

Mission News

The **Mission and Giving committee** met a week or two ago. The purpose of this committee is to decide on which charitable cause to support on our mission and giving days, as well as 5 to 10 other causes to support throughout the year with prayer and financial help. We try to balance our giving across local and international organisations based on social justice, human need, care for creation, and the nurturing and growth of God's family. If you have suggestions for organisations you would like the church to support, or would be interested in helping with the committee in any way, please contact committee chair me at sharon.neufeld@gmail.com (07853 172634). We are a friendly bunch, keen for new ideas, and enjoy meeting together three times a year.

Sharon Neufeld

On 22 September last year All Saints Church in the city of Peshawar, Pakistan, was hit by two suicide bombers who detonated themselves in the grounds of the church, killing at least 81 people. It happened shortly after the Sunday service as around 500 worshippers gathered in the courtyard to eat together after the service. To further compound the trauma felt by the members of the church, the following Sunday there was a bomb blast in the bazaar very close to the church. The leader of a Christian organisation in Pakistan was visiting the church on that second Sunday and said 'it was terribly loud, all the church gathering got horrified, screaming, shouting and crying. A further 42 people died in that bomb blast'. He then wrote 'we spent the whole day visiting our affected brothers and sisters. It was very hard to sit and hear their stories. We were able to visit injured people in hospital, children who are now orphans, widows, etc.' There are many tragic stories as a result of the bombings.

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There is a list of PCC Members at the back of the church.

The mission and giving group gave £200 towards the work of helping those who have been affected. One survivor wrote 'it helps us to know that people are coming to us, praying for us and helping us. It is wonderful to see unity in the body of Christ.'

Leslie Mackie



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9 February 2014

Welcome to St Andrew's.

There are two services today at 10am—a Sung Eucharist with New Voices in Church and an Informal Eucharist for all ages in the Hall. You are welcome to go to either.

Tonight there is no service in church but there will be a 'Message in the Movies' evening in the Hall. Please come at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. We will be watching 'The Way' - a fictional account of one man's journey along the Camino de Santiago across the north of Spain. Light refreshments will be provided and the evening will end with Night Prayer at about 8pm. (Suggested donations £3 adults, £1.50 young people—it is certificate 12). Friends from St George's will be joining us.

If you would like to know more about life at St Andrew's, please fill in one of the 'Welcome' cards in the pews and hand it in to one of the clergy.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.'

Matthew 5.14

This Sunday, 4th before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Sung Eucharist
Informal Eucharist in Hall
6.30pm Message in the Movies

Monday-Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer (9am Tuesday)

Tuesday-Friday, 12-2pm

food4food community café

Monday

10.15am Coffee morning (Hall)
followed by Scrabble
8.00pm PCC Prayers*

Tuesday

12.15pm Holy Communion in Church
followed by lunch at the
food4food café

Thursday

9.00am- Church Mice for babies, toddlers
11.15am and carers (Hall)

Friday

4.00pm Vespers & Vigil

Next Sunday, 3rd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Family Service
11.00am Short Communion
6.30pm Quiet Eucharist

Please pray for:

- Among the sick, housebound or recovering: Alison Hughes, Betty and Gordon Borley, Benjamin Black, Betty Jennings, Ivy Jolley
- The Hall development project: where we go from here
- A new treasurer!
- The PJs and other new parents
- The 'Pilgrim' course beginning this month
- **RIP** Florence Anne Hutchinson, Gordon Middleton

This week

PCC Prayers is a chance for both PCC members and anyone else at St Andrew's to join together to pray for our church's life, mission and ministry. We meet on **Monday** at 8pm in the Hall for an hour (and sometimes drift on to the Haymakers....).

The next **Umbrella Group** meeting will be on **Tuesday**, 2.15pm, at 55 St Andrew's Road and entitled 'Glimpses of Germany'. Eleanor will talk about her placement last autumn with Antje Schwartau, St Andrew's Lutheran Church Pastor friend in Hamburg, and Julia will speak from rather greater experience...

Coming up...

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday 18 February**, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, tel. 367351). We will be discussing *The Red House*, by Mark Haddon (author of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*), a tale of a family get-together in a rented house on the Welsh border. As always, new and occasional members are most welcome.'

