



CHESTERTON CHIMES

News from St Andrew's Church, Chesterton
A thriving, open and welcoming church community
for all ages



Welcome...

..... to the February and March edition of the Chesterton Chimes and a very Happy New Year to you all!

In this edition, you'll find service details for February and March - taking us into Spring - as well as news and details of events coming up in these two months.

You can find updates from our children and youth work (page 5), news from Azul Wazi (page 6) and information about our Lent Course on page 7.

For full details of all our Easter Services, please look at page 2.

Happy
New Year



What's On

February

4th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C, L)
 10:00am Family Service (C,L) followed by
 a short Communion (C)
 5:30pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas (C)

11th February - Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP,C,L)
 10:00am Sung Eucharist (C,L)
 Junior Church
 5:30pm No Service

14th February - Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Communion and Imposition of
 Ashes (BCP; C, L)
 7:30pm Holy Communion and Imposition of
 Ashes (C,L)

18th February - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am All-Age Communion (C,L)
 5:30pm Contemplative Service

25th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am Parish Communion (C,L)
 Café Church in the Hall

SEE THE WEBSITE,
STANDREWS-CHESTERTON.ORG
 FOR LINKS TO THE SERVICES.

Z=ZOOM, M=MEET,
 L=LIVESTREAM,
 C=IN CHURCH, H=HALL.

Feb/March: Weekdays

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Friday
 09:00am Morning Prayer online (M)

Tuesdays

09:00am Weekly Morning Prayer in church
 10:30am Fornightly Bible Study Group (Hall).
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March

3rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am All-Age communion (C,L)
 5:30pm Evening Prayer

10th March - 4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am All-Age Communion (C,L)
 5:30pm No Service

17th March - 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am Sung Eucharist (C, L) Junior Church
 5:30pm No Service

24th March - Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am Parish Communion (C, L)
 Café Church in the Hall
 5:30pm Choral Passion Service

28th March - Maundy Thursday

6:30pm Last Supper, Eucharist and Watch

29th March - Good Friday

10:30am Walk of Witness from St. George's
 through Chesterton
 11:45-12pm Procession arrives St.Andrew's
 12:00pm Refreshments/Crafts TBC
 1:00pm Quiet in Church
 2:00pm Last Hour

30th March - Easter Eve

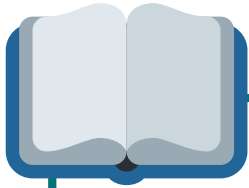
8:00pm Lighting of the New Fire
 and Easter Vigil

31st March - Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
 10:00am All-Age Communion
 5:30pm Choral Evensong



All services and events are subject to change: see the website and the Friday email for updates. Regardless of changes that may come into place, there will always be a weekly service at both 8am and 10am.



READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: FEBRUARY

Readings for 4 February

2nd Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8.1,22-31, Psalm 104.26-end, Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

Monday 5	2 Timothy 4.1-8
Tuesday 6	2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wednesday 7	Titus 1
Thursday 8	Titus 2
Friday 9	Titus 3
Saturday 10	Philemon

Readings for 18 February

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9.8-17, Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Peter 3.18-end, Mark 1.9-15

Monday 19	Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tuesday 20	Galatians 4.8-20
Wednesday 21	Galatians 4.21-5.
Thursday 22	Galatians 5.2-15
Friday 23	Galatians 5.16-end
Saturday 24	Galatians 6

Readings for 11 February

Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12, Psalm 50.1-6, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9

Monday 12	Galatians 1
Tuesday 13	Galatians 2.1-10
Wednesday 14	1 Timothy 6.6-19
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
Thursday 15	Galatians 2.11-end
Friday 16	Galatians 3.1-14
Saturday 17	Galatians 3.15-22

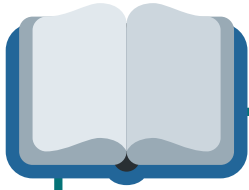
Readings for 25 February

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22.23-end, Romans 4.13-end, Mark 8.31-end

Monday 26	Hebrews 1
Tuesday 27	Hebrews 2.1-9
Wednesday 28	Hebrews 2.10-end
Thursday 29	Hebrews 3.1-6
Friday 1 March	Hebrew 3.7-end
Saturday 2 March	Hebrews 4.1-13





READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: MARCH

Readings for 3 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

**Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1
Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22**

Monday 4	Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tuesday 5	Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Wednesday 6	Hebrews 6.13-end
Thursday 7	Hebrews 7.1-10
Friday 8	Hebrews 7.11-end
Saturday 9	Hebrews 8

