

be a piper, a mulled wine reception, a traditional 3-course meal with whisky and coffee, a couple of poems and a brief talk about Burns, before the tables are cleared away for Scottish dancing with live music. Tickets for the evening are £25, but we have been offered a limited number at the discounted rate of £20 for church members. These are available from Alison Wilson or from Rachel in the Office. All proceeds to Cam Sight, which does such good work with blind and partially sighted people in the area.

If you would like a copy of the notice sheet e-mailed to you, please send an e-mail request to the Parish Administrator.

Christmas and Epiphany at St Andrew's

Sunday 18 December

4.00pm Christingle & Crib service,
followed by Christmas crafts in Hall

Saturday 24 December

7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All-age Communion

Epiphany: Friday 6 January

12.40pm Holy Communion
7.30pm Epiphany Procession

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ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

*A thriving, open and welcoming church community
for all ages*

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Welcome to St Andrew's Church.

We wish everyone a very joyous and peaceful Christmas season.

Sunday 18 December, 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
4.00pm Crib & Christingle Service,
followed by crafts in the Hall
5.30pm Choir rehearsal for Carol Service

Tuesday-Friday

12-2pm food4food café

Monday 19 December

9.15am Morning Prayer
10.15am Coffee morning (Hall)

Tuesday 20 December

9.15am Morning Prayer
12.15pm Holy Communion, followed by
bring & share Christmas lunch
in the Hall Annexe

Thursday 22 December

8.15am Morning Prayer

Friday 23 December

9.15am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Evening Prayer and Vigil
7.00pm Choir Rehearsal for Carol Service

Saturday, Christmas Eve

7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Sunday, Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-Age Communion

Friday 30 December

10.00am Candle preparation in church*

Sunday 1 January 2017, Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

No 8am service or evening service
10.00am All-Age Communion

Wednesday 4 January

8.15am Morning Prayer

Thursday 5 January

8.15am Morning Prayer

Friday 6 January, Epiphany

9.15am Morning Prayer
11.00am Open Mind—art*
12.40pm Holy Communion
2.30pm Wedding
7.30pm Epiphany Procession

Sunday 8 January, Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Informal worship

The **Food4food café** will be closed from 19 December and re-opens on Tuesday 10 January.

Emergency contact

The Hall and Church office will be closed from lunchtime, Friday 22 December until Wednesday 4 January. For emergencies please ring the vicarage phone number and contact the emergency number given. The church will also be closed—apart from services— from Christmas Day until Wednesday 4 January.

* see inside

'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.'

Please pray for:

- Among the sick, housebound or recovering: Alison Hughes, Sylvia Hancock, Mervyn Ling
- Clergy, musicians, sacristans and all preparing for our Christmas and Epiphany services
- The homeless and those providing support via Jimmy's, WinterComfort, the Cambridge Nightshelter and the city council
- RIP Danny Wilkes

Coming up...

The remaining **choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve carol service** will be as follows (all in church): Sunday 18 December (5.30-7pm) and Friday 23 December (7-8.30pm). There will be a warm-up at 6.45pm on the evening of the service itself.

Open Mind at St Andrew's Hall has its first session on Friday 6 January at 11am in the Hall annexe. This is the first of a Friday morning series on art appreciation. Because it will be the day of Epiphany, Nick will be recreating (virtually!) the Magi Chapel of the Palazzo Medici Riccardi in Florence. Its walls are almost entirely covered by a famous cycle of frescoes by the Renaissance artist Benozzo Gozzoli, painted in 1459-1461 for the Medici family.

You can then stay on for a short lunchtime service of **Holy Communion for Epiphany** (12.40pm) in church.

The dramatic **Epiphany Procession** service will be at 7.30pm that evening (6 January). The service now includes two processions: the (very splendid) magi, and water and wine. We also use the wonderful and challenging words of the Methodist covenant service—which provides an

opportunity to make your new year's resolutions in the context of worship and prayer. And there will be some lovely music too... (and Ursula's wonderful Epiphany cake washed down with a glass of madeira).

