



CHESTERTON CHIMES

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



Welcome...

...to February and March's edition of the Chesterton Chimes.

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

You can find updates from our children and youth work ([pages 6 and 7](#)), news from Azul Wazi ([page 10](#)), information about the forthcoming Lent Course - Cherish ([page 12](#)), and the Thought for the Month from our Vicar, Philip ([page 14](#)).

For full details of all our services, please look at [pages 2 and 3](#).

*Happy
New Year!*



Services in February

at St Andrew's Chesterton

8am

every Sunday

Holy Communion

from the Book of Common Prayer

Quiet. Thoughtful Sermon. Traditional prayers.

10am

every Sunday

2 February

Family Service + Short Communion

A shorter, less formal service (35-40 mins), with an interactive talk. A break for refreshments, before a shorter Communion service open to all.

5:30 pm

Choral Evensong

9 February

Sung Eucharist + Junior Church

A longer Communion service in church with choral music. Groups for ages 0-16 run in rooms in St Andrew's Hall, followed by refreshments for all.

16 February

All-Age Communion

All generations worship together. Words and music blend the traditional and contemporary. A warm and social time with refreshments at the end.

5:30pm

Contemplative Service

23 February

Parish Communion + Cafe Church

A traditional service with hymns & thoughtful sermon in church. Cafe Church is an informal and creative service suited to young children - in St Andrew's Hall, followed by refreshments for all.

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Holy Communion

from the Book of Common Prayer

10am

every Sunday

2 March

Family Service + Short Communion

5:30 pm

Choral Evensong

5 March

Ash
Wednesday

12 pm

Holy Communion +
Imposition of Ashes

7 pm

Holy Communion +
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9 March

Sung Eucharist + Junior Church

16 March

All-Age Communion

5:30 pm

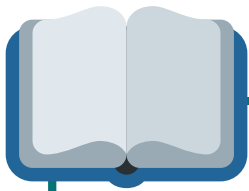
Contemplative Service

23 March

Parish Communion + Cafe Church

30 March, Mothering Sunday

All-Age Communion



READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: FEBRUARY

Readings for 2 February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

**Malachi 3.1-5, Psalm 24, 7-end,
Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40**

Monday 3	John 13.1-11
Tuesday 4	John 13.12-20
Wednesday 5	John 13.21-30
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
Thursday 6	John 13.31-end
Friday 7	John 14.1-14
Saturday 8	John 14.15-end

Readings for 9 February

4th Sunday before Lent

**Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 138,
1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11**

Monday 10	John 15.1-11
Tuesday 11	John 15.12-17
Wednesday 12	John 15.18-end
Thursday 13	John 16.1-15
Friday 14	John 16.16-22
Saturday 15	John 16.23-end

Readings for 16 February

3rd Sunday before Lent

**Jeremiah 15.5-10, Psalm 1, 1
Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26**

Monday 17	John 17.1-5
Tuesday 18	John 17.6-19
Wednesday 19	John 17.20-end
<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	
Thursday 20	John 18.1-11
Friday 21	John 18.12-27
Saturday 22	John 18.28-end

Readings for 23 February

2nd Sunday before Lent

**Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end, Psalm 65,
Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25**

Monday 24	John 19.1-16
Tuesday 25	John 19.17-30
Wednesday 26	John 19.31-end
Thursday 27	John 20.1-10
Friday 28	John 20.11-18
Saturday 1 March	John 20.19-end

Weekday prayer and bible study

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

09:00am Morning Prayer online (M)

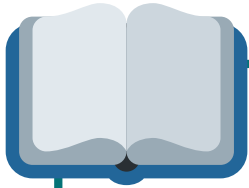
Tuesdays

09:00am Weekly Morning Prayer in church

10:30am Fornightly Bible Study Group (Hall)

For more information contact John Reynolds:
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READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: MARCH

Readings for 2 March

Sunday before Lent

**Exodus 34,29-end, Psalm 99,
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36**

Monday 3	John 3.1-21
Tuesday 4	John 3.22-end
Wednesday 5	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thursday 6	John 4.1-26
Friday 7	John 4.27-42
Saturday 8	John 4.43-end

Readings for 9 March

1st Sunday of Lent

**Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Psalm 91.1,2,9-end,
Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13**

Monday 10	John 5.1-18
Tuesday 11	John 5.19-29
Wednesday 12	John 5.30-end
Thursday 13	John 6.1-15
Friday 14	John 6.16-27
Saturday 15	John 6.27-40