Readings for 10 March

4th Sunday of Lent

**Numbers 21.4-9, Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22,
Ephesians 2.1-10, John 3.14-21**

Monday 11	Hebrews 9.1-14
Tuesday 12	Hebrews 9.15-end
Wednesday 13	Hebrews 10.1-18
Thursday 14	Hebrews 10.19-25
Friday 15	Hebrews 10.26-end
Saturday 16	Hebrews 11.1-6

Readings for 17 March

5th Sunday of Lent

**Jeremiah 31.31-34, Psalm 51.1-13,
Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33**

Monday 18	Hebrews 11.17-31
Tuesday 19	Matthew 13.54-end
<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	
Wednesday 20	Hebrews 12.3-13
Thursday 21	Hebrews 12.14-end
Friday 22	Hebrews 13.1-16
Saturday 23	Hebrews 13.17-end

Readings for 24 March

Palm Sunday

Mark 11.1-11, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end

Monday 25	Luke 22.1-23
Tuesday 26	Luke 22.39-53
Wednesday 27	Luke 22.54-end
Thursday 28	Luke 23.1-25
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
Friday 29	Hebrews 10.1-10
<i>Good Friday</i>	
Saturday 30	John 2.18-22
Sunday 31	
<i>Easter day</i>	





NEWS AND MESSAGES: JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS



Junior Church

As February begins, we are only just coming to the end of the season of Epiphany, so a quick look back to Advent and Christmas seems justifiable - especially as there were **so many opportunities for creative worship together** with our children and young people. Think back to the twilight service where the Minims sang and where children and adults alike made their own Christingles, pinning a red ribbon around the orange earth and planting the Light of Christ firmly in the centre. Or remember the glorious nativity tableau with young and old, laughter and solemnity, each playing their part. More recently, our young 'royals' dressed up and processed up the nave with great dignity to lay their gifts at the feet of the Christ Child...

As we move into Spring and pick up the rhythms of in-church and in-hall worship for our young people, there will be **more opportunities to mark important events together** with the whole church community - and occasions where we need to break from our rhythms and be flexible. This year, **Mothering Sunday** falls on a second Sunday, for example, so we will come together for that service for an All-Age Communion, and we will move our Junior Church groups to 17th March. On **Palm Sunday**, we will join with the Procession of Palms before moving into Cafe Church to continue our worship.

We are often delighted to be welcoming new families and friends to our community. Please do keep in touch. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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10AM SERVICES AND GROUPS FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

ALL-AGE SERVICE

Our Family Services and All-Age Communion in the church building take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays respectively.

CAFE CHURCH: 0-18S WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

An informal service around tables for Children and Families with refreshments, songs, a story, prayers and time to wonder, create and chat together.

JUNIOR CHURCH GROUPS

On 2nd Sundays at 10am, children meet in age-appropriate groups in St Andrew's Hall. Children up to and including Reception age are part of the 'Rainbows' group (and their parents or carers stay with them). School years 1-3 are in 'Wonderers' and school years 4-6 are in 'Seekers'. The 'Why' Group, for school years 7-13, is run by our Youth Worker Jess at the same time as Junior Church.



Our Mothering Sunday service will be held on 10 March

Azul Wasi News

The children at Azul Wasi have started their new school year after the long Christmas holiday. Several of them have now left school and gone on to do further training for their future careers. The boys were all delighted to win a sports championship against other children's homes recently, which has done a lot to boost their self-esteem.

However, there have been a number of problems for Alcides to face. The unstable political and economic situation in Peru means that prices vary greatly day by day, which makes budgeting difficult; it is also a challenge to keep abreast of new legislation concerning the guardianship of children. New health requirements have meant that the children need health checks before attending school, and there is a problem with the treatment of parasitic conditions, which are rife in rural areas; there is particular concern about the management of one of the children who has anaemia.

Alcides is wary of contracting new staff, following a problem with the former tutor and his wife, who have now left; he is managing things largely by himself, recently assisted by Dante, who grew up at Azul Wasi, and his wife, Vicky; Alcides's son has also been helping when he can. To add to all this, Alcides is suffering his own health problems.

We are now sending our regular donation of £875 towards food costs month by month, having found a way of doing this at negligible cost, so this should help Alcides's cash flow situation without incurring massive bank charges, and we are in much more frequent touch with Alcides, who keeps us up to date with developments.

Please pray for him, his family and the boys as they confront everyday problems which for the most part are quite alien to us.

