

CHESTERTON CHIMES

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



Welcome...

...to August and September's edition of the Chesterton Chimes.

In this edition, you'll find service details for August and September, as well as news and details of upcoming events.

You can find updates from our children and youth work ([pages 6 and 7](#)), news about our Eco Church activities ([page 8](#)), updates from Azul Wazi ([page 9](#)) and the Thought for the Month from Philip ([page 16](#)).

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



Services in August

at St Andrew's Chesterton

8 am
every Sunday

Holy Communion

from the Book of Common Prayer
Quiet. Thoughtful Sermon. Traditional prayers.

10 am
every Sunday

3 August

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.

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24 August

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31 August

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Evening Services
will return next month

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7 September

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

Evening Prayer

14 September

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.

21 September

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

28 September

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.



READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: AUGUST

Readings for 3 August

7th Sunday after Trinity

**Hosea 11.1-11, Psalm 107.1-9.43,
Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21**

Monday 4 2 Corinthians 11.1-15
Tuesday 5 2 Corinthians 11.16-end
Wednesday 6 1 John 3.1-3
Transfiguration of our Lord
Thursday 7 2 Corinthians 13
Friday 8 James 1.1-11
Saturday 9 James 1.12-end

Readings for 10 August

8th Sunday after Trinity

**Isaiah 1.1,10-20, Psalm 50.1-8,23-end,
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40**

Monday 11 James 2.1-13
Tuesday 12 James 2.14-end
Wednesday 13 James 3
Thursday 14 James 4.1-12
Friday 15 Luke 11.27-28
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 16 James 5.7-end

Readings for 17 August

9th Sunday after Trinity

**Isaiah 5.1-7, Psalm 80.1-2,9-end,
Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Luke 12.49-56**

Monday 18 Mark 1.1-13
Tuesday 19 Mark 1.14-20
Wednesday 20 Mark 1.21-28
Thursday 21 Mark 1.29-end
Friday 22 Mark 2.1-12
Saturday 23 Mark 2.13-22

Readings for 24 August

10th Sunday after Trinity

**Jeremiah 1.4-10, Psalm 71.1-6,
Hebrews 12.18-end, Luke 13.10-17**

Monday 25 John 1.43-end
*Bartholomew the
Apostle*
Tuesday 26 Mark 3.7-19a
Wednesday 27 Mark 3.19b-end
Thursday 28 Mark 4.1-20
Friday 29 Mark 4.21-34
Saturday 30 Mark 4.35-end

Weekday prayer and Bible study

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

09:00am Morning Prayer online

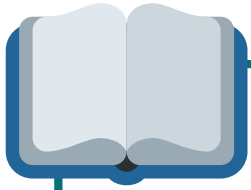
Tuesdays

09:00am Weekly Morning Prayer in Church

10:30am Fornightly Bible Study Group (Hall)

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READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER: SEPTEMBER

Readings for 31 August

11th Sunday after Trinity

**Jeremiah 2.4-13, Psalm 81.1, 10-end,
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16, Luke 14.1, 7-14**

Monday 1 September	Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday 2	Mark 5.21-34
Wednesday 3	Mark 5.35-end
Thursday 4	Mark 6.1-13
Friday 5	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday 6	Mark 6.30-44

Readings for 7 September

12th Sunday after Trinity

**Jeremiah 18.1-11, Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18,
Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33**

Monday 8	Mark 6.45-end
Tuesday 9	Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday 10	Mark 7.14-23
Thursday 11	Mark 24.30
Friday 12	Mark 7.31-end
Saturday 13	Mark 8.1-10

Readings for 14 September

13th Sunday after Trinity

**Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1
Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10**

Monday 15	Mark 8.11-21
<i>Holy Cross Day</i>	
Tuesday 16	Mark 8.22-26
Wednesday 17	Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday 18	Mark 9.2-13
Friday 19	Mark 9.14-29
Saturday 20	Mark 9.30-37

Readings for 21 September

14th Sunday after Trinity

**Jeremiah 8.18-9.1, Psalm 79.1-9, 1
Timothy 2.1-7, Luke 16.1-13**

Monday 22	Mark 9.38-end
Tuesday 23	Mark 10.1-16
Wednesday 24	Mark 10.17-31
Thursday 25	Mark 10.32-34
Friday 26	Mark 10.35-45
Saturday 27	Mark 10.46-end

