

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 meets in 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.

Pilgrims Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.45–9.15 pm.

Please pray for...

Lorna Dazeley and family as they mourn for Derek.

Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, and aid for all those suffering from the ongoing terrible violence.

From the Book of Remembrance: Robert Fox, Florence Mary Emma Fox

More news and some reminders...

Each year, **Cambridge Regional College** put together Christmas bags for children and young people in care who are studying at the college. Christmas can often be a difficult time of year for our vulnerable young people, therefore we would like to give them something special to open. The Mission and Giving Group have again this year very kindly agreed to donate £200 towards vouchers to cover essentials, phone top-ups, etc. Items can also be donated by church members, and if you have anything you could give, it would be greatly appreciated. A list of suggested items is [here](#). I will be in the 10am service this Sunday, and at Cafe Church in the Hall on the 26th to receive any donations, or items can be dropped off at the Hall midweek until Friday 24th (please ring ahead to arrange a time with Rachel). Thank you. *Helen Druiff*

Duncan Cowan Gray has been licensed as a part-time, self-supporting Associate Priest to St Andrew's. Duncan, Amy and their children moved to Cambridge from the Diocese of London last year, and have been part of our congregation for some months now. As Duncan works full-time in secular employment, he will principally serve as part of the clergy team presiding and preaching on Sunday mornings. Please do make Duncan and Amy and their family welcome. We look forward to their ministry among us.

Are you interested in singing in the choir for our Christmas Eve Carol Service? If so, Chris (chris.pountain@standrews-chesterton.org) would love to hear from you! Practices will be held on

Friday 8 December 7.30-9.00, Friday 15 December 7.30-9.00, Friday 22 December 7.30-9.00 and immediately before the service from 5.15; of these Chris asks that you attend at least two including 22 December as well as on Christmas Eve itself. He needs to know numbers involved by the end of November so that music copies can be printed in time for the first practice.

Supporting Crossways hostel this winter

Last winter, as a church we supported the new Crossways pop-up homeless hostel in our parish by supplying milk (later milk and bread) on a daily basis from early November to the end of March. This project is part of the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project <https://www.cchp.org.uk>

We had a very generous response to our appeal last year, and commend this project to your support again this year. The St Andrews PCC Mission and Giving Subgroup have also assigned a donation to the project for a second year. There are paid weekday staff and weekend Christian volunteers who cook and support the residents. There are 20 occupied bedrooms once the hostel gets to full capacity. The milk and bread are delivered daily by the nearby Spar shop, on our behalf, according to the level of need.

There are three ways you can support the Crossways hostel project this winter. 1) As a volunteer (visit www.ittakesacity.org.uk/support-us/ for more information). 2) Financially: If you would like to make a one off or monthly donation here are the details: "**St Andrews Chesterton PCC**" Sort Code: **20-17-35** Account no: **80263524** using the reference: **MILK**. Taxpayers: Gift Aid can be reclaimed on your donation. And/or 3) In Prayer - committing to pray regularly for the residents, staff and volunteers.

If you have further questions please speak directly to Sharon Neufeld or Patricia Abrey over coffee or on 07761 478499 or pcc.secretary@standrews-chesterton.org Thank you.

Book Club: The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Tuesday 28th November, at 8pm, 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 marginalised people, animal rights, hypocrisy of traditional religion, among other issues. As ever, new and occasional members are most 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](#).

Community News & Notices

The Chesterton Community Choir will be performing **Vivaldi's Gloria** and a selection of seasonal favourites at a festive concert to be held in City Church (12-16 Cheddars Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8LD) on **Wednesday 6 December at 7.30 pm**. Tickets cost £10 (cash on the door). www.chestertonchoralsociety.org.uk

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 23 November** to admin@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you.