Also on **Tuesday 18 February** will be a Chesterton Forum event, '**Logan's**

Meadow: Past, Present & Future', chaired by Ian Nimmo-Smith. Guy Belcher (Nature Conservation Officer, Cambridge City Council) will be speaking about the proposed water channel and reed bed and Nick will speak on the meadow's importance as a hub for the medieval village. It all starts with a glass of wine at 7.30pm, in the Hall.

Looking for something to do in the half term holiday? Come and hear the story of Babar the Elephant set to music! The next **Encore** concert will be on **Wednesday 19 February** at 10.30am at St Andrew's. An opportunity for all the family to enjoy live music in a relaxed and informal setting. Everyone welcome! Adults £5, school children £1, preschool children FREE Refreshments included.

If you have started coming to St Andrew's fairly recently we would love to invite you to a **newcomers event** on **23 February**, 11.45am, when there will be the chance to meet others new to St Andrew's and members of the leadership team. We will also give a brief introduction to the mysteries of St Andrew's, its structures, activities and, most importantly, our spiritual vision and ethos. If you have filled out one of the welcome cards you will receive an invitation - if not, please do so or have a word with Nick (the vicar, if you didn't know...)

St Andrew's News & Notices

Lent groups following *PILGRIM—A course for the Christian journey* start the week beginning 24 February. '**Turning to Christ**' There will be 2 evening venues and at least 1 day time one, for 5 weeks running. Flyers will be available at the end of today's service, so please take one and also, if possible, sign up for a group at the back of the church.

A reminder that the dates of this year's **Parish Weekend** are **3-5 October**. Booking forms will be coming out shortly.

Alasdair & Olivia Coles are helping to organise a day's seminar called "A Day together" - **a seminar for couples to invest in their relationship** on **Saturday 29 March** from 10am - 4.45pm - to be held at the David Rayner Building (which is at Scotsdales Garden centre). This course is especially suitable for couples in their 20s & 30s. It costs £39 per couple if anyone signs up before 14 Feb.... and £45 after that.

Further details are on: <http://www.adaytogether.org.uk/>

'**Open Mind**' is the new title for learning events at St Andrew's Hall. Nick will be leading 'The Old Testament from scratch' beginning on **26 February**. Details are in the leaflet at the back of church. Booking is via Sue Richards (353296).

Nick will be leading a quiet day at St Giles entitled 'Entertaining Angels' on **Saturday 1 March**. For details see <http://www.churchatcastle.org/node/1632>

If you are interested in leading prayers during 10am services then we'd love to hear from you. Assistance will be given as needed. Also we need sidesperson recruit (s) on the 4th Sunday of the month to assist Ian Nimmo-Smith and John Lees. Offers to Patricia Abrey or the wardens please. Many thanks for offers of help already received for other vacancies.

Marmalade will be available at the 10am service on 9 February. £3 per jar. Please order large quantities by phone or email, 322467 or nvbull@ntlworld.com.

St Andrew's Hall News

Advance notice: **food4food Café** will be closed for the day on Friday 14 February.

Thanks to many St Andrew's hands, the last **Chesterton News bundling session** was completed in 41 minutes. Could you join us on **Thursday 20 February at 2.30pm** at St Andrew's Hall to help beat the record? The only entry qualification is the ability to

Readings for Daily Prayer

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-18,30-end
Tuesday	Leviticus 23.1-22
Wednesday	Leviticus 23.23-end
Thursday	Leviticus 24.1-9
Friday	Leviticus 25.1-24
Saturday	Numbers 6.1-5,21-end

Reading for Sunday:
Genesis 4.1-16

count to 10; pit stop supplies of tea, biscuits and good company provided. Please come - or ask Eleanor or Nick for more info. Thank you!

Meg Peyton Jones writes:

Dear all,

I'm back from New Zealand and am just about to set off to Belize where I will be volunteering for the church for 6 months. I'll be working in a local church and school there. If you could pray for me it would be so wonderful. Please pray that I would be useful to them, that God would bless my time there and help me grow in my faith through my experiences and the people I meet there.

Many thanks and lots of love, Meg

Youth News

Praying for teenagers—A message to the congregation. I would like to ask you if you could commit to praying for teenagers in our church family, some of whom are struggling; you probably know some teenagers among your own family and friends and of course we can pray wider. It is a time when they are searching, questioning and trying to understand the things they have been taught about God and church. They are also trying to fit in with their peer groups. It is not easy, and one of the things we can do to help is to pray for them. Please let me know if you will join in. Mary Allwood (355637).