Readings for 28 September

15th Sunday after Trinity

**Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15,
Psalm 91.1-6, 14-end, 1 Timothy 6.6-19
Luke 16.19-end**

Monday 29	Acts 12.1-11
<i>Michael and All Angels</i>	
Tuesday 30	Mark 11.12-26
Wednesday 1 October	Mark 11.27-end
Thursday 2	Mark 12.1-12
Friday 3	Mark 12.13-17
Saturday 4	Mark 12.18-27



NEWS AND MESSAGES: JUNIOR CHURCH

Over the summer term the Junior Church groups have been teasing the meanings out of various parables, which is not always easy, even for adults! We explored 'The Pearl of Great Price' and the Parable of the Leaven, and, of course, Pentecost.

In Café Church, we wondered together at the events following the crucifixion, with Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene, as well as stories of Jesus in the Synagogue and the Upper Room. Jess led a session on Baptism, which followed on nicely from a real-life adult baptism in church a few weeks previously.

Thinking of baptism and our journey of Faith, it was a privilege to watch three of our Junior Church Members receive their First Communion at the beginning of July and to watch the children 'problem-solve' their way from 'Mission Impossible' to 'Mission Imagined'!

In the autumn term, Junior Church leaders are planning to try out a return of Seekers, our group for children in School Years 4-6, as we have been blessed with more children attending Junior Church. Remember, it's not like school - you can try out a new group and revert to the familiar one if you prefer - then try it again later!

Talking of blessings, our prayers have been answered, and we have a new leader for Rainbows! However, we are still happy to receive enquiries about helping out with any age group, and remember an enquiry is not binding.

Please contact our Youth Worker, Jess
(jess.bent@standrews-chesterton.org)



GET INVOLVED!

We are always looking for potential new leaders and assistants to join Junior Church and Youth work - so if you are interested, please get in touch!

For more information, please contact our Youth Worker, Jess, at jess.bent@standrews-chesterton.org

NEWS AND MESSAGES: YOUTH GROUP NEWS

What a brilliant end to the school year! We finished our year-long journey through the Thessalonian letters at Youth Group. **We also completed our WHY Group series on sin/transgression/iniquity**, where we explored why Easter matters. We haven't neglected the fun social side of things either. **There have been games, food, swimming, and our End-of-Year party to enjoy!**

This year, we saw two young people graduate from high school, one of whom was a regular at Bible Study, so, of course, we had cake at our last Bible Study!

Next year, we will be welcoming at least three new young people as they start secondary school. **If you know a young person who is starting (or is already in!) secondary school and would be interested in joining, get in touch** with me at jess.bent@standrews-chesterton.org or pass on my details to them. They are welcome to join us when we go punting on 7 September to kick off the 25/26 school year!

~Jess



NEWS: ECO CHURCH

Picture a Tree this Summer!



In celebration of nature and our securing an Eco Church award we'd love to have some summer fun by asking everyone to take a photo of a scene or moment that includes a tree this summer. This could be a tree that has a special meaning for you. This might be a tree you happen to have a picnic under. Perhaps it's a tree you see every day from your window. It might be a tree you've never seen, but its beauty captures you.

What to do:

1. **Take a picture with a tree in it!** (It can have anything else in it too, pets, wildlife, people – though, if people, get their permission to use it, please).
2. **Write a few words on why this tree is important to you** or caught your eye.
3. **Share this with us** either by emailing admin@standrews-chesterton.org or printing them out and bringing them to Church.

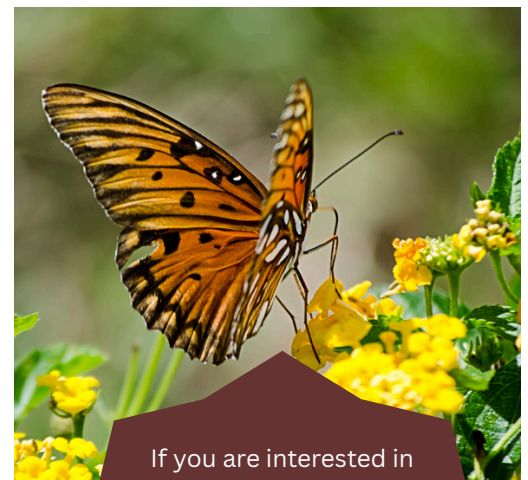
After the summer, we will collate and display all the images that individuals and families have shared as a way of telling the story of our summer and showcasing the role that nature plays in our lives.

