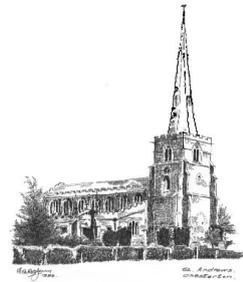


CHESTERTON



CHIMES



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Invitations and Lemons



"I would like to invite you..." are good words, both for the sender and the receiver. They involve hope and risk: hope that the receiver will come and enjoy, but the risk of rejection. An invitation to a church event is doubly hopeful and risky. For those in the Church, we hope that the invitation will not be misunderstood, and that those who come will find something meaningful and attractive; for those who are invited to a Church event, there is the worry that it will be unfamiliar and strange.

"When I walked in on that first night, I thought the hall was going to be full of people who all had grey hair and looked like they were sucking half a lemon. I couldn't believe it when I found the hall full of people of all ages and all backgrounds, I remember thinking I don't know why I was so worried about coming". So wrote someone of their first experience of an Alpha course, the 10-week course in Christian belief. *We invite you to come to an Alpha course at St Andrew's* to explore life's "Big Issues" in a non-judgemental atmosphere where all are welcome.

And we invite you to come to Back to Church Sunday. "Churches to me were always cold, severe places in many ways, where you went and got preached at and told off on a Sunday. It wasn't much fun. Now it's different."

The testimony of one woman who responded to a friend's invitation to go back to church last year. "There are many different forms of church. If you don't like the first one you go to, go to another one. If you go with a friend it's likely that if your friend likes it you will too."

It is one thing reading this invitation from someone you don't know, it is quite another if a friend invites you. So that is our challenge. For those who come to St Andrew's or who have done an Alpha course who will you invite?

Alasdair Coles

THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life

every Thursday evening from 7.15

—9pm in St Andrew's Hall from

30th September to

2nd December inclusive

(<http://uk.alpha.org/>).

For more information,

please contact Alasdair

Coles on

aic1020@medschl.cam.ac.uk



Back to church Sunday: Sunday

26th September 2010, 10am St

Andrew's, Chesterton

<http://www.backtochurch.co.uk/>

Sponsored Cycle Ride

If you'd be interested in joining a group taking part in the **Historic Churches' Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride** on Saturday 11 Sept, then please do contact the vicarage (303469 or vicar@standrews-chesterton.org). We will have an enjoyable morning church-hopping, raising money both for St Andrew's and other historic churches in the county.

Advance Notice Harvest Festival Weekend 2-3 October

Saturday 2 October-

Harvest Supper and entertainment

Sunday 3 October-

Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am All-age Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong (with the Senior Youth Choir)



The focal point of a floral display produced by the Flower Group in St Andrew's during the recent Chesterton Festival and called "He's got the Whole World in His Hands". The nave was lined with floral arrangements of 24 national

News from St Andrew's Hall

If you're reading this before September, the Hall will be in holiday mode - still open for business, with the main hall and meeting rooms available for hire and coffee on tap in the office, but with fractionally fewer cars in the car park as many of our weekly activities take a break for the summer. One-off events will be 'Junior Heroes' Holiday Club in August and 'Antarctica, Climate-Change and You', an evening with Jonathan Shanklin of the British Antarctic Survey on Wednesday 8 September. Anyone is welcome to come along to either event (though for the former you need to be aged 5 to 11...), and we're expecting the now regular mixture of new and familiar faces at each of them, so if you've not come to such a thing before, don't be shy - others will be there for the first time too. More information about these and the hall in general can be found on our website www.standrews-hall.co.uk, or obtained from Hall staff on 01223 306150 (email info@standrews-hall.co.uk). Our postal address is St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton, CB4 1DH

