



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 19 January 2024

Tomorrow's Churchyard Working Party (20 January) will be our first Churchyard Working Party of the year and Diana Cooke, who presented us with our Bronze award, has just sent an encouraging message and a new chart of various ways to 'cherish our churchyard' and so increase biodiversity. We will be there from 9.30a.m. and at 11.00 there will be refreshments and a chance to look at the new chart and discuss plans and aims for the year. All are welcome. Make sure you dress warmly and are well shod and gloved. Contact maggie.fernie@standrews-chesterton.org for more information.

North Cambridge Prayer Night hosted by St Andrew's, this Monday evening, 22 January, 7.30pm for warming refreshments, 7.45pm start, ending by 9pm.

St Andrew's is hosting a gathering of local churches in North Cambridge to share an evening of prayer and worship, focussed on issues our different communities are facing and addressing through our faith in God's Kingdom being at work here. We will be hearing from representatives from Crossways - the local homeless hostel St Andrew's supports - as well as other Christian initiatives working with families and young people in our area. Everyone is very welcome to join us to pray and for collective sung worship. We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to be involved in welcome and serving refreshments - as we want to ensure a warm welcome from St Andrew's on the night. Please contact Philip if you feel you can help.

Funerals at St Andrew's this month

The details of funeral services for several individuals known to the St Andrew's and wider Chesterton community have now been confirmed. All services to be held at the church:

Oliver Harwood - Tuesday 23 January, 11.30am

Malcolm Johnson - Wednesday 24 January, 1.30pm

Roger Wheatley - Monday 29 January, 11.15am.

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on **Tuesday 23 January, at 8 pm**, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *Light Perpetual* by Francis Spufford, a novel that follows the fictionalised lives of five children killed during a V-2 attack in London in 1944, imagining an alternate world in which they lived. As ever, new and occasional members are most welcome.

Tuesday 23 January. Bible Study Group. 10.30am in the Annexe. New members welcome.

Sunday Services

Sunday 21 January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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 28 January, 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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.
10.30am Bible Study Group in the Annexe.

Please pray for...

The families of Oliver Harwood, Malcolm Johnson, Roger Wheatley, Jean Finlay and John Newton, and all those who are mourning loved ones at this time.

Please continue to pray for peace in all parts of the world where there is conflict and violence.

From the Book of Remembrance: David Bertram Watkins, Amy Maud Langley

More news and some reminders...

St Andrew's Lent Course 2024: Being Disciples

Lent begins on 14 February 2024 - Ash Wednesday. Over the following 5 weeks, the St Andrew's Lent Course will be based on Rowan Williams' short book: [Being Disciples](#) (SPCK 2016). This is a readable and thoughtful book drawn from accessible talks that the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, gave to groups exploring what it means for us to be disciples of Christ in the contemporary world. I hope the book will help us as a church grapple with and gain confidence around questions of how we live a thinking, praying and generous faith everyday, beyond our Sunday gatherings.

Once we are into February, there will be sign up sheets at the back of church for people to indicate in person which group they intend to join. If you think you might be interested in hosting or leading a midweek group on a particular day of the week, do please contact Philip soon.

You can purchase your own copy of the book yourself, or place an order for one from the bulk order the church has recently made. The first 20 copies from this order will be £9 each (cheaper than Amazon!). Please email Philip to secure a copy, or with any questions.

Instrumentalists needed! St Andrew's has a small band of musicians (including singers) who lead worship at the family service (first Sunday of each month). We are **valiant** but **rather few** in number. Please consider dusting down that instrument languishing in your loft! Come and join us! We welcome a variety of instruments as this adds to the breadth of sound in worship. We meet to practise a day or two before the service. There is a google sign up sheet where you can register your monthly availability. We plan to have an informal musical gathering sometime soon. But you don't have to wait for this to relay your interest.

You can chat to any of the leaders or current musicians if you've got questions, and/or contact Catherine Blydenstein at c.bly127@gmail.com If and when you're happy to have a go, we can add you to our email list for communications, and invite you to a practice session.

Don't delay - Come and play with us! - Catherine Blydenstein.

The Allcomers Group sings regularly at the All-age Communion 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

The December 2023 –January 2024 edition of Chesterton Chimes, which contains news from our church community and details of services and events, is available [here](#).

Community News & Notices

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation has launched this year's Surviving Winter Appeal to raise £20,000 to support local households facing fuel poverty. The Foundation appeals to those who are in a position to help, to please donate to support those who will struggle to stay warm this winter: justgiving.com/campaign/survivingwinter2023. The Foundation will then work with partnering charities across the county to distribute the raised funds, by making direct payments towards energy costs, like topping up prepayment meters, financing upcoming gas and electricity costs or paying for heating oil deliveries.

The Faraday Institute has a range of events this term which may be of interest to members of St Andrews Church.

For those with children, we'll be participating in the Cambridge Festival – come to Celebrating Science: Exploring the Wonders of the Universe, a drop in session on 16th March. See <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/celebrating-science-exploring-the-wonders-of-the-universe/> for more information.

Children age 7-11 are especially welcome to Big World, Big Questions: Is there space for faith in a scientific world? where they can investigate questions such as Does science disprove God? Can the Bible be true if it doesn't mention dinosaurs? Could robots or aliens be religious? What really makes me 'me'? See <https://faraday.institute/cambridgefestivalKS2> to find out more and register.

Their public lecture this term is titled 'Bioethics: Are Biologists Opening Pandora's Box?' and will be given by Prof. Keith Fox. It will be held on Thursday 21st March at 6pm – free entry, all welcome; see <https://faraday.institute/publiclecture> for details.

Some church members may want to dig deeper at our summer course – this year we'll be looking at 'The Art and Science of Human Health and Spirituality'. What does it mean to be human in an age of technology? Are we slaves to our genes? How does artificial intelligence affect healthcare? Can art help with healing? Explore these questions and many others 1st – 5th July; see <https://faraday.institute/summercourse2024> to explore further.

The Faraday Institute Research Seminar series will restart on 30th January, with a range of topics to intrigue and consider:

30th January Dr Jon Thompson [Cambridge House, Virginia, USA] 'Personal Identity and Resurrection: Early Modern Philosophical Perspectives' – ONLINE ONLY

13th February Prof. Martin Barlow [University of British Columbia, Canada] 'Kepler, Galileo and Aliens' - hybrid

27th February Dr Pete Jordan [University of Oxford] 'Rescuing Religion from Obsolescence? John Templeton on Science and Religion' - hybrid

12th March Dr Nathan Bossoh [University of Southampton] 'Science, Religion and the Material Turn: Exploring New Global Potentials through Colonial Museum African collections' - hybrid

All these will be held at 1pm in Westminster College, Madingley Road, Cambridge (except the first) as well as being broadcast online via Zoom. All are welcome Register at faraday.institute/seminars

Please email any notices for inclusion in the next News Update by 12 noon on **Thursday 18 January** to admin@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you.