

## Night shelter for the Homeless

Cambridge churches will be opening up for more nights this winter to provide extra overnight shelter but consequently will need more volunteers. There will be two volunteer training and information evenings in the next couple of weeks: Monday 24 November at St Luke's on Victoria Road, and Tuesday 2 December at Little St Mary's on Trumpington Street, both at 7.30pm with supper. All new volunteers should come to EITHER of these and last year's volunteers who would like to hear more about where the project has come since last year, and how this year will work, are warmly encouraged to come too. The CCHP remains a wonderful project to be part of and it has been enormously encouraging to have three new churches offering to host this year: St Paul's on Hills Road, Great St Mary's, and Wesley Methodist. The homeless of Cambridge continue to be with us (there were 18 people turned away from Jimmy's on one night earlier this month) and it is very good to be able to make use of our resources in this way. Please do keep all those in our city with nowhere to live, and the CCHP, in your prayers.

Lucy McKitterick, CCHP committee

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## From the Bishop of Ely

*I have been hugely encouraged by your response to the diocesan vision – 'we pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ' – and by the example of many churches working to fulfil our diocesan imperatives to engage with our communities and our world, deepen our faith, and grow new disciples.*

*I am now writing to invite you to join in a consultation process over the draft diocesan strategy, starting in the New Year. It is vitally important that we move forward together, so your voice really matters.*

*How can we make the very best use of all the gifts and opportunities God has poured out upon our diocese for the sake of his Kingdom? I encourage you to think and pray about this, and to make space on your parish and deanery agendas for a full and open discussion.*

*A draft strategy booklet to help you engage with this consultation has been prepared and can be found on the home page of the diocesan website: [www.ely.anglican.org](http://www.ely.anglican.org)*

*The fruit of these discussions will be gathered up around Easter, allowing time for the strategy to be further refined before it is approved by our Diocesan Synod next summer and put to work in the autumn.*

*As you prepare to enter this process, I call upon all your gifts of creativity and imagination, your prayerfulness and common sense, and your commitment to serve God in his Church and in his world. Thank you in advance for your share in shaping our diocese, and please be assured of my support and prayers.*



# ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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for all ages*

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## 30 November 2014

Welcome to St Andrew's.

Today we are giving out collection candles for the Children's Society. We're giving them to you at the start of Advent so that on each day of Advent you can be reminded to pray for children living in poverty and neglect, and give some spare change to help tackle this problem. Please pick up a collection candle and associated Advent calendar at the back of the church after the service.

This evening there will be a service of music and readings for Advent and Andrewtide (with New Voices).

*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.*

*We do have gluten-free wafers available for Communion—please speak to one of the sidespeople at the back.*

**'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'**

**Mark 1.15**

### Today, 1st Sunday of Advent

#### St Andrew the Apostle

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am All-age Communion  
6.30pm Music and Readings for Advent and Andrewtide

### During the week

#### Monday

9.30am Morning Prayer  
10.15am Coffee morning (Hall)  
8.00pm PCC Prayers

#### Tuesday-Friday, 12-2pm

food4food community café

#### Tuesday

9.30am Morning Prayer  
10.15am Pilgrim course (Vicarage)  
12.15pm Holy Communion, followed by lunch in the food4food café

#### Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

#### Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer  
9.00am- Church Mice for babies, toddlers and carers (Hall)  
6.00pm Christmas Tree event at Chesterton Methodist Church\*

#### Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer  
4.00pm Evening Prayer & Vigil

### Next Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Parish Communion  
5.30pm YO!CFC (youth group)  
6.30pm Evensong

\*see inside

### Please pray for:

- Among the sick, housebound or recovering: Alison Hughes, Betty and Gordon Borley, Pam Fry, Ian Ferguson
- The Hall (celebrating its birthday this weekend), our manager Rachel Clarke and the completion of the building project
- 'Free a Dalit Child' and the use of the money raised through our gift day
- The Children's Society and our Advent collection candles

### Today

Please **come and pray** for the way ahead in our youth work. Meet in room 2 in the Hall straight after the service TODAY. Will last 30-40 minutes but come for as long as you are able.

If you are new to St Andrew's (and that means anyone who has started coming since about February!), then please do join us for a glass of sherry or fruit juice at the back of church at 11.45am. 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.

