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## **Chesterton Festival needs your help!**

2016 will see the eighth Chesterton Festival. The Festival has expanded from its original concept in 2009 of a weekend of fun, and now extends over a week, and includes lots of new events. Next year's Festival will take place from Saturday 18 to Sunday 26 June 2016. The Festival Planning Committee would very much welcome new members to help plan and organise the Festival. In particular we are seeking helpers in the following two areas:

- Publicity, including posters, the festival programme, and social media.
- Fund raising

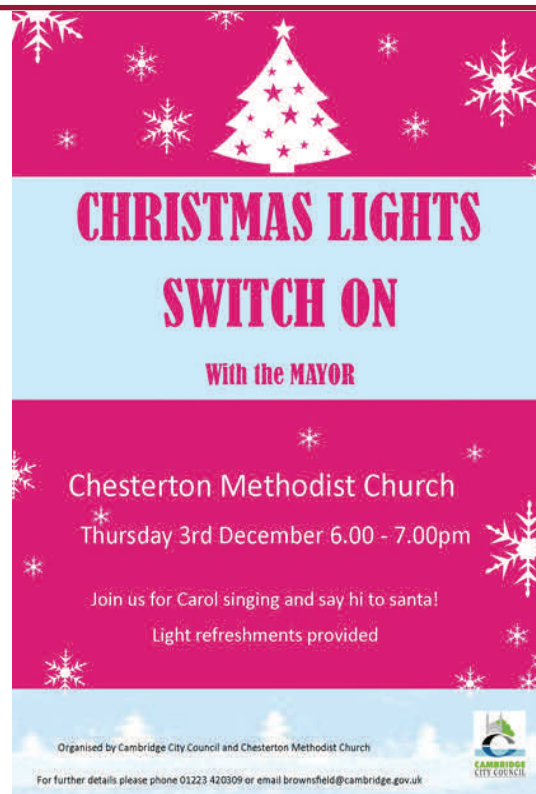
The committee meets in the daytime but, if that would make attendance at meetings impossible for you, we can arrange to have evening catch up sessions with anyone who is willing to help us with these roles.

We are also seeking people who could contribute to providing First Aid cover on the Fun Day (18 June) on Pye's Rec. If you have a first aid at work qualification and would be willing to give an hour to two of your time on the day, that would be really helpful.

If you can help in any way with the Festival, please contact Rachel Clarke at St Andrew's Hall via email on [rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk](mailto:rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk). Join us to have fun and contribute to the success of a great community event.

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## Be a Friend of Chesterton Rec.

There are a number of ideas for improvements of Chesterton Rec. in Church Street. These include a complete revamp of the pavilion and toilets; the provision of a club room for users of the Rec. for training talks, post match teas and available for hire by other groups; a splashpad; cricket nets; and a tennis court. The Rec. is small but with a coherent approach to new facilities it is surprising what can still be done that would not impair one of the best open playing fields in

the City. The City Council recognises the value of Friends Groups for its public spaces and is developing a joint protocol to guide how the Council works with them. Chesterton Rec. doesn't have one at the moment. A meeting open to all users and others interested to get one started has been arranged at St Andrew's Hall on 15 December, 7-9pm. enquiries@mycca.org.uk

Michael Bond

## The Future of Cambridge

The Examination in Public (EiP) of the draft Local Plan was stalled early in 2015. A major consultation on proposed changes to the draft starts on 2 December 2015 and will run until 25 January 2016. For more information visit the City Council website.

The Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations (FeCRA) held a meeting for residents' associations on 3 October that produced some trenchant views from Cambridge residents on how they want to see Cambridge develop. They were briefed on the progress of the Local Plan and updated on issues relating to changes in the national planning framework and Cambridge's Environment, Infrastructure, Transport and Housing. Residents' Associations come in all sizes, from those representing single streets up to bodies like Old Chesterton Residents' Association (OCRA) that cover larger areas. Old Chesterton Residents' Association is a founder member of FeCRA and would encourage all residents' associations to join FeCRA. For details contact secretary@fecra.org.uk

Michael Bond

## Bee's Baby Massage

Bee's Baby Massage moved to St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton, in January and has taught over 90 local parents and babies. Baby massage is a beautiful baby-led course (feed, change, giggle, walk around etc.). It is a great way to enhance bonding between parents and babies and a beautiful life skill to learn and adapt as your baby grows. Two regular classes are held in St Andrews Hall on Wednesdays, 1-2.30pm in 5 week blocks and on Saturdays for dads/partners, 10.30am-12noon. These courses were recently covered in the Cambridge News. Classes are also held in Oakington and Fulbourn [Tues and Fri 1-2.30pm].