Readings for 16 March

2nd Sunday of Lent

**Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27,
Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end**

Monday 17	John 6.41-51
Tuesday 18	John 6.52-59
Wednesday 19	Matthew 13.54-end
Thursday 20	John 7.1-13
Friday 21	John 7.14-24
Saturday 22	John 7.25-36

Readings for 23 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

**Isaiah 55.1-9, Psalm 63.1-9,
1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9**

Monday 24	John 7.27-52
Tuesday 25	Romans 5.12-30
Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Wednesday 26	John 8.12-30
Thursday 27	John 8.31-47
Friday 28	John 8.48-end
Saturday 29	John 9.1-17

Readings for 30 March

4th Sunday of Lent

**Joshua 5.9-12, Psalm 32,
2 Corinthians 5.16-end,
Luke 15.1-3,1b-end**

Monday 31	John 9.18-end
Tuesday 1 April	John 10.1-10
Wednesday 2 April	John 10.11-21
Thursday 3 April	John 10.22-end
Friday 4 April	John 11.1-16
Saturday 5 April	John 11.17-27



NEWS AND MESSAGES: JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

Happy New Year! Junior Church's theme for the forthcoming term is 'Events in Jesus's Ministry'. We hope to introduce some stories to the children that they haven't previously encountered in Junior Church.

Wonderers began with Jesus's baptism and the three temptations in the desert. At first, the children thought that saying 'no' was easy (and vigorously practised), but the theme was developed to illustrate that it is much harder when you know you should say 'no' to something that looks attractive. The creative responses included these art works, and the 'desert' sand was popular for play as always. The story quickly evolved beyond the gospel, but it was lovely to see a mixed-age group playing together and creating their own narrative. Even a tidying up narrative was developed which made sure the children mucked in, and it was done in double-quick time.

Future sessions will cover The Calling of the Disciples, Healing the Lame Man, Feeding the 5000, Jesus and the Children, and The Good Shepherd, which will lead us into Easter.

Don't forget there are still opportunities to help out, should the spirit move you – please contact our Youth Worker, Jess (jess.bent@st-andrews-chesterton.org)



@standrewschesterton



HELP NEEDED!

Due to changes in current volunteer availability, the youth group is looking for some new volunteers to join us on Sundays so we can continue to have fun as we explore faith, life, and community in a safe space.

Please speak to Jess to find out more:

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The children's artwork depicting Jesus' temptation in the desert



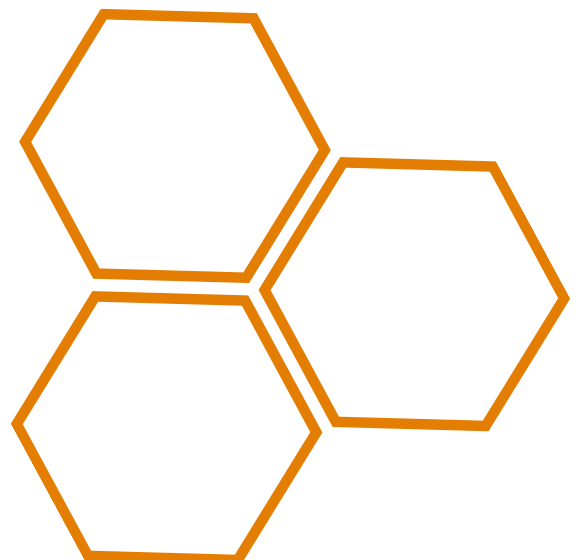
NEWS AND MESSAGES: YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We had a fantastic end to last term with a delicious Christmas Dinner cooked up by some fabulous volunteers! Some of the young people were having such a good time that they chose to stay late and play cards together.

We are looking forward to more fun with plenty of food as we explore faith this term. There will be WHY Group (10 am, 9 Feb, 9 March), Games and lunch after church (11:30 am, 16 March), Bible study for those 15+ (6:45 pm, 3 Feb, 3 March), a social event (23 March), and of course, youth group (5:30 pm, 2 Feb, 2 March)! To end the term, the youth will be taking over the service on Mothering Sunday (30 March).

Do get in touch
(jess.bent@standrews-chesterton.org) if any of this sounds like fun for you or a young person you know.

~Jess



NEWS AND MESSAGES

Church Mice

BABY & TODDLER GROUP AT ST ANDREW'S HALL
Thursdays, 10-11.30am in school term time

Since opening our doors again in September 2024, the group has quickly developed into a warm and friendly community, welcoming parents and carers with children aged 0-4 from a wide range of backgrounds and nationalities.

