

CHESTERTON CHIMES



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Losing faith – and finding it

It was the bankers we lost faith in first. Then came the politicians. And now it's the press. Our jaws have been dropping pretty consistently over the past few years. What next – or who? And while the church is either implicated in its own scandals (paedophile priests) or is distracted by its own infighting (women bishops, homosexuality), the anti-God squad have been having a field day with advertising campaigns, bestselling books and even a new 'Bible' (God-less, of course).

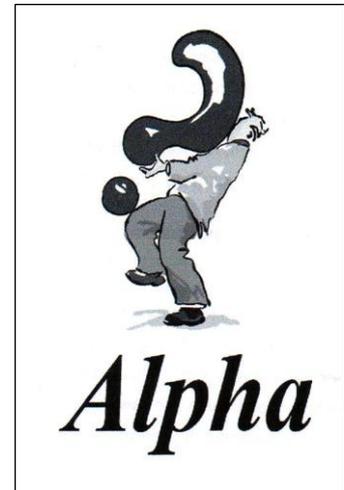
But some have begun to question the absolute certainties of unbelief. I read this leader in 'The Week' recently:

'I much enjoyed Melvyn Bragg writing in the Telegraph about his faith last week. Once a choirboy in Wigton, he left the Church as a teenager – experiencing "the common delusion that only reason mattered". More recently his views have softened.... Stephen Hawking talks of worlds of thoughts which we shall never know, and most us, says Bragg, "sense that now and then we have pulses from it – in passion, in daydreams, 'surprised by joy"'. The current belief that atheistic reason "marks the apotheosis of human intelligence" is very doubtful... It is very refreshing to hear Bragg standing up for belief in an age when the likes of Christopher Hitchens, A. C. Grayling and Richard Dawkins seem to be in the ascendant with their bleak insistence on a godless universe.'

We had a convinced atheist on the Alpha course last year. He didn't change his mind (as far as I know) but he did testify to having been affected by listening to the faith stories of others and was part of a group that listened respectfully to each other's very different stories of faith and doubt. It was enriched by having different cultures and life experiences represented. I was particularly impressed by those from the Far East who had a tremendous interest and hunger for things spiritual.

Several of that group – and others on the course –

in their own time and with little help from the course leaders (to be truthful). Others have not yet come to a point of Christian commitment and may well never do. All, though, testified to the great experience of being on Alpha and having the chance to explore faith for themselves in a safe and uncoercive context.



We will be inviting all last year's participants to a supper on Wednesday 7 September – and we would also like to invite anyone who may be interested in joining this year's Alpha course (Wednesday evenings, from the end of September). If you would be interested in coming to the supper to find out more, please do email me (vicar@standrews-chesterton.org) or ring (303469).

You may also be interested in coming to St Andrew's – or going to another church - on 'Back to Church' Sunday. Maybe, like Melvyn Bragg, you once dismissed Christianity because you were under 'the common delusion that only reason mattered'. We have found over the past couple of years that people value having the chance to come back to church when they know they won't be the only ones and they won't be embarrassed or feel trapped. This year's date is 25 September. We promise you a warm welcome – but we won't lock you in...

As people lose faith in the different institutions in our society, some are also finding faith 'where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt' (Matthew 6.20).

Revd Nicholas Moir

News from St Andrew's Hall

I used to dream that life at the Hall might calm down come the summer, but as in previous years August will see a shift in activity rather than a drop-off. Taking advantage of spaces left by regular groups having a holiday, we will host summer yoga and summer pilates classes, as well as drop-in table tennis and, for 5- to 11-year-olds, Razzamatazz Robots Holiday Club. This runs from 22-26 August, 9.45 – 12.30, and all are welcome. More details and booking forms are available from Caroline Lamaison on 361780. Meanwhile, the Events table below lists regular activities as we are aware of them at the time of going to press. One-off events and updates are listed on our website: www.standrews-hall.co.uk. Alongside all these, our main hall and meeting rooms are available for hire by local businesses, individuals and others. More info. is available via the website and 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.



