

education. The kids in Zimbabwe love going to school and regard school uniforms as a badge of honour, so our money was greatly appreciated.

Sharon Neufeld

Other news

The **Chesterton Local History Society** meets in the Hall on Tuesday, 2.30pm, to hear about the 'Dog & Pheasant' (now new houses on the High Street). Entrance is £2.

Kina Robertshaw, an ordinand from Ridley Hall attached to St George's, is involved with a charity called Bookbuddies that transports children's books to Africa. She will be travelling to Zambia over Easter with Karen Martin, the Headteacher of the Grove School, to present the books and run some support workshops with local teachers. They would be grateful for your donation of children's books. See <http://bookbuddiesafrica.org.uk>. Bring your books on a Sunday in a box or bag and leave them at the back of church. Thank you.

'**An Impossible God**' is a one-man passion play, written by Frank Topping and performed by Mark Topping, at Castle Street Methodist Church on **Wednesday 1 April**, 7.30pm. Tickets on the door (£8 adults, £2 children).

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion will be holding a weekend course entitled 'Science and Religion: the Big Questions' in Cambridge, 20-22 March. This course offers an introductory overview of the big questions in science and religion, from top speakers in the field. Philosophers, scientists, historians and theologians will tackle a wide range of topics such as the conflict myth, rationality and knowledge, the nature of matter, God's action in the world, genetics and determinism, the challenge of climate

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change and ethical challenges in science. Please see www.faraday-institute.org for more information.

'**1 Witness: Haiti**' is a Christian Aid exhibition featuring photos and artwork telling of some of the inspirational people who are rebuilding their lives against overwhelming odds following the terrible devastation caused by the earthquake in 2010. It runs from Tuesday to Friday each week until 26 March, 10:30am – 3:00pm, at Emmanuel URC Church, Trumpington Street.

If you would like a copy of the notice sheet e-mailed to you, please send an e-mail request to the Parish Administrator. A large print version is available at the back of the Church



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15 March 2015

Welcome to St Andrew's on this Mothering Sunday.

You will see that good progress has been made with the ramp, the north door has now been fitted on the south and the frame for the new inner porch is in church ready to be installed in the next two weeks. Meanwhile the Hall works should be finished this week... we're making progress!

The PCC meets tomorrow night—please do pray for us as we consider how to structure our new youth worker post and as we seek to use our resources most faithfully and effectively for what we believe God is calling us to do.

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.

The vestry toilet no longer exists (until it rises again after Easter), but there is now access to the Hall toilets via the new door from the Hall garden—please ask a sidesperson.

'His mother treasured all these things in her heart.'

Luke 2.51

This Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Family Service
'Treasuring in the heart'
No Short Communion
5.30pm YO!CFC (youth group)
6.30pm Quiet Eucharist

Monday

9.30am Morning Prayer
10.15am Coffee morning (Hall)

Tuesday-Friday, 12-2pm

Food4food café

Tuesday

9.30am Morning Prayer
10.15am Pilgrim group
at 10 Capstan Close
12.15pm Holy Communion
followed by lunch at the
food4food café
8.00pm Book group*
7.45pm Pilgrim group at 34 Fen Road

Wednesday

8.15am Morning Prayer

Thursday

8.15am Morning Prayer
9.00am- Church Mice for babies, toddlers
11.15am and carers (Hall)
8.00pm Pilgrim group at 17 Sherlock Rd

Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Vespers & Vigil

Next Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
'Remembering the Passion'
6.30pm Evensong

* see inside

Please pray for:

- Among the sick, housebound or recovering: Alison Hughes, Pam Fry, Ian Ferguson
- The completion of the Hall development and the start of the church building works
- Plans for our future youth work provision at St Andrew's
- The new diocesan strategy
- The PCC meeting on Monday
- RIP Jean Jones, John Lee, Barry Beaver

This week

The Book Club meets on **Tuesday**, 8pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, tel. 367351). We will be discussing *Four Letters of Love*, by Niall Williams. *'When I was twelve years old God spoke to my father for the first time. God didn't say much. He told my father to be a painter and left it at that . . .'* So begins Niall Williams' magical tale about love and destiny.... As always, new and occasional members are most welcome.