St Andrew's Hall Programme August and September 2010

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency	Contact	Contact No.
MON	Pilates	9.10 - 10.10am	Weekly from 6 Sept.	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
	Chair-based Exercise Drop-in	10.15 - 10.45	Weekly from 6 Sept.	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
	Drop in Coffee Morning	10.15-11.30am	Weekly (not 23 or 30 Aug.)	Pam Lumsden	01223 350550
	St Andrew's Church Healing Group	7pm-8pm	Weekly	Pam Lumsden	01223 350550
	Chesterton Lacemakers	7.30-9.30pm	Weekly (not 30 Aug.)	Christine Clarke	01223 362961
	Pilates	6-7pm & 7-8pm	Weekly from 6 Sept.	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
TUES	Communion & Bring-& Share Lunch	12.30-1.45pm	Weekly except 24 Aug.	Nick Moir	01223 303469
	Silver Threads'	2.30 - 4pm	10 Aug. & 14 Sept.	Dorothy Peyton Jones	01223 523485
	Chesterton Local History Group	2.30 - 4.30pm	21 Sept.	David Stubbings	01223 368279
	Yoga for Everyone!	6-7pm	Weekly (not 24 or 31 Aug.)	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	East Chesterton Women's Institute	7.30 - 9.30pm	28 Sept.	Ann Nichol	01223 361836
	Cruse Bereavement Care Drop-in Sessions	7.30 - 9.30pm	7 & 21 Sept.	Margaret	01223 365484
	Yoga for Pregnancy and Birth	7.45-9.45pm	Weekly (not 24 or 31 Aug.)	Sharon Budworth	07791 002064
WED	Good Morning Yoga	9.30-10.45am	Weekly from 8 Sept.	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	Giving Voice Singing Workshops	7.30pm-9pm	Weekly from 22 Sept.	Rowena Whitehead	01223 573288
THUR	Church Mice Baby & Toddler Group	10am-11.30am	Weekly (not 25 Aug.)	Natasha Forster	07931 795186
	Yoga for Everyone!	6-7pm	Weekly (not 2 Sept.)	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	The Orlando Singers	8pm - 9.45pm	Weekly from 9 Sept.	Peter Horley	01223 504661
FRI	STRoke Action For Dysphasia Adults	10am-2pm	Weekly (not 27Aug or 3Sept)	George Jefferson	01353 699270
	Evenings of Social Games	7.30-9pm	Weekly	Carlos Delariva	01223 424040
SAT	Pilates	9am - 10am	Weekly from 4 Sept.	Holly MacKay	07939 603882
SUN	Junior Church	from 9.50am	2nd & 4th Sundays	Victoria Goodman	01223 704791
	Sunday Lunch Club	Lunchtime	1st Sundays	Sheila Merrick	01223 510456
	St Andrew's Young People's Sports Club	5pm - 7pm	1st Sundays	Alasdair Coles	01638 743434

Could you help us?

With the ever-expanding volume of life and activities at St Andrew's Hall, we are on the look out for extra pairs of hands to help out when the need arises. Gaps we know need filling are as follows, more are sure to come along in due course:

- Making drinks at Church Mice Baby & Toddler Group on Thursdays, or at the Monday drop-in coffee morning
- Helping co-ordinate activities for Church Mice
- Popping in on occasional weekends to check all has been left ship-shape between groups
- Tending the back garden as required (you don't need to be Alan Titchmarsh - able to spot a dandelion and banish it...)

If you could spare a bit of time as frequently or infrequently as suits you and would like to find out more, please give Eleanor a ring on 306150 or email eleanor@standrews-hall.co.uk Thank you!

Junior Heroes!

Come along to
St Andrew's Church's Holiday Club

from 9.45am - 12.30pm from 23 - 27 August
at St Andrew's Hall

Anyone between the ages of 5-11 is welcome to join in.
For more information or a registration form please contact
Caroline Lamaison on 361781

Antarctica, Climate-change & You

Jonathan Shanklin shows the beauty of the frozen continent, and uses environmental concerns to focus on hard choices that we must make
Wednesday 8 September 7.30pm at St Andrew's Hall
All welcome - entry free
For more info. please ring Rev'd Nick Moir on 303469
or email vicar@standrews-chesterton.org

Is Your Library in Danger?

Cambridgeshire County Council recently announced that Milton Road Library is to be subject to a review over the summer, as budget cuts have to be made.

The friends of Milton Road Library are keen that as many people as possible become involved in the consultation, to ensure our councillors know how much we value this local service. There may be a survey, a public meeting, or a petition but we do not know yet. If you would like to be kept informed of developments, and how to make your views known, then please join our email register by sending a message to fmr.library@gmail.com. If you are not on email then send your name and address to the secretary of the Friends, Revd Dorothy Peyton Jones at 71 Humberstone Rd, Cambridge CB4 1JD.

Bells sound out opinions

'One of the highlights of our move from London to Chesterton was the beautiful sound of St Andrew's church bells which we knew rang throughout the day and evening. Upon realising that the bells ring all through the night; we now close all our front and side windows, and use ear plugs and a fan to dull the beautiful noise - we actually feel guilty about doing this!

'I thoroughly enjoy the bells ringing and find the sound of them relaxing throughout the day or night. Having moved to Scholars' Walk just over two years ago, I would say the sound of the bells chiming in the early hours is uniquely charming and colours the character of the area.'



'I have to wear earplugs every night. Repetition is the problem; it wouldn't be so bad if it were just on the hour.'

'I was awake for two hours this morning; I am often kept awake by the Chimes. I can't wear earplugs because I am a single parent.'

'I love them, but not at 3.30am, 3.45am...'

These are just some of the many responses we have had to our recent consultation with those who live in the immediate locality of St Andrew's. A public meeting held on 21 June

Long Service Awards



A special service was held in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 13 June to honour long-serving church musicians in the Diocese of Ely. 90 awards were made: all the nominees had served for a minimum of 25 years as musicians in no more than two different parishes in the Diocese and most had contributed over many more years. Their combined years of service totalled some 3,500. Amongst the award winners were six from St Andrew's: John Marsh (our organist), Chris Pountain (Director of Music), Mervyn Ling, David Drury, John Reynolds and Mary Pountain (choir members).

Extra congratulations go to Mervyn and David who received special medallions to mark over fifty years of service. Mervyn (pictured next to the Bishop) reached his 69th year in the St Andrew's choir this year!