Chris and Mary Pountain



Life
at
Azul
Wasi



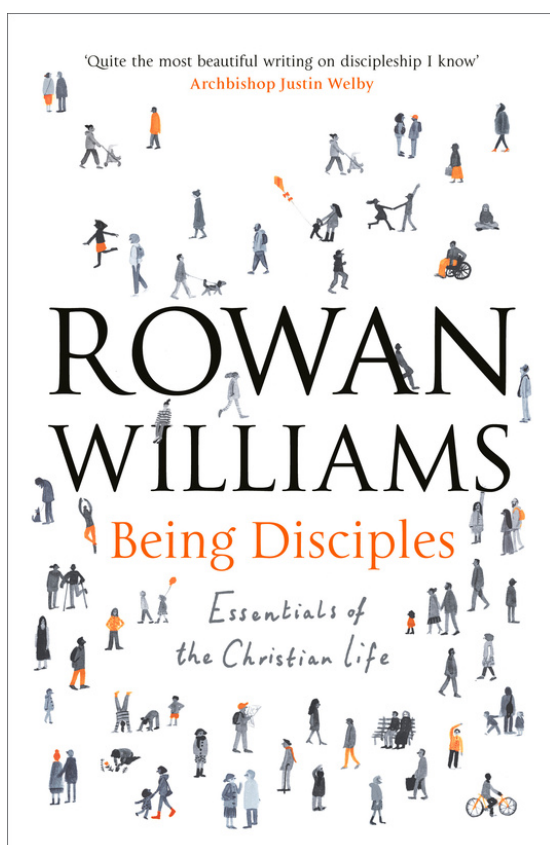
St Andrew's Lent Course 2024: Being Disciples

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. Philip hopes 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.

In 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.



LENT GROUPS
START IN FEBRUARY!






FRIENDS'
CONCERTS
 FRIDAYS 12:30PM

8 MARCH Organ Students
 from St John's College School

19 APRIL Flukes Ukulele Band

Admission free, with a retiring collection for
 The Friends of St Andrew's

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Monday-Sunday:
9am - 4pm



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The Chesterton Chimes is released once every two months. The next edition will be for April and May 2024: if you have church news or messages that you would like to include, send them to Pip Tofaris by 19 March (email pip_rodgers20@hotmail.com).

Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY PHILIP LOCKLEY

I was recently trawling through BBC iPlayer to find something to watch one evening and stumbled across a documentary: **the Cambridgeshire Crucifixion**. This was about an extraordinary archaeological discovery made only a few years ago, barely 12 miles from here, near Fenstanton. The find - which was unearthed by accident during digging for a housing development - was **the grave of a man who had been crucified around 250AD**.

Before watching this programme, I had not appreciated just **how rare was the actual archaeological evidence for crucifixion**. Historians tend not to call into question that this horrible method of execution was practised by the Romans - and practised on thousands all across the Empire. **Written and illustrative evidence survives** in sculpture and reliefs from the era, not just the Gospels. But before this Fenland dig, there were literally only one or two other confirmed instances of the physical remains of someone crucified being unearthed anywhere, ever.

The key reason for this striking historical absence is thought to be because **most victims of Roman crucifixion were slaves**. They were people considered not to count - and had no worth in society. And so, they did not receive a proper burial. Their bodies were simply dumped and forgotten.

This Fenstanton slave was unusual for being cared for enough by those who knew him to receive his own burial. This man counted for someone. His worth was seen.

Reflecting on this history, I have found myself reading certain passages from the New Testament in fresh ways. I am moved by the resonances with the story of the women caring for Jesus' body and of Joseph of Arimathea providing his grave. **Jesus counted, his worth was seen by his friends**, even as the authorities of his day assumed he should be dumped and forgotten.

And then there are the words of Paul to the Philippians, describing how, 'though he was in the form of God', Christ 'did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness**. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - **even death on a cross**' (Philippians 2.5-8).

Perhaps it took this archaeology programme to **help me see the link between 'form of a slave' and 'death on a cross'** which Paul's first-century readers would have taken for granted.

But as we remember Jesus' death on a cross this coming Lent and Easter, we recall where Jesus' story goes next. As Paul writes: 'Therefore God also highly exalted him' - meaning God raised him. Raised him in resurrection. Raised him in the Ascension. **Raised him to be above all, and so show God's answer to the sin and death embodied in the cross**.

Now that's quite something to think about after an evening watching IPlayer.

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