Call to prayer – Friday 6-8pm

Please come and pray with the young people and all interested in our church youth work. We want to try to find a talented youth worker for this church. We need your support. We want to ask God, seek discernment and knock for this specific need. Come and pray this **Friday** from 6- 8pm. You can come for as short or long time as you can. Upstairs in the Hall. Refreshments will be provided so you can come straight from work.

Teenagers especially welcome with your parents. But all the congregation are welcome.

Mary Allwood

St Andrew's News & Notices

I still have clay cups left over from the Dalit giving day last November. If you didn't get one or would like another they are at the back of church, please help yourself before I dispose of them. They have many uses and having them round the house will remind you to pray.

Lesley Mackie

Most years at St Andrew's we have a number of teenagers and adults who are prepared for Baptism and/or Confirmation. If you would like to become a full communicant member of the church then this could be for you! Please have a word with Nick. We also prepare a group of children (from the age of 8) for their First Communion (at Pentecost) and will be giving details of that in the next few weeks.

The March to May edition of the Chesterton News is now available for distribution. We are still looking for extra help delivering this publication so, if you or anyone you know might be interested in helping out, please speak to Nick or contact me in the Hall office for a list of streets without a distributor. Many thanks.

Rachel Clarke rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk

Are you a budding writer? Do you have a story to tell? We want to hear from you!

The Open Mind Creative Writing Group will be meeting for a one-off session on Thursday 12 March from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Hall. Anyone who would like to come is most welcome. Bring along something you have written to share with others or just come along and join in on the day. We are hoping to publish an anthology of writing by local people. If anyone would like to contribute to this anthology, please send your writing to Annabel Charles, annabel.charles@hotmail.co.uk.

We would like pieces - life writing (eg autobiographical accounts), stories, poems,

Services for Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, 29 March

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Procession of Palms & Parish Communion
Beginning (with the children) in the churchyard
'In remembrance of her'
6.30pm Passion Service

Tuesday 31 March

12.15pm Holy Communion

Maunder Thursday, 2 April

6.30pm Last Supper, Eucharist & Watch
'In remembrance of him'

Good Friday, 3 April

11.20am Drinks & hot cross buns at the Methodist Church
11.50am Outdoor service & Procession to St Andrew's
12.20pm All-age worship & Prayer stations
1.00pm Silent Hour (children's crafts in Hall)
2.00pm The Last Hour (Hymns, Readings & Prayers)
'Jesus, remember me''

Easter Eve, 4 April

8.00pm Lighting of the New Fire & Easter Vigil

Easter Day, 5 April

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

Readings for Daily Prayer

Monday, John 9.18-end
Tuesday John 10.1-10
Wednesday John 10.12-30
Thursday, Joseph of Nazareth
Matthew 13.54-end
Friday John 11.1-16
Saturday John 11.17-27

Readings for Sunday:
am: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Hebrews 5.5-10
John 12.20-33
pm: Exodus 7.8-24 Romans 5.12-end

articles – or anything else you have written, from people of all ages. To give you some ideas, in the Creative Writing group, we have written about our first names, memories sparked by objects and photographs, group stories, riddles and poems based on Kit Wright's *The Magic Box*. Why not have a go at writing your memoir in six words, a story in 50 words or capturing the memory of the food you loved - or hated - as a child! If you have any queries, contact Annabel on 01223 420959.

A day out at Sutton Hoo – places are still available for this Open Mind trip on 26 March from 9am to 5.30pm. Coach travel costs £15, with entry to Sutton Hoo free to NT members, or £6.85 for others. We will also have a guided tour of the burial mound. Contact Rachel Clarke on 306150 to book your place.

Real Easter Egg campaign: Easter chocolate is big business but very little connects with the Christian origins of the festival. Dorothy is going to place an order for some Easter Eggs which are fair-trade and have an attractive booklet inside with the Christian story. The basic one is £3.99 but there is also a dark chocolate one at £5.50 and a special big one for £9.99. Look up www.realeasteregg.co.uk for details or see the poster at the back of church. Ideal present for godparents to give. Please let me know if you would be interested. dorothy@peytonjones.org or 523485.

Mission & Giving News

This past December the Mission and Giving group gave a donation to Shearly Cripps Orphanage in Zimbabwe, which we have supported in the past. The money came at a very opportune time as January in Zimbabwe is when the children start the new school year. This means a lot of money needs to be found for school uniforms, books, fees and other incidentals of