The 5 week course covers full body massage starting with feet and legs and adding in new body parts each week. Baby massage is a lovely combination of reflexology, Yoga, Indian and Swedish massage. We also cover the amazing tummy troubles routine for colic, constipation and trapped wind. We talk about coping mechanisms with difficult babies, suggest different holds, and look at why babies cry. In the last session we also do some baby yoga. Free oil, handouts, tea and cake are provided each week. Bee is also organising a baby disco on 19 December, 2 - 4pm For more details on courses please go to [www.beesbabymassage.co.uk](http://www.beesbabymassage.co.uk) or telephone **07955568238**.

## Open Mind at St Andrew's Hall

**Archaeology – Paul Clarkson** These practical, hands on, workshop sessions, plus the use of artefacts and visits in the local area, will examine the prehistoric archaeology and landscape around Cambridge up to the end of the Anglo-Saxon period. This is a follow up to Paul's last course, but is freestanding and new members are welcome. **Wednesdays 10 -11.30am 13/20/27 Jan 3/10 February.** Cost £15 for all 5 sessions

**Trip to St Alban's Abbey and Verulamium Museum. Wednesday 24 February.** Leaving St Andrew's Church at 9.30am, returning by 5.30pm. The trip will include a guided tour of St Alban's Abbey followed by lunch, before an afternoon visit to the museum. Cost £20 to include coach travel, driver tip, guided tour and museum entrance fee.

**Mapping our local history – Nick Moir.** This course will be explore the history of Chesterton through Chesterton's oldest maps: Baker's map of 1830 and the tithe map of 1840.

**Friday mornings 26 February, 4/11/18 March 10 - 11.30am** Cost £12 for all 4 sessions

**Painting to music through Lent – Tricia Troughton.** We will explore various themes of Lent and spring -time through music, and respond using the simplest of media which will be supplied. No experience or particular talent needed – do come and enjoy some quiet reflective sessions.

**Tuesdays 1.45–3.45pm 23 Feb 1/8/15 March** Cost £16 for all 4 sessions

**How to make a difference – Michael Bond.** The word 'empowerment' is often used by those in positions of power but do they really want to hear your views? The answer is yes and these sessions will suggest how you can improve your chance of being able to have a real impact.

**Thursdays 10.30 -12noon 25 February, 3/10/17 March.** Cost £12 for all 4 sessions.

**Save the date: Thursday 12 May** Trip to Savill Gardens near Runnymede.

To book a place on these courses, or the trip, ring Rachel Clarke on 306150  
or email [info@standrews-hall.co.uk](mailto:info@standrews-hall.co.uk).

For further details see fliers available at St Andrew's Hall or visit the website [www.standrews-hall.co.uk](http://www.standrews-hall.co.uk)

## Open Mind Book Evening at St Andrew's Hall, Friday 15 January, 7.30pm

Emily Winslow, author of the Cambridge-set crime novels *The Whole World*, *The Start of Everything*, and *The Red House*, will be speaking about what it's like to set novels in a real place, how to juggle the expectations and subtle vocabulary mismatches of both a US and UK audience, and how Cambridge has inspired her. Her books, which are told by multiple first-person narrators including two series detectives, have been called "brilliant" (The Washington Post), "vivid" (Parade magazine) and "dazzling" (Shelf Awareness). Despite Emily's cheerful life as a homeschooling mum, master crime writer Sophie Hannah calls her "a precise and expert analyst of the darkest parts of the human psyche."

Wine & refreshments will be served; books will be available for sale. Tickets (£4) available from St Andrew's Hall or at the door.



## Green End Road Mural

Chesterton Community Association has won a grant from Cambridge City Council's Section 106 Arts Fund, for a community-led project to create a mural on the wall of the Green End Road Co-op.

The Co-op has already indicated its support and agreement. The project is led by local artist Sa'adiyah Khan with Dan Biggs and Samirah Khan who all have experience of such projects. Local people will be invited to workshops to help work up the final design. The aim is to have it in place by September 2016.

