

particularly targeted, and numerous church buildings have been deliberately destroyed. Their support includes food parcels, hygiene kits, medical and surgical costs, blankets, heaters and sleeping mats.

Please pray that refugees from Syria will be welcome and looked after in other countries. Give thanks for Sweden's decision to offer permanent residency to 8,000 Syrians. For Syrian Christians, that the Lord will give them strength, hope and peace as they continue to suffer privation, danger and persecution. Further information from <http://barnabasfund.org>.

Services for Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, 13 April

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Procession of Palms & Parish Communion
beginning in the churchyard
- 6.30pm A Meditation on the Passion (music & readings)

Tuesday 15 April

- 12.15pm Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, 17 April

- 6.30pm Last Supper, Eucharist & Watch

Good Friday

- 11.20am Coffee & hot cross buns at Chesterton Methodists
- 11.50am Open air service
- 12 noon Procession to St Andrew's
- 12.20pm All-age worship and Prayer stations
- 1.00pm Silent Hour (children's crafts in Hall)
- 2.00pm The Last Hour (Hymns, Readings & Prayers)

Easter Eve

- 8.00pm Lighting of the New Fire, Easter Vigil & Baptism

Easter Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am All-Age Communion
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

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ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

A thriving, open and welcoming church community for all ages

www.standrews-chesterton.org

30 March 2014

Welcome to St Andrew's today on this Mothering Sunday. And a special welcome to Adrian Layer, last year's 'Time for God' worker, who is visiting us for the weekend.

The altar platform was removed for last night's major concert but will be returning this week.

Thanks to those who helped put together the flowers for the Mothering Sunday service this morning—much appreciated. We will need further help preparing for the Easter garden (see inside) before and on the morning of Holy Saturday.

Please see the important notices inside concerning forthcoming events—Easter will soon be upon us and then it's the annual meeting the Sunday after.

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.

'And after the fire came a gentle whisper.'
1 Kings 19.12

This Sunday, 4th of Lent

Mothering Sunday

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

Monday-Friday

- 8.15am Morning Prayer (9am Tuesday)

Tuesday-Friday, 12-2pm

food4food community café

Monday

- 10.15am Coffee morning (Hall) followed by Scrabble

Tuesday

- 12.15pm Holy Communion (Church) followed by lunch in the food4food café

Wednesday

- 1.30pm Pilgrim course (Hall)

Thursday

- 9.00am Church Mice for babies, toddlers and carers (Hall)
- 11.15am Pilgrim Course (10 Capstan Close)

Friday

- 4.00pm Vespers & Vigil

Saturday

- 7.30pm Concert with Anna Marmion and Ralph Woodward*

Next Sunday, 5th of Lent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am All-age Communion
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

*see inside

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
- Meg PJ on her USPG gap year experience in Belize
- James Thomas preparing for his baptism at Easter
- RIP John Wilson, John Carter, Constance Rose, Peter Barber

Coming up... this week

There will be a concert by Anna Marmion (soprano) and Ralph Woodward (piano) on **Saturday** at 7.00pm. Anna and Ralph will be performing a range of classical music including arias from opera and oratorio, and some piano solos. Refreshments will be available. No tickets, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the mental health charity Time to Change—www.time-to-change.org.uk and a donation to St Andrew's Church Development Fund.

St Andrew's News & Notices

It is lovely to welcome back Adrian Layer this weekend. You may also like to know news from **Flori Henes**. She has been continuing her language studies for her theology degree—plenty of Hebrew, Greek and Latin. She has been to the Holy Land and has more recently been working in the vacation at a home for adults with learning difficulties and saving up for trips to Leipzig and Berlin.

The church's **annual meeting** will be on the Sunday after Easter, **27 April**. If you have photographs from church activities from 2013 please do send them to Nick (email on back page) so that we can enjoy

remembering the highlights of the year. Nomination forms for churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members are on the notice board at the back of church.

We are also looking for a new **treasurer** following the annual meeting: we have volunteers who will cover the day-to-day banking and book-keeping and financial reporting, but need someone who will be able to present the accounts to the next annual meeting and keep abreast of our financial strategy (and keep an eye on the vicar spending all the money....)

Do you need something to do in the school holidays? Could you help make a tomb for this year's St Andrew's Easter Garden? Eleanor and Julia are recruiting helpers for sessions at **2pm on Mondays 7 and 14 April** at the Hall. We have space for 6 accompanied children/young people per session. Please let us know in advance if you'd like to join in.

If you would like to give a donation towards the cost of the **Easter lilies** in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope, together with the names of the persons to be remembered, and hand it to one of the churchwardens, Maureen Ling, or another member of the Flower Group. Thank you from the Flower Group.

Both the Hall management committee and the PCC met this week and decided to proceed with the Hall development—a revision to the plans for the front annexe has brought the price down to our budget figure (£270,000: £140,000 of which is coming from a council section 106 grant, £100,000 from the PCC's Hall capital fund and £30,000 from an individual donor). The revised plan is on display outside the Hall front door – the main changes from the original scheme are that all the linking space to the new room has been removed and the roof has been lowered. The scheme will still provide a new parish office

by building over the storeroom at the back.

The deanery **Confirmation** service will be on **Thursday 15 May**. We have three confirmation candidates already—would you like to join them? Do have a word with Nick.

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

If you are interested in leading prayers during 10am services then we'd love to hear from you. Assistance will be given as needed. Offers to Patricia Abrey or the wardens please. Many thanks for offers of help already received for other vacancies.

PCC News

The PCC (church council) met on Wednesday 19 March. Here are some of the highlights of our discussions:

- We have agreed to proceed with the Hall development project to build an annexe at the front of the Hall and to create a new Parish Office. This project will be jointly funded by the PCC and Section 106 money provided by the City Council.
- Ewa Allen is our safeguarding officer and will be responsible for the administrative side of the role.
- We have agreed in principle to take on a new Time For God volunteer later this year.

Amber Grantham, PCC secretary

New singers wanted

Could you help lead and enhance our worship at St Andrew's by joining the **Allcomers choir**? They lead our singing at the 10am service on the 4th (and the occasional 5th) Sunday of the month. There are no rehearsals other than before the service and no previous experience is required. Do have a word with Peter.

Readings for Daily Prayer

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| Monday | Exodus 2.11-22 |
| Tuesday | Exodus 2.23-3.20 |
| Wednesday | Exodus 4.1-23 |
| Thursday | Exodus 4.27-6.1 |
| Friday | Exodus 6.2-13 |
| Saturday | Exodus 7.8-end |

Reading for Sunday:
John 11.1-45

Mission News

As part of our Mission work, St Andrew's has donated £100 to The Barnabas Fund in response to the Syrian Christian leaders appeal for urgent aid:

“We entreat Western governments to alleviate the suffering of our people by providing urgent humanitarian aid, as our communities are in dire need. The majority have been displaced from their homes with hardly anything to subsist on; most are jobless, homeless, and in danger of abduction and assaults by radical militants.”

Christian leaders from the country have called on Western nations to focus their efforts not on military aid but instead on providing aid to help meet the “dire need” of the suffering people. Barnabas Fund is at the forefront of humanitarian work among the Christian community in Syria. Since the conflict began in 2011, they have provided practical aid to an estimated 139,000 Christians, around 10% of those who remain in the country. Around 600,000 Christians have sought refuge in other countries. Most of those whom they are helping are internally displaced, having had to flee their homes as a result of targeted violence against them by Islamist rebels. Christians are being singled out for violent attack, kidnap, torture, sexual assault and murder; their homes have been taken over in violent raids. Christian leaders have been