Church Mice offers toys and crafts for toddlers and preschoolers with a dedicated play-space for babies. The sessions end with a story and song time and some parachute games, which have proved especially popular. If you find yourself and your little one(s) free on a Thursday morning, please come and join us to relax with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit! There are also breadsticks, raisins and sippy-cups of water for children. We welcome families of all shapes, sizes, blends and generations. Suggested donation £1. No need to book, just turn up!

For more info, email:

churchmice@standrews-chesterton.org



Youth Choir - Thursdays at 7 pm

The Youth Choir practises weekly on Thursdays in the Vestry from 7-8pm during term time. This is a singing group for youth from school years 4-13. Youth are welcome to come try it out, any level of experience is welcome. Any questions, please talk to Sharon Neufeld after church, or e-mail at sharon.neufeld@gmail.com



Cambridge Street Pastors and NightLite - Call for Volunteers



Street Pastors and NightLite are a group of volunteers drawn from local churches. We volunteer from about 10 pm – 3 am and work on a 4-6-week rota. Some of the team work inside (at NightLite) at Downing Place Church, where we provide a warm welcome, water, tea, a clean loo, quiet conversation, and a place to recover. Others on the team (the Street Pastors) walk around the Market Place and surrounding streets offering help to those who need it. It is a small but direct way to serve our community.

We are seeking new potential volunteers to join us!

If you are interested, email director@cambridgestreetpastors.org.uk for more information.

Volunteer opportunities at St Andrew's

We continue to have a range of volunteer roles that we are looking to recruit new people to across our church life. Roles involving working with children, youth and vulnerable adults are subject to the Church of England's Safer Recruitment procedures. Roles include:

- **Sunday Lunch Club** - cooks, waitresses, pudding makers, setting up and clearing away people
- **Junior Church Group** - Leader and Assistant roles
- **Youth Group** - Assistant roles
- **Minims and Youth Singing Group** - Co-Leader-level and Assistant-level roles
- **Life Events Verger** - supporting the ministry team and welcoming families and guests at baptisms, weddings and funerals

If you would like to discuss your interest in any of these roles, please contact Philip. Role Descriptions, Person Specifications, and details of the recruitment process for each role are available on request.

For Sunday Lunch Club volunteering please contact Karrie: karriefuller@hotmail.com

NEWS AND MESSAGES: AZUL WASI

As we reported in our last newsletter things have been very challenging for Alcides as he tries to work out the future for Azul Wasi and the best way to be able to see the current twelve children through their remaining years of education and into independence.

It was a proud moment at the end of last term for Alcides and for **two of the boys who graduated from their primary school** at their graduation ceremony. The children (10 boys and two girls) are well and have enjoyed having some time to relax and play over Christmas and the school holiday period. But of course, the chores such as cooking, looking after the animals and the greenhouse still need to be done!

The children will soon be starting their new academic year, which is always a costly time with school fees, uniforms, books etc. to be paid for. The additional money in December, January and February which we are sending, plus some recent donations from some of our supporters, have enabled us to help out with that as well as the regular food costs.

Mary and Chris Pountain
azulwasista@gmail.com



Life at Azul Wasi



News from the Church Library

- by Rosemary Mathew

Some time ago it was suggested that an examination of the **St Andrew's Library** was long overdue. I am glad to report that this has now been done, and **you can check it out at the back of the church**. The collection is on subjects mainly concerned with Christianity and religious interest. During the sorting out, several unsuitable or damaged items were removed, duplicate copies also, and an attempt was made to list the rest. Most of the work was done by Deborah, who listed everything on her laptop and produced a printed list, now to be found in a plastic folder. Julia also provided help and encouragement, and we are grateful to them both, for without them we'd never have got finished.

The list, of somewhere just short of **200 items**, is in alphabetical order of authors, editors, or keywords, and they are shelved similarly, though not quite as accurately. It should still be fairly easy to find a title. On the top shelf are Bibles and hymn books, and a pile of pamphlets etc which mostly contain Lent Course material, anthologies of seasonal prayers, calendars etc. These are in a horizontal pile as they are unbound and some are quite flimsy. The 2 lower shelves hold most of the books.



You are most welcome to borrow anything. Titles should be entered in the blue ring binder, along with the your name and the date of borrowing. There is no limit to your loan, and you will not be fined however long you keep them! When you return anything, just sign it off with the date of return.

You might see on the shelf (right at the beginning and so not remotely in alphabetical order) a National Geographic special reissue "Kings of the Bible" which I bought just before Christmas for the princely price of £9.99 (pictured above). I should perhaps have foreseen that the gorgeous image - 'Three Wise Men' by J.C. Leyendecker, 1900 - was misleading as the Magi are not mentioned at all in the following text. This is in fact accurate since they were not ever in the Gospel referred to as kings, but I had been hoping for a gathering together of the limited amount we think we know about them.