Michael Bond

## Mondays

**Pilates** 9.10-10.10am; 6-7pm & 7-8pm. Call 07976 677540 (SAH)

**ESOL Café** 9.30-10.45am & **Just Talk English Class** 11.15-12 noon. Call 576110 (CCC)

**Drop-in Coffee Morning** 10.15-11.30am (SAH)

**Chair-based Exercise Drop-in** 10.15-11.30am. Call 07976 677540 (SAH)

**Playlanders Playgroup & Pre-school** 9.15-12.15/2.45, Mon, Wed, Fri. Call 420954 (SGH)

**The Sunshine Club (55+)** 1.30-3pm, fortnightly (BF)

**French Lessons for Children with La Jolie Ronde.** 2.30-3pm & 4-6pm. Call 210900 (BF)

**Young Carers** 5.15-7.45pm, fortnightly (BF)

**Renaissance Fitness** 7.30-8.30pm (BF)

**Chesterton Choral Society** 7.30pm.

Call 420117 (CMC)

**Chesterton Lacemakers** 7.30-9.30pm.

Call 362961 (SAH)

## The Friends of St Andrew's. Lunchtime Concerts.

We hoping to arrange more lunchtime concerts in 2016.

If you are an instrumentalist, singer, etc. looking for a venue in which to perform, here is your opportunity. The concerts take place in St Andrew's Church and last 45 minutes approx. Please telephone 01223 249591 for more details.

John Reynolds, Chairman, The Friends of St Andrew's

## Tuesdays

**Little Music Makers** 9.30 -10.15 & 10.45-11.30am (CMC)

**Bowls Taster Session** 9.45am-12.30pm (CBC)

**Yoga** 9.30-10.45am Call 07976 677540 (SAH)

**Over 50s Folk Dance** 2-4pm (BF)

**Over 60s Club**, 1.45pm, fortnightly. Call 423367 (SGH)

**41<sup>st</sup> Cambridge Brownies**, 5.50-7.15pm.

Call 07894230310 (CMC)

**Yogabirth** 7.30-9.30pm. Call 07545601944 (SAH)

**Youth Club** (for ages 11+) 7.30pm (BF)

weekly

## Saturdays

**Pilates** 9-10am. Call 07939603882 (SAH)

## Wednesdays

**Coffee Morning** 9.30-12.30 (CMC)

**Bee's Baby Massage** 1-2.30pm Call 07955568238 (SAH)

**Girls Brigade** Yr 3-Yr 6: 6.30-7.30pm; Yr 7+: 7.30-9pm. Call 440644 (CMC)

**Cambridge Bridge Club**

7.15-10.45pm. Call 927061 (SAH)

**Renaissance Fitness** 7 - 8pm (BF)

**Adult Ballet Classes** 8.15 - 9.15pm Call 07471197282 (BF)

## Fridays

Call 424040 (SAH)  
**Adult Art Group** 9.30-11 (BF)

**ESOL Café** 9.30-10.45am & **Just Talk English Class** 11.15-12 noon and **Speaking English for Work** 1-2pm. Call 576110 (CCC)

**Soft Play** 10.15-11.30 (BF)

**Eat and Meet** (over 50s & friends) 10.30-12noon (BF)

**Drop-in Table Tennis** 3-5pm.

Call 464336 (SAH)

**Evenings of Social Card Games**

7.30-9pm (SAH)

## Thursdays

**Church Mice**

**Baby & Toddler Group**

9-11.15am (SAH)

**Pram-Pushers**

9.30-11.30am (term-time). Call 564693 (SGH)

**Thursday Together-Family Support**

10am-2pm (BF)

**English for Au Pairs**

12-1pm (CCC) Call 576110

**Rhymetime @ Milton Road Library**

2.30-3pm

**Zumba** 7-8pm (BF)

**The Orlando Singers** 8-9.45pm.

Call 504661 (SAH)

**Adult Ballet Classes** 8.15 - 9.15pm.

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**Bellringing** 7.30 -9.30pm (SAH)

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## Mondays

**Cambridge Macular Society** 3rd Mondays, 12noon-2pm. Call 420117 (CMC)

### Cam Sight Monday Club

1st Mondays, 2-4pm. Call 420117 (CMC)

**St Andrew's Church Healing Group** 1st Mondays, 7-8pm. Call 525009 (SAH)

**Knitting & Crochet** every other Monday 2-3.30pm (HHS)

## Tuesdays

**Kettle Club** 1st Tuesday, 10.30-12noon for tea, coffee, a free raffle and lots of chat, all for £1.50. Call 314018 (SGH)

**Chesterton Local History Group** 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30pm. Call 368279 (SAH)

**St George's Lunch Club** 3rd Tuesdays, 12.30pm. Call 425074 (SGH)

**Games Night at The Haymakers** 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm  
**East Chesterton Women's Institute** 4th Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Call 07971004405 (SAH)

## Wednesdays

**Light Lunch Breaks @ Arbury Rd. Baptist Church**

1st Wednesdays, 12noon-2pm. Cost £3. Just turn up!

