



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 5 January 2024

A very happy New Year to you all!

Epiphany Procession Service this Sunday, 5.30pm - cancelled. It is with great regret that the traditional St Andrew's Epiphany evening service has been cancelled this year, due to extensive post-Christmas illnesses. We know this will be a disappointment to many. It is very much hoped to resume the evening marking of Epiphany next year. Philip, Chris and Maggie.

North Cambridge Prayer Night - to be hosted by St Andrew's, Monday 22 January, 7.45pm. Last year, several churches in North Cambridge of different denominations partnered to hold a regular prayer event, involving sung worship, sharing issues which our different communities are facing and helping with, and praying for this in different ways. Last June this was held at St George's and in September at Arbury Road Baptist. St Andrew's will be the venue for the first such event of this year – on Monday 22 January. If you would like to learn more, or explore opportunities to be involved in prayer themes or music, contact Philip.

Tuesday 9 January. Bible Study Group. 10.30am in the Annex. Continuing our studies in Genesis. Newcomers welcome. Talk to John Reynolds.

Sunday Services

Sunday 7 January, 1st Sunday of Epiphany

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..

5.30 pm No Service - Epiphany Procession cancelled.

Sunday 15 January, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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.

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. 10.30am in the Annex. Continuing our studies in Genesis.

Please pray for...

The families of Oliver Harwood, Malcolm Johnson and Roger Wheatley - whose deaths we became aware of this week - 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: Reginald Leslie Rutter

More news and some reminders...

Supporting Crossways hostel this winter

As a church, we support 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>. 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.

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 in the New Year TBC. 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 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

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.

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.

Please email any notices for inclusion in the next News Update by 12 noon on **Thursday 11 January** to admin@standrews-chesterton.org. Thank you.