However, the rest of the magazine does its best to inform the reader about those kings who are mentioned in Genesis and Exodus (chapter 1), the time of Ancient Israel (chapter 2), and the Time of Judea (chapter 3). The text as a whole is generally fairly informative, perhaps particularly to non-churchgoers, and is naturally extremely well illustrated as we have come to expect from the National Geographic, with reproductions of well-known works of art and photographs and maps.

I am undecided as to whether it was wise or foolish to buy the magazine. If I were feeling uncharitable I might accuse the publishers of cashing in on the Christmas season. As I don't need to keep it, I have donated it to the library, so you may admire the illustrations for yourselves.



Discover St. Andrew's Library!
Explore our refreshed collection
of nearly 200 books





Cherish

The 2025 Lent Course

This year's Lent Course is called **Cherish**. Over 5 weeks, we will reflect together on our relationship with the natural world - the Creation that God lovingly made and gifted. Engaging creatively with the Bible, art, and a range of Christian authors - with plenty of time for discussion in small groups - we will consider the life we are called to live as Christians beside our fellow creatures and before God.

The course will be hosted in the St Andrew's Hall on five consecutive Tuesday evenings. At 7pm each week, there will be an opportunity to share fellowship and a delicious vegetarian meal together before the study and discussion run 7.45-9pm. Please book in advance for the course and meal, as numbers may be limited. Suggested donation to cover the meal is £6/person (or £30 for all 5 weeks). Meal provided by Cantab Catering.

You can register for the meal and course online [here](#) or by using a flyer.

There is no 'set book' we are reading for the Cherish Course, but there will be 'suggested reading' with the course booklet, and books to borrow from church.

Can you help?

For the Lent Course to run smoothly we need two teams:

Team Set up (duties: 6.30-7.15pm) +

Team Clear Up (duties: 9-9.30pm).

To volunteer for a team, please email:

admin@standrews-chesterton.org

Tuesdays

11 March - 8 April

St Andrew's Hall

7pm - shared meal

7.45-9pm - study
& discussion

Saturday

29 March

All-age Creative Day

St Andrew's Church

12 noon - 4pm

A celebration of art,
creativity and the
Creation for all ages.

The Friends' Lunchtime Concerts

12:30 pm
St Andrew's Church

21 February: Organ Recital
by **Simon Kirk**

7 March: Piano Recital
by **Bethany Reynolds**



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

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Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY PHILIP LOCKLEY

I recently saw the film *Conclave*, an adaptation of the Robert Harris novel about the fictional election of a new pope. The film has excellent reviews because it is beautifully directed, and all the leading actors give compelling performances. Yet *Conclave* has also gained a reputation for saying more about politics and the pursuit of power than it does about Christianity.

Quelle surprise! some might say, given it's essentially a story about all the Cardinals in the Roman Catholic Church being locked in a room until two-thirds of them have chosen one of themselves to be pope. This process breeds intrigue, ambition, plotting, and deception, to the detriment of Christian virtues like humility and honesty.

Nevertheless, as I watched the film, I was moved by moments when I glimpsed truths about faith that were subtly illustrated. Perhaps these had a greater impact because they were few, thus witnessing to the struggle to detect, grasp, and sustain faith in our contemporary world.

At the centre of the film is Lawrence, the Dean of Cardinals (played by Ralph Fiennes), whom we learn is struggling to pray. He longs to leave the Vatican and join a monastic order where he can prioritise recovering his relationship with God through prayer.

But Lawrence hasn't been allowed to leave, and the closed doors, shuttered windows, and marble opulence of the Vatican rooms he inhabits through much of the film represent the constraint he feels without prayer. The sequestering of the Cardinals – cut off from the outside world until they make a decision – symbolises Lawrence's own sense of being closed in and blocked – by both the processes of the institutional Church and the material certainties and preoccupations of the modern world.

The contrasting glimpses of faith come in moments of the unexpected. Lawrence preaches from an anodyne sermon script but then removes his glasses and speaks instead what's in his heart. A mysterious new cardinal says grace before a meal and departs from convention by praying for those everyone else has forgotten. Finally, the central symbolic moment of the film is represented by an open window and a gentle breeze—as though a wind from God enters the locked room and breathes life and freedom into the proceedings.

I came away from *Conclave* thoroughly entertained and also moved by its message concerning prayer and faith. This is that the most dangerous opponent of prayer and faith is not doubt but assumed certainty. And it is in noticing the open window and the gentle breeze from God in our lives that Christian faith will be renewed.

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