



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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for all ages*

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## Weekly News Update, 26 January 2024

The funeral of Roger Wheatley will be held on Monday 29 January at 11.15 am.

### Chimes magazine - contributions wanted!

The next edition of Chimes magazine, which will be published at the beginning of February, is almost here. We would be delighted to include your news and updates in it. This is an easy way to connect with St. Andrew's and the local community. Whether your update is big or small, please send a message to Pip Tofaris at [pip\\_rodgers20@hotmail.com](mailto:pip_rodgers20@hotmail.com). Your contributions will help make our community magazine even better! Submission Deadline: Sunday, 28th January.

### 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. We currently have venues for groups meeting on Tuesday morning, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. If you think you might be interested in hosting or leading a midweek group on a Monday, or a potential second group on these other days, 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.

## Sunday Services

### 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.

### Sunday 4 February, 5th Sunday of Epiphany (Candlemas)

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.

5.30 pm Choral Evensong (in church only).

## Weekdays

Every weekday, except Tuesday: [Morning Prayer](#) online at 9.00 am.

**Monday:** Coffee Morning in the Hall, 10.45 am to 12 noon.

**Tuesday:** Morning Prayer in church, 9 am.

## Please pray for...

The families of 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:** William John Reed, Ada Galbraith, Marcus Daniel von Janowski

## More news and some reminders...

**A big thank you to everyone from St Andrew's who helped host the North Cambridge Prayer evening last Monday.** We heard from and prayed for exciting initiatives in our community: the Crossways homeless hostel, for which the St Andrew's community provides regular milk and bread; and the Mum2Mum befriending initiative, which trains volunteers to come alongside young mothers in our area in need of extra encouragement and support. The warm welcome and refreshments were much appreciated by those turning out on a cold night; excellent prayer resources were prepared by Hannah; and the music group wonderfully demonstrated the way St Andrew's is able to combine a range of worship styles from across traditions. We were joined by representatives from a range of churches from across CB4. The next North Cambridge Prayer Evening will be on Monday 15 April, 7.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arbury. - Philip

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on Tuesday 19th March, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *Abide with Me*, by Elizabeth Strout. Set in a small town in New England during the 1950s, the novel follows a religious leader, struggling with the death of his wife. It explores themes of 'love and abandonment, faith and hypocrisy; and the peril of family secrets...' As ever, new and occasional members are most welcome.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**Rowan's charity art exhibition at The Leys School, 24 & 25 February, 10 am – 3 pm:** All funds raised from the sale of artworks will support Rowan's 40th anniversary campaign to 'Raise the roof for Rowan', raising vital funds to mend their leaky roof! The theme of this year's exhibition is 'The Journey', and it is not too late to submit a canvas. Blank canvases (two sizes available) are available to pick up from Rowan, 40 Humberstone Road, and cost £10. The deadline for submitting finished artworks is Friday 9 February. For more details, please see:

<https://www.rowanhumberstone.org.uk/product/blank-exhibition-canvas-new/>

**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](http://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 next **Thursday** to [admin@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:admin@standrews-chesterton.org). Thank you.