Cynthia and Nick Bull's daughter, Diana, has kindly offered to run another **Beetle Drive in aid of Azul Wasi**. This will be on **Saturday 4 February, 6.15pm** in St Andrew's Hall. Offers of help with making cakes, sandwiches etc., and help on the night will be very welcome. Please contact Mary Pountain (mary.pountain@gmail.com or tel 311055).

The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be on **Tuesday 21 February**, 8pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, tel. 367351). We will be discussing Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*. A prominent Viennese psychiatrist before the war, Viktor Frankl was uniquely able to observe the way that he and other inmates coped with the experience of being in Auschwitz. He said, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way". As always, new and occasional members are most welcome.

St Andrew's News

St Andrew's has a special posting service for Christmas cards to other church members—i.e. a temporary set of pigeonholes at the back of church. You are welcome to use them but please also check to see if there are cards there for you...

Any sidespeople/welcoming offers for Christmas Eve Carol Service, 7.30pm will be gratefully received by Georgia Curry (d.g.curry@btinternet.com) or the churchwardens.

At the back of church, you will find the **Children's Society collection candles and Advent Calendar** to help guide your prayers and givings. The funds raised are absolutely vital for the Children's Society to continue helping abused and exploited children. The collection candles may be brought back to church at the Christingle service, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day service.

Copies of the **Azul Wasi Autumn Newsletter** are at the back of the church. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive them twice yearly by email, or would like to become a regular donor, please contact Mary Pountain (mary.pountain@gmail.com or tel 311055)

If you are wanting to send a charity alternative gift to someone for Christmas, you might be interested in supporting LAFF (Latin American Foundation for the Future). Here is a link to their Advent Calendar, which features photos, stories and videos of their beneficiaries (including Azul Wasi) <https://adventmyfriend.com/8812/518564ffae/>

Help is needed with candle preparation on the following dates. Friday 30 Dec for a wedding on New Year's Eve, Thursday 5 January for Epiphany, and Saturday 7 January for a general clean up of candle holders. Meet at **10am on each occasion**. Refreshments will be provided.

"Being Christian" - a short course in Christian essentials. If you are thinking about being baptised or confirmed, or would like to explore what it means to be a Christian in a small and informal setting, please talk to Bridget or Nick about coming along. We will be starting in the New Year, and thinking about Baptism, the Bible, Communion, and Prayer over about 5 sessions.

Can you spare 2 hours, once a month on a Thursday morning, to help serve

Readings for Daily Prayer

Monday 19	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53
Tuesday 20	Isaiah 54
Wednesday 21	Isaiah 55
Thursday 22	Isaiah 56.1-8
Friday 23	Isaiah 63.1-6
Saturday 24	Isaiah 59
	Sunday 25, Christmas Day Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14
Monday 26	Stephen, first martyr Acts 7.51-end
Tuesday 27	John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 John 1
Wednesday 28	Holy Innocents Matthew 2.13-18
Thursday 29	Isaiah 57.15-end
Friday 30	Isaiah 59.1-15a
Saturday 31	Isaiah 59b-end
	Sunday 1 January Naming & Circumcision of Jesus Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21
Monday 2	Isaiah 60.1-12
Tuesday 3	Isaiah 60.13-end
Wednesday 4	Isaiah 61
Thursday 5	Isaiah 62
Friday 6	Epiphany Jeremiah 31.7-14
Saturday 7	Isaiah 63.7-end
	Sunday 8 January, Baptism of Christ Acts 10.34-38 Matthew 3.13-17

refreshments to parents/carers and toddlers at our Church Mice group? We need at least two more people to go on the monthly rota of volunteers from January 2017, 9 till 11am on Thursdays at St Andrew's Hall. If you might be interested, please contact Helen Orr or Maggie Tate (email on reverse, or phone 306150).

Other News

Cam Sight is busy planning an entertainment for **Burns' Night**, to be held in our Hall on **Friday 27 January**. There will