Churchyard News: Butterfly Count

There are lots of small, brown/orange butterflies as well as Whites and Brimstones in the churchyard which is lovely to see. Look for the striking gold and black caterpillars of Cinnabar Moths on the Ragwort. And the **'Big Butterfly Count'** runs this year from **July 18th to August 10th**. For a visual chart of the butterflies and a link to the app, see the display board in church.

Visit the Butterfly Conservation website for details of how to take part:

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org>.



If you are interested in getting involved in Eco Church activities and/or the Churchyard Working Group, please talk to Philip or Maggie, or email admin@standrews-chesterton.org



NEWS: AZUL WASI

Despite Alcides's problems with his sight, life has been continuing as normal for the 12 children who live at Azul Wasi. They have been busy at school, and recently they have all been learning some different dances within their classes, ready for an anniversary celebration. They wear traditional Peruvian costumes for this, as you can see.

The children have exams coming up soon, and then they will have a mid-term break. They have expressed interest in going camping and participating in some countryside activities. We are waiting to hear if this will be possible. They continue to help in the kitchen and with the various chores that need to be done in their daily lives at Azul Wasi.

We are delighted that Alex Barker from our congregation is spending some time volunteering in Cusco, initially with an engineering project and then at Azul Wasi. We look forward to hearing news from him about his time there.

There is more information about Azul Wasi and how our involvement started and has developed over the years [on the St Andrew's Church website](#). If you would like to support Azul Wasi by making a donation you can do this online via this link.

Mary and Chris Pountain
azulwasista@gmail.com



NEWS

The Church of England's Prayers of Love and Faith - Congregation feedback

Since December 2023, the Church of England has commended the use of approved Prayers of Love and Faith to pray for and with a same-sex couple who love one another and who wish to give thanks for that love in faith before God. At its June meeting, the St Andrew's PCC debated and voted to approve by at least a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority the adoption of a Policy that would allow the use of these Prayers at the discretion of the Vicar and in defined circumstances. In the light of this result, the Vicar and PCC wishes to share their agreed Policy with the wider congregation and to receive the congregation's response and feedback for a designated period.

During June and July, notices in several services have drawn attention to the availability of a booklet at the back of church which introduces

the Prayers, the Policy, and the opportunity for feedback. **At the end of the booklet is a single-page survey form for congregation members to fill in and return to a Church Warden - either Chris Pountain or Julia Eisen.**

The PCC will hold its next meeting in September. At that future meeting, the PCC will be presented with a summary of the congregation's responses and the feedback on the Policy received. They will then vote again on whether to implement the Policy as the agreed basis for future use of the Prayers of Love and Faith at St Andrew's.

The deadline for all survey submissions is 31 August. We would very much like everyone in the St Andrew's congregation to feel able to give their response to the Policy.

A proposed new Garden of Remembrance in St Andrew's Churchyard

St Andrew's PCC is currently seeking official permission from Ely Diocese to designate an area of our historic churchyard as a Garden of Remembrance. It is proposed that the Garden would be located to the East of the church, in an area of clear grass. The garden would be boundaried on two sides with flowers and plants, with areas of shade and sunlight. We hope to have permission to commission a bench or two from the local charity, Rowan. This would allow people to enjoy the garden for longer sitting down. The idea is for the garden to be a new area designated for the burial of cremated remains. These would be buried in recorded plots in the garden, but without individual headstones - allowing the space to remain a garden encouraging wildlife and biodiversity. A single memorial stone in the ground will indicate the purpose of the garden. Proposals include plans for names to be engraved on shared stones close to the wall and entered in the Book of Remembrance. To find out more of what's planned, please feel free to contact Philip.





The Friends of St Andrew's

Most of you will have heard about The Friends, which, since it was set up in 1974, has contributed many thousands of pounds towards the upkeep of our historic Church Building.

In recent years, the support of the Friends has helped make possible restoration work on the Doom Painting and the South Aisle wall. Looking ahead, the Friends Committee has agreed to help raise funds for the Equiano Family Window project alongside future developments and repairs.

In addition to income from subscriptions, The Friends organises various fundraising events such as **lunchtime concerts** and **plant sales**. In order to sustain these events the Friends needs new members.