But we're delighted to be encouraging a new generation of church musicians too. Youth choir members Sarah & Meg Peyton-Jones, Esther Kippax, Anna Marmion and Naomi Gardom gained the Bishop's Award and Mahoney the Dean's Award at Ely Cathedral in June. In addition Alex Wilson has been accepted as an Aldeburgh Young Musician, Naomi and Sarah sing in the Phoenix Singers (formerly the County Youth Choir), and Naomi and Esther sing in the National Youth Choir. These are just some of the achievements of our young people at St Andrew's - who practise every week under the direction of Chris Pountain.

For more information about joining one of our church choirs, please contact Chris (311055) or see the church website, <http://www.standrews-chesterton.org/activities/music>

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together people with very different views and it was good for people to be able to listen sympathetically to what others were arguing. It was clear that while for many the sound of the chimes is a comfort, for a significant number (especially on the new development where the acoustics seem to amplify the sound) they are a cause of appreciable discomfort. There was a general consensus that the church council (PCC) should consider silencing the chimes (on the ¼hour), but not the 'bongs' (on the hour) - during the night. This view has since been supported by the PCC but they would like to give another (final) chance for people to express their views - on Monday 20 September, 7.30pm, at St Andrew's Hall. In the meantime we will be exploring the cost of doing this. The open meeting recognised that it would not be fair for the church to shoulder the burden as the clock and Chimes were installed by people in the community for the benefit of all.

Following the long and winding road.

Throughout the early part of 2010, particularly Lent and Easter, the theme for St Andrew's Chesterton has been 'The Long and Winding Road'. A number of services, workshops and courses have taken place with this theme at the heart of everything.

It all culminated in a wonderful, joyous and prayerful weekend at the Belsey Bridge Centre, Ditchingham, near Bungay in Suffolk over the weekend of 30th April to 2nd May.

A party of 62 adults and 21 children set off at various times during Friday afternoon, arriving in good time for supper at 7pm...

For Mike Dawson's full account of the parish weekend and how the journey home was considerably longer and more winding than anticipated, take a look at the St Andrew's website, <http://www.standrews->

4 Chimes

Services in St. Andrew's Church:

August

- 1st 9th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am All-Age Communion
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 8th 10th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 15th Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Family Service
 11.15am Matins BCP
 6.30pm Quiet Eucharist
- 22nd 12th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Parish Communion
 6.30pm Vespers
- 29th 13th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Parish Communion in Church
 Holiday Club Service in Hall
 6.30pm Evensong BCP

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

September

- 5th 14th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am All-Age Communion
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 12th 15th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 19th 16th Sunday after Trinity**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Family Service
 11.15am Matins BCP
 6.30pm Quiet Communion
- 26th 17th Sunday after Trinity: Back to Church Sunday**
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 10am Parish Communion
 6.30pm Informal Worship

CW = Common Worship

Every Tuesday at 12.30pm in St Andrew's Hall, there is a Holy Communion (CW) service followed at 1pm by a Bring and Share lunch

Who's Who at St Andrew's:

Vicar (not Saturday)
 Revd Nicholas Moir C 303469

Pastoral Co-ordinator
 Revd Dorothy Peyton-Jones C 523485

Curate
 Revd Alasdair Coles 01638 743434

Authorised Lay Ministers

Pastoral & Healing:
 Pam Lumsden C 350550

Small groups:
 Mick Lumsden C 350550

Youth Co-ordinator :
 Helen Druiff C 572828

Children's Work Co-ordinator :
 Victoria Goodman 704791

Sacristan
 John Reynolds C 249591

Parish Administrator (not Wednesday)
 Margaret Partridge C 303469

Churchwardens
 Margaret Robins C 573511
 Geoff Peel C 312116

PCC Secretary
 Ewa Allen C 367351

PCC Treasurer
 Simon Peyton-Jones C 523485

Music Director
 Chris Pountain C 311055

Organist
 John Marsh C 234584

Chesterton Chimes Editor
 David Drury C 358592

St Andrew's Hall Manager

From the Registers:

Baptisms

23rd May Rosie Elizabeth Hall

13th Jun Joseph George Wilson

Weddings

2nd May Nicholas Smith and Sheri Wood

22nd May Neil Richardson and Gemma Trigwell

12th Jun Glen Baker and Nicola Dunnett

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Oct/Nov Chesterton Chimes

Deadlines: Articles to Editor by Tues 14th Sept. Chimes available at back of church for distributors Sun 26th Sept.

Coming Events

September

21st Chesterton Local History Group meet at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Hall for their AGM followed by a talk given by the Building Preservation Officer, John Preston

28th East Chesterton W.I. Meet at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Hall for talk and demonstration entitled "Artistry in Cocoa" by Cheryl Brightly

Local learning disability charity needs volunteers

Cambridgeshire Mencap is looking for volunteers to help people with a learning disability.

You can make a big difference in a person's life just by going with them to see a film, helping them to go bowling, or just popping round for a cup of tea and a chat. Just having someone to do these things with can help the person to build their self-confidence, interests and independence.

If you could spare just a few hours one evening every month then you could be doing something new, or something you already do and enjoy, whilst making a BIG difference in a person's life.

To find out more contact Rob Wallace on 01223 883140 or email

robert@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk