



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 3 November 2023

Derek Dazeley - It is with great sadness that we share the news that Derek Dazeley died early on Wednesday morning. Lorna and other close family were with him. Derek has been a great and formative supporter and influence in the life of St Andrew's over the many decades that he and Lorna have lived in the parish. Derek served as Churchwarden, Chairman of The Friends of St Andrew's, and as a member of the PCC for a long period, in addition to supporting Lorna's calling to ordination and her valued ministry at St Andrew's. Please do remember Lorna and the whole family in your prayers. Derek's funeral service will be in Church on **Tuesday 14 November, 1.45pm**.

There will be **Sunday Lunch Club** this Sunday, 5 November. This very much appreciated club is open to anyone to come along to who may be eating Sunday lunch alone. Pre-booking is necessary: please contact Jean Welham (01223 710686).

Time to Remember - Sunday 5 November, 4pm

The annual Time to Remember service to remember friends and loved ones who have departed this life will be this Sunday at 4pm. This is a quiet, reflective service for all who would like to be there. During the service, we shall build up a small "Garden of Remembrance" in the Church and read out names brought to the service by those who come. This year, families who have received funeral ministry from St Andrew's in the last year or so will receive a letter specifically inviting them to this service. If you know others who might appreciate this service, or you would normally expect to come yourself - please consider this notice an invitation to come and also to share. Please feel free to bring a small posy of flowers, or a single flower, and a card with names you would like read out. Refreshments will be served after the service in church.

Minims - Sunday 5 November, 4pm in the St Andrew's Hall

Minims is the singing group for 4-8 year olds that runs on Sunday afternoons in the church. Due to the Time to Remember Service, Minims will meet over in the Hall for this Sunday afternoon. Please email Lizzie if you would like to attend for the first time or find out more: lizzie.h.thomas@gmail.com

Friends of St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert, Friday 10 November at 12.30 pm: a piano recital by Marion Cauldwell. Admission free, with a retiring collection for the Friends of St Andrew's.

Hymn and song-writing workshop in church - Saturday 11th November c.9am-12 noon.

Are you creative with words? Are you creative with music? Would you like to get together with others in our church community to share words and music for expressing our faith, worship and praise? Alex Coke-Woods is looking to organise a workshop for anyone interested in our own hymn and song-writing in St Andrew's. We'll gather on the morning of Saturday 11 November, from 9am. Do come along - or get in touch with Alex for more details. alex.cokewoods@gmail.com

Leading prayers at St Andrew's - upcoming training

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

Service details

Sunday 5 November, All Saints

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

10.00 am [Family Service](#) (live-streamed and in church), followed by a Short Communion Service in church

4.00 pm A Time to Remember Service in church

5.30 pm Youth Group meets in St Andrew's Hall

Sunday 12 November, Remembrance Sunday

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

10.00 am Remembrance Sunday Service (live-streamed and in church). The congregation will move to gather at the War Memorial in the churchyard for an act of remembrance at 11 am.

10.00 am Junior Church Groups meet 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.

Friday: Friends' Lunchtime Concert, 12.30 pm in church.

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: Doreen Findlay and her husband William Alexander and his youngest sister Lebe Hoyle.

More news and some reminders...

The St Andrew's Advent Fyre 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 Fyre will be followed by a concert in Church with students from Chesterton Community College.

If you would like to have a stall at the Fyre please contact rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk for more information.

'Fall into Harmony' Concert on Saturday 18 November at 7.30 pm 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.

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.

Could you help steward concerts at St Andrew's this Autumn? Free listening included!

Help is needed to steward the 'Fall into Harmony' evening concert and the pre-concert rehearsal on Saturday 18th November. If you are interested in helping please see John Reynolds after church or contact him by email (reynolds.4@btinternet.com) or tel: 01223 249591. It is hoped that the number of concerts at St Andrew's will increase, so all offers of help will be gratefully received.

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 30 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**. 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.

Volunteer Opportunities with Junior Church!

We are delighted that our Junior Church is growing and that we are welcoming new families all the time. This means that we are looking to recruit and train up members of the wider congregation to support this important work. A small commitment from you would make a big difference to our children and young people growing and finding faith for themselves! There are many different ways you can help. Could you:

- be on a rota of helpers to assist the group leaders on the 2nd Sunday in the month?
- share your love of crafts by liaising with our Story teller at Cafe Church and dream up some creative responses for children and adults?
- help prepare the children's area in church to welcome families with pens, colouring and toys in the children's area - by getting to church 10-15 minutes early for Family / All-Age services and staying a little longer to help tidy after?
- make and serve coffee for the start of Cafe Church on a 4th Sunday (on an occasional basis)?

If the answer is 'YES' to any of these (or indeed if you have other ideas!) please contact Julia Eisen junior.church@standrews-chesterton.org Thank you!

And even more volunteer opportunities with Youth!

And if supporting the youth is something you are passionate about, we would love to have your help either hanging out on an occasional Sunday afternoon, cooking a meal for the youth (we still need someone to do this on 5th November!), joining us for a WHY Group or two on a Sunday morning during Junior Church, or praying intentionally for the youth. Please, don't hesitate to chat to Jess if any of these things sound like they might be something you'd be willing to try!

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.

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