Please consider joining. Application forms are available in Church or email:
admin@standrews-chesterton.org

John Reynolds,
Chairman of The Friends

The Friends' Lunchtime Concerts

12:30 pm

St Andrew's Church

26 September:

Song & Piano Recital

by

Sarah Maxwell

& John Marsh



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 October and November 2025: **if you have church news or messages that you would like to include**, send them to Pip Tofaris by 16 September (email pip_rodgers20@hotmail.com).

Do you enjoy knitting?

If so, would you like to knit for a good cause?



Hamlin Fistula UK is a charity which cares for and treats women with childbirth injuries at their six hospitals across Ethiopia. Each woman receives a handmade blanket on arrival. The blankets are made by volunteers.

The Need

Hamlin treats women suffering from childbirth injuries caused by a lack of effective maternal healthcare. Obstetric fistula is a debilitating and painful childbirth injury which can mean women are abandoned by their families and communities and become social outcasts. By the time these women arrive at a Hamlin Hospital, they have been shunned, stigmatised and shamed for months, years, even decades. The women are welcomed at Hamlin Hospitals with the love, care and compassion they may not have experienced since their injury. Your beautiful soft handmade blanket will be theirs to treasure and keep. Receiving the blanket is the start of their journey back to health and independence. The journey continues with surgery to repair the physical injury and psychological support to rebuild their shattered self-worth.

More about Hamlin Fistula UK

The Charity is named after its founders, the pioneering surgeons Dr Catherine Hamlin and Dr Reg Hamlin who broke new ground in treating obstetric fistula in the 1950s. To date, Hamlin Fistula has treated over 60,000 women, restoring their lives and independence. Today, surgeons from around the world train at Hamlin's hospitals to learn this globally renowned technique.

How you can help

Christine Tipple, of Little St Mary's Church in Cambridge, is recruiting knitters, working individually or in groups, who will knit squares which will then be stitched together to make a blanket.

If you would like to help, please contact Christine at cstipple@gmail.com or telephone 07753 605716.

For more information about Hamlin Fistula UK, see www.hamlinfistulauk.org

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY PHILIP LOCKLEY

2025 is a year of significant anniversaries – whatever your historical interests. Besides the national attention given to 80 years since the end of the Second World War, I've seen publicity commemorating events as varied as 200 years of the railway and 250 years since the birth of the novelist Jane Austen. Not to be outdone, the Christian Church has its own major anniversary: 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea.

The Council of where?!! Nicaea wasn't that big a place in 325 and isn't now: it's a minor resort town south of Istanbul, in modern Turkey. The significance of Nicaea in 325 was this was where bishops from across the early Church (including a handful from Britain) were gathered by the then emperor Constantine to settle what Christians believe.

You will likely recognise the words of the resulting 'Nicene Creed' from saying it many times in church. The word 'Creed' comes from the first word in Latin credo – 'I believe', which we often adapt to 'We believe' when said in unison in a Communion service.

A Creed is written to define agreement. As a general rule, the longer the sentences and more detail given in a Creed, the harder its authors had to work to arrive at that agreement. Reading the Nicene Creed again (it's reproduced on the preceding page), I wonder what you notice.

Perhaps you notice it's structured around the persons of the Trinity: there is a paragraph about the Father, then a paragraph about the Son, then a final paragraph that begins with the Holy Spirit.

These paragraphs are of dramatically differing lengths. This suggests that fourth-century Christians found it relatively easy to agree what they believed about God the Father, and much harder to agree what they believed about God the Son.

For theologians since, it is these detailed and precise lines required to define quite what could be said about Jesus which tend to have the greatest appeal for interpretation and study. Yet, for us as individual believers, I wonder if this anniversary invites us to read the whole Creed afresh – as both a reminder of our unity and a source of renewed inspiration in who God is.

For as we contemplate divisions among churches today, reading the Nicene Creed can help us realise how few, if any, points of doctrine that Christians currently disagree about are mentioned in the text. Christians can therefore remain united by this Creed.

Likewise, if we find ourselves contemplating a world which denies the Creation, which drifts in darkness, which deals in death, destruction or despair, then the Creed reminds us that God is maker of heaven and earth, is Light from Light, is the Lord, the giver of life. This is the God before whom we stand together and say 'we believe', and the God we share with others.

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