**Camera Club** 2nd Wednesdays, 7-8.30pm (HHS)

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## Monthly

## Saturdays

Call 07795816625 (HHS)

### Art and Crafts (HHS)

1st Saturdays, 10-30am-3pm

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## Fridays

**St Andrew's Church Healing Prayer Group**

3rd Fridays, 12noon-12.45pm. Call 525009 (SAH)

## Sundays

**St Andrew's Junior Church** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 9.50am. Contact Helen: 301650 (SAH)

**Chesterton Methodist 'Young Church'** 2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am (CMC)

**St Andrew's Sunday Lunch Club** 1st Sundays. Call 510456 (SAH)

**Turkish Kurdish Speakers** 12.15pm (BF)

**St Andrew's Church Youth Group** (10+) 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5.30 -7.30pm. Call 355367 (SAH)

**BF:** Brown's Field Youth & Community Centre 420309

**CBC:** Chesterton Bowls Club 362713

**CCC:** Chesterton Community College

**CMC:** Chesterton Methodist Church 424428

[www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)

**CRC:** Cambridge Regional College

**HHS:** Hundred Houses Society, 51 Scotland Road

**SAC:** St Andrew's Church

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**SAH:** St Andrew's Hall

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## News from the Churches

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**St Andrew's Church** The Bishop of Ely is coming to St Andrew's on Sunday 6 December (10am) for a service of thanksgiving and dedication following all our recent building works. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen and celebrating all that has been achieved with the support of so many in the church and the wider community. All of course are welcome to join us.

Nick Moir

### Chesterton Methodist Church

At CMC we have been busy consulting on our redevelopment proposals and some of you may have attended the open meetings that we hosted in October with Cam Sight. Please go to the church website to find out more [www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)

Our weekly coffee morning is growing in popularity, often with a few of us having our knitting needles at the ready. (Not me yet!) Everyone is welcome on Wednesdays from 9.30 until lunchtime.

And we are looking forward to Advent & Christmas including the annual switch on of the lights on the public Christmas Tree, outside on the lawn – see elsewhere in this edition for details. There's always a warm welcome for everyone at our special Christmas services – we're a growing bunch of big-hearted people!

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Ian Murray

### St George's Church

As I write this, the days have suddenly turned cold and damp. Autumn is truly here after a wonderfully warm September. As we enter the season of dark mornings and early evenings, we hosted a Light Party for children on 1 November, to remember light even in these days of darkness.

November is also, of course, a season on remembrance – we remember those we have loved and lost and bring before God all who suffer as a result of violence and war. On 1 November at 2pm we had a Time to Remember service for loved ones and, with people across the land, commemorating Remembrance Sunday at our 10am service on 8 November.

The end of November sees work starting on our new office in the Church, which should be finished by Christmas.

Church services have moved back in the hall as the days are getting colder, as we haven't yet replaced the church heating. However, we will be back in church twice over the festive season. On the week beginning 14 December, we will be running a Christmas Trail and inviting local schools to come along. They will go on a journey

around different scenes from the Nativity, collecting items along the way. We will be opening this up to everyone in the local community on Saturday 19 December and supplying biscuits and hot chocolate, along with some craft to make to take home something for the festive season. This will be from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us as part of the beginning of our community consultation, where we are seeking to partner with people and organisations to develop the church for community use. If you have some ideas you haven't mentioned yet and would like to work with us, please contact

Linda King, our church and hall manager on 07593 438799 or at

[admin@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk)

We continue to want to recruit more people to help us in arranging flowers for the church. If that is something you are interested in please also contact Linda on the above number. We will provide the training and encouragement you need!

Ruth Adams

## Minister's Letter

### Providing a Welcome

At the heart of any children's nativity play, there will be a scene where Joseph and a very heavily pregnant Mary have made their way to Bethlehem, only to be faced with a lot of grumpy householders who exclaim "we have no room!" and slam the door on their faces. The inn keeper who finally gives them somewhere to stay needs to remember his or her lines! Otherwise the rest of the characters in the story – the animals, the angels and the wise men will be left without a part to play! So the welcome of the stranger plays a vital role in the accounts of the birth of Jesus.