Eleanor

St Andrew's Hall Programme August and September 2011

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency	Contact	Contact No.
MON	Pilates	9.10 - 10.10am	Weekly from 5 Sept. (not 26/9 or 3/10)	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
	Chair-based Exercise Drop-in	10.15 - 10.45	Weekly from 5 Sept. (not 26/9 or 3/10)	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
	Drop in Coffee Morning	10.15-11.30am	Weekly (not 22 or 29 Aug.)	Pam Lumsden	01223 350550
	St Andrew's Church Healing Group	7pm-8pm	occasional	Pam Lumsden	01223 350550
	Chesterton Lacemakers	7.30-9.30pm	Weekly (not 22 or 29 Aug.)	Christine Clarke	01223 362961
	Summer Pilates	6.30-7.30pm	1, 8 & 15 August	Holly MacKay	07939 603882
	Pilates	6-7pm & 7-8pm	Weekly from 5 Sept. (not 26/9 or 3/10)	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
TUES	Holy Communion & Bring-&-Share Lunch	12.30-1.45pm	Weekly (not 23 Aug.)	Nick Moir	01223 303469
	Silver Threads (talk, tea, worship)	2.30 - 4pm	9 Aug. on 'Georgina'; 13 Sept. in Hall	Dorothy Peyton Jones	01223 523485
	Yoga for Everyone!	6-7pm	Weekly (not 23 or 30 Aug.)	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	Cruse Bereavement Care Drop-in Sessions	7.30 - 9.30pm	6 & 20 Sept.	Margaret	01223 778667
WED	Good Morning Yoga	9.30 - 10.45am	Weekly from 7 Sept.	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	Bone Zone' 50+ Exercise Class	6-7pm	Weekly (not 24 August)	Helen Robbins	01223 457532
	Giving Voice' Singing Workshops	7.30 - 9pm	Weekly from Sept. Start date tbc	Rowena Whitehead	01223 573288
THUR	Church Mice Baby & Toddler Group	9.15am - 12 noon	Weekly Drop-in (not 18 or 25 Aug.)	Victoria Goodman	01223 704791
	Yoga for Everyone!	6-7pm	Weekly (not 25 Aug. or 1 Sept.)	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	The Orlando Singers	8pm - 9.45pm	Weekly from 8 Sept.	Peter Horley	01223 504661
FRI	STRADA Stroke re-hab. Group	10am - 2pm	Weekly (not 26 Aug.)	John Humphries	01353 722716
	Drop-in Table Tennis	3-5pm	Weekly	Peter Parmella	01223 520109
	Evenings of Social Games	7.30-9pm	Weekly	Carlos Delariva	01223 424040
SAT	Pilates	9am - 10am	Weekly until 6 Aug. & from 10 Sept.	Holly MacKay	07939 603882
SUN	Junior Church	from 9.50am	2nd & 4th Sundays from Sept.	Victoria Goodman	01223 704791
	Sunday Lunch Club	Lunchtime	1st Sundays (No meeting in Aug.)	Sheila Merrick	01223 510456
	St Andrew's Young People's Sports Club	Aug:5-7pm; Sept:3-5	1st Sundays	Alasdair Coles	01638 743434

Drop-in Table Tennis

Every Friday 3-5pm
at St Andrew's Hall

Players of all abilities welcome on a first-come first-served basis. Please contact group leader Peter Parmella before coming along, just to check there's room: 01223 520109.
Cost: £3/session

Summer Pilates

at St Andrew's Hall from 6.30-7.30pm
Mondays 1, 8 & 15 August

All welcome! For more info. contact Holly on **07939 603882**, or email: pilates@hollymackay.co.uk

Summer Yoga

at St Andrew's Hall from 6-7pm
on Tues. 2, 9 & 16 Aug. &
Thurs. 4, 11 & 18 Aug.

All welcome! For more info. contact Cynthia on **07954 388505**, or email: info@cynthiayoga.co.uk
www.cynthiayoga.co.uk



Florentine Henes will be joining the staff at St Andrew's Church & Hall for a year from the end of August. She has just finished school and is taking a year out before embarking on university. She has come to us through 'Time for God', an agency that places volunteers in churches or social projects. Florentine lives in Reutlingen, a middle-sized city in

Germany. Her parents are social workers and she has two older brothers and a younger sister.

Chesterton Festival 2011

This year's Chesterton Festival ran from 24-26 June and began with live music and a BBQ at Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre off Green End Rd. The event started at 6pm but the Festival Stewards turned up two hours earlier to set up the record decks and to wrestle the gazeboes into place. Music ran until 9pm that night and there were hot dogs, burgers and drinks sold in the dozens - a few of us had two! At the beginning when it started to rain many of us thought that the concert was pretty much over, but the audience bunkered down and held out against the rain with umbrellas, rain coats and strong determination. About 250 people turned up to listen to performances by High Tory, Run For Cover, the Chesterton Community Choir and more.