### This week

Come and pray for the life of our church.. and beyond. It's **PCC Prayers** on **Monday**, 8pm, in the Hall. All welcome.

The annual **Christmas tree lighting** is at Chesterton Methodist Church on **Thursday**, 6-7pm. There will be some carol singing, a visit from Father Christmas and refreshments.

### Coming up...

Please note the 10am services during December are not as you might expect... Next week is Parish Communion (with Junior Church) and on 14 December will be a Family Service (with Nativity).

There will be a Friends of St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert on **Friday 12 December**, 12.30-1.15pm in the Church featuring Christmas music with The Alpha Choir. Admission free; retiring collection for The Friends. Seasonal refreshments will be available.

Members of St Andrew's are invited to join the 'Lyn's House' community for Carol Singing and Tea on **Sunday 14 December**, 3-5 pm, 76 De Freville Avenue. Lyn Carr was a longstanding member and churchwarden at St Andrew's, and her house is now a centre for hospitality for adults with learning disabilities. Contact Judith Gardom, judith@gardom.net.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday 20 January**, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, tel. 367351). We will be discussing 'The Seven Sisters', by Margaret Drabble. It tells the story of Candida, a middle-aged divorcee, who gathers together six travelling companions - women friends from childhood, from married life and after - and maps out a journey around Tunis, Naples and Pompeii, in search of a new adventure. As always, new and occasional members are most welcome.

### Free a Dalit Child

Thank you to all who gave to the Mission and Giving Day for the Dalits in India last week. There is still an opportunity to give, please put money in the white giving envelopes, marking it as for 'Free a Dalit Child'. For those who missed it, there is a display and information on the table by the south door for you to take/read.

One in three of the world's poor is in India with the most vulnerable being the Dalits, the 'outcastes' of Hindu society often called the 'untouchables'. They fall outside the rigid caste system and thus are deemed to be worth less than animals, making them the object of abuse, exploitation and oppression. We are giving to a Christian organisation that has been providing Dalit children with a high quality (English medium) education since 2001—when they were asked by Dalit leaders to educate their children, because they see this as the best way out of poverty.

*Lesley Mackie*

### Singing at the Carol Service

There will be four rehearsals this year for the Christmas Eve (7.30pm) Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols:  
Friday 12 December, 7-9pm  
Friday 19 December, 7-9pm  
Sunday 21 December, 5.30-7.30pm  
Tuesday 23 December, 7-8.30pm

Please contact Peter Wadl if you would like to sing (contact details on back page). You will need to be able to commit to attending two of the first three rehearsals plus the final one.

### Help needed

We are looking for new helpers for the crèche at Junior church. Could you offer one or two Sundays a month to support those with young children? The usual safeguarding guidelines apply.

We are also looking for new helpers for the Sunday lunch club. Could you be part of a team producing lunch once or twice a year? It can be great fun—and is certainly much appreciated.

Are you a qualified first aider (preferably the first aid at work three day course)? If so, would you be willing to do a shift at next year's Chesterton festival?

### Readings for Daily Prayer

Monday	Revelation 19
Tuesday	Revelation 20
Wednesday	Revelation 21.1-8
Thursday	Revelation 21.9-21
Friday	Revelation 21.22-22.5
Saturday	Revelation 22.6-end

#### Next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8  
pm: 1 Kings 22.1-8 Romans 15.4-13

Please have a word with Nick for any of the above.

**Sidesperson help** is needed for the 10am service on Sunday 14 December and for Christmas services including the carol service (Christmas Eve at 7.30pm) and the Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm. Offers to the churchwardens please.

### Other news

Are you someone who could help to engage with and add value to our local community? To help us to make the best use of our buildings and to develop strong relationships with those around us? The PCC of St George's Chesterton is seeking to appoint a Church and Hall Manager (0.5 FTE, 18 hours per week) for two years in the first instance, from 1 January 2015 or as soon as possible thereafter. The post holder will manage the hall and its activities as well as co-ordinating bookings and managing the day-to-day work required in the church. They will provide a certain amount of administrative assistance for me and play a key role in planning, taking part and drawing together the results of a community consultation, which will help to determine the church's future. For any enquiries or further information, please contact me on 01223 423374 or vicar@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk

*Ruth Adams*