The importance of this welcome to the homeless and desperate couple is reflected in the old Mexican tradition of Posada where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house in the weeks leading up to Christmas, asking for a room for the night and

telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

This year many churches across the world will be enacting a modern day Posada, using nativity figures of Mary and Joseph, who are passed from home to home throughout Advent.

Passing the figures around from household to household, helps people reflect on their own welcome. For some, this could be their welcome of the Christ child, for others, it could be their welcome of the message of the Christmas angels: peace on all and goodwill to all people. It should challenge all those who receive the figures to reflect on the welcome they extend to all those around them, those they know and trust but also those who are strangers; and to reflect what they have to give to provide a welcome for others this Christmas-tide.

*Ruth Adams*

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

### CHESTERTON METHODIST CHURCH GREEN END ROAD

#### Sunday 20 December

4pm Christingle Service - all ages welcome

#### Christmas Eve, 24 December

Joint service at Wesley Methodist Church, Christ's Pieces

11.15pm Midnight Communion Service

#### Christmas Day, 25 December

10.30am All-age celebration

### ST ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) CHURCH STREET

#### Thursday 17 December

6.30pm Community Carols in the churchyard

#### Sunday 20 December

4pm Christingle & Crib Service followed by Christmas crafts in the Hall

#### Christmas Eve, 24 December

7.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (not suitable for young children)

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

#### Christmas Day, 25 December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All-age Communion

#### Wednesday 6 January

7.30pm Holy Communion for Epiphany

#### Sunday 10 January

6.30pm Epiphany Procession & Carols

### ST GEORGE'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHESTERFIELD ROAD

#### Christmas Eve, 24 December

4pm Christingle Service (especially appropriate for families)

11.30pm Midnight Communion Service (in the church, wrap up warm!)

#### Christmas Day, 25 December

10am All Age Worship for Christmas with Holy Communion

#### Other local churches include:

Arbury Road Baptist Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd (Church of England), Mansel Way. (These are members of the North Cambridge Council of Churches and details can be found at [www.northcambchurches.org.uk](http://www.northcambchurches.org.uk).) City Life Church, which meets in St Andrew's Hall most Sundays, 3-4.30pm. See [citylifechurch.net](http://citylifechurch.net).

St Luke's Church (United Reformed/Church of England), Victoria Road, which is part of the Church at Castle group of churches ([www.churchatcastle.org](http://www.churchatcastle.org)).

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

26.07.15	Charles Hugh Williams (StA)
09.08.15	Mason-Andrew Jillings (StG)
30.08.15	Alicea Chloe Wagstaff (StA)
30.08.15	Sebastian Jacob Rowen (StA)
06.09.15	Maggie Walsh (CMC)
06.09.15	Rose Walsh (CMC)
13.09.15	Macaulay Steven Peachey (StA)
25.10.15	Emily Hobohm (CMC)
25.10.15	Ethan Hobohm (CMC)

### Weddings

05.07.15	Paul Bird and Jaye Knoght (StA)
09.07.15	Giles Fleming and Elizabeth Thomas (StA)
15.07.15	Alex Coke-Woods and Rhiannon Thomas (StA)
15.08.15	George Dunlap and Peishan Mai (StA)
16.08.15	Matthew Brett and Valia Rodriguez (StA)
26.09.15	Justin Bloom and Caroline Hackin (StA)

### Funerals

03.07.15	Granville Powell (Crem)
09.07.15	Patricia Groser (Crem)
15.07.15	Elsie Bentley (StA)
29.07.15	James Farrington (StA)
24.08.15	Beryl Miller (Crem)



## KETTLE'S YARD

### Kettle Club Word Fun

Members of the Kettle Club, a social group who meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 10.30 – 12 noon at St

George's Church Hall, have been working with Kettle's Yard artist Rosanna Martin. Together they have been discussing activities which might make you feel relaxed and like your old self. Many Kettle Club members enjoy doing word games and have created some for you to try. This is part of a three year programme called *Open House* which sees Kettle's Yard, a local house and art gallery, working in collaboration with communities across North Cambridge. Kettle's Yard is currently closed for a major development project. To find out more visit [www.kettlesyard.co.uk](http://www.kettlesyard.co.uk)

#### Word Jig

Find as many words as you can from the letters in the box - all words must include the middle letter 'G'. The hidden 9 letter word was thought of by members of the Kettle Club while discussing activities they like doing that make them feel restored. If you find the hidden word, send it to us at Kettle's Yard for a chance to win a goody bag: [mail@kettlesyard.co.uk](mailto:mail@kettlesyard.co.uk) or Open House, Kettle's Yard, c/o 17 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1RX

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