On the Saturday the Festival Stewards arrived at 8am to set up for the main part of the Festival that was due to kick off at 1pm on Pye's Rec. Gazeboes started to sprout all around, cars started to arrive like a giant column of ants, all ready to set up their stalls for the event... The arena took shape and was encircled by over 40 different stalls. In the morning the weather looked bad, on the verge of rain but by midday the clouds had cleared and the sun had broken through. The weather remained



good for the rest of the day; warm with a cool breeze, so no one got too hot. As well as the stalls, there was a climbing wall, a steam train, a huge slide and a merry-go-round. Tea, cake and coffee were served in St Andrew's Hall, the 'Walk Through Time' was set up in St Andrew's Church and was fabulously decorated by the flower ladies who came in especially on Thursday afternoon and all day on Friday. In the arena there was a variety of acts: from street dancing from SINCru to jazz from the Ladybirds. All were fantastic. Around 2000 people turned up that day, buying and selling at the stalls, buying hog roasts, burgers and hot dogs from Piggin' Great/Cantab Catering and spiced foods from 'Flavours of Ceylon'. This was all followed by ice cream from Carlo's Ices. In between this a huge amount of tea, coffee and cake was consumed at St Andrew's Hall. All-in-all the day was a great success, and everyone enjoyed it.

On the Sunday there was an inter-church service at the Chesterton Methodist Church, followed by a 'Walk Through Time' trail and quiz led by Nick Moir, the vicar of St Andrew's Church.

Thanks to all who took part!

Peter Abrey

*(work-experience placement student at St Andrew's Hall
20 June - 1 July 2011)*

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS.

The Friends of St Andrews will be holding a coffee morning and sale on Saturday 10th September, from 10am-12noon, at 1 Leys Road. Admission £2 including coffee and biscuits/cake. This will be part of a weekend which will seek to promote the Friends of St Andrews. Everyone will be welcome and you do not have to be a member of the Friends.

Any money raised will enable us to continue our task of keeping the fabric of the church in good repair. I hope to see you there.

J.Reynolds.

Chairman.

N.B. We will be making a special weekend of it with a 'Friends' Festival service on the Sunday at 10am. Friends of St Andrew's who have moved on to pastures new are especially welcome to join us on that day.

Services in St Andrew's Church:

August	September
<p>7th 7th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am All-Age Communion 6.30pm Evensong BCP</p> <p>14th 8th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong BCP</p> <p>21st 9th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am All-Age Communion No matins 6.30pm Iona Service</p> <p>28th 10th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am Holiday Club Family Service 6.30pm Quiet Eucharist</p> <p>BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship</p>	<p>4th 11th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am All-Age Communion 6.30pm Evensong BCP</p> <p>11th 12th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am Sung Eucharist: Friends' Festival 6.30pm Evensong BCP</p> <p>18th 13th Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am Family Service No Matins 6.30pm Quiet Eucharist</p> <p>25th 14th Sunday after Trinity: Back to Church Sunday 8am Holy Communion BCP 10am Parish Communion 6.30pm Informal Worship</p>

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:	From the Registers:	Coming Events:
<p>Vicar Revd Nicholas Moir C 303469 (not Saturday)</p> <p>Pastoral Co-ordinator Revd Dorothy Peyton Jones C 523485</p> <p>Curate Revd Alasdair Coles 01638 743434</p> <p>Children and young families' minister Victoria Goodman C 704791</p> <p>Sacristan John Reynolds C 249591</p> <p>Parish Administrator Margaret Partridge C 303469 (not Wednesday)</p> <p>Churchwardens David Bick C 473721 Margaret Robins C 573511</p> <p>PCC Secretary Ewa Allen C 367351</p> <p>PCC Treasurer Simon Peyton Jones C 523485</p> <p>Music Director Chris Pountain C 311055</p> <p>Organist John Marsh C 234584</p> <p>Chimes Editor David Drury C 358592</p> <p>St Andrew's Hall Manager Eleanor Whalley C 306150</p>	<p><u>Baptisms</u></p> <p>1st May George Janes Katie Scott Lola Ecclestone</p> <p><u>Weddings</u></p> <p>7th May Peter Battram and Rosemary Holloway</p> <p>4th June Simon McKenzie and Maryanne Atieno</p> <p>25th June Nathan Brown and Chloe Gardiner</p> <p><u>Funerals</u></p> <p>15th May Ron Ryder (Interment of Ashes)</p> <p>19th May Edward Andlaw</p> <p>20th May Mary Tilley</p> <p>24th May Mary Tilley (Interment of Ashes)</p> <p>7th June Margaret Hunt</p> <p>30th June Marjorie Cutter</p>	<p><u>August</u></p> <p><u>September</u></p> <p>20th Chesterton Local History Group meet at 2.30pm at St. Andrew's Hall when Susan Miller will tell us about the Folk Museum Reminiscence Project.</p> <p>27th East Chesterton W.I. meet at St Andrew's Hall to hear about Lark Hall Farm and the Countryside Restoration Trust</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Exceptionally Reliable Lady: Retired teacher available as cat visitor. Highest references. Reasonable rates.  Tel: Camb.360033</p> </div> <p><u>Oct/Nov Chimes Deadlines</u> Articles to Editor by Tues 13 September. Chimes available at the back of church for deliverers Sun 25 September.</p>