Chesterston Choral Society

It was great fun for the members of Chesterston Choral Society to perform a musical play, arranged by our own musical director Quintus Benziger. “Humbug!”, which was performed for the first time in a 4-part choral setting. The songs were threaded via extracts of “A Carol: A Poem” by Bez Berry (with his kind permission).

We also enjoyed performing carols - some traditional and some less so, for example Susanni by Bennett. The audience helped us make a splendid rendition of Hark the Herald Angels!

The coming concert “Let there be light” celebrates enlightenment in all its forms, sacred and secular. We’ll keep with Lauridsen, this time tackling “Lux Eterna” and perform other pieces such as The Heavens are Telling by Haydn or Claire de Lune by Debussy. The concert takes place at Bricksfield House (City Church), 15-16 Chedders Lane, CB5 8JD, on Monday 3 April at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £7 each (concessions for over 60’s and unwaged £5), and there will be a family ticket available for £15. All tickets can be reserved by telephoning 243190, or can be obtained at the church door before the performance.
Protecting older or more vulnerable residents in Chesterton

Do you know that Chesterton has five No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) in Inverness Close, Kinxross Road, Scotland Road, Sterling Close and Willow Bank (Logans Way)? These zones were set up to discourage cold callers and to give residents the confidence to say ‘no’ to unwanted sales people – helping to prevent people falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Whilst the zones were originally introduced by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, it is recognised that community-led action is much more effective in protecting local people from unscrupulous tradespeople. Indeed, the best prevention and support for residents comes from within their own community.

We can offer a range of materials for your residents including door stickers, advice on how to spot a rogue trader and tips to prevent unwanted mail and phone calls. We invite a local co-ordinator to disseminate this information and look after an NCCZ on behalf of its residents. This would preferably be someone living within the zone but could also be someone residing close by. Could that be you?

If you feel you can help, even if your time and ability is limited, we would love to hear from you. An NCCZ can really be reinvented with a little community action; just a good neighbour keeping an eye out makes all the difference.

For more information please contact Elaine Mountfort, Community Protection Officer at elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 01223 351480.

The Dudlow trip was a huge success and the weather was very kind to us. The residents really enjoyed the opportunity to pay their respects to our war heroes.

This year we have decided to raise our profile in Chesterton. We would like to do this through having a stall at the Chesterton Festival and making sure that every tenant knows how to contact us if they have a problem, through a mass leafleting campaign.

Free Italian and Spanish Classes
March 2017 La Dante in Cambridge

The European Cultural Centre in Cambridge is offering Free Italian and Spanish Classes. Italian Classes will take place on Tuesday 28 March, Spanish Classes will take place on Friday 31 March. Each class will last two hours. If you wish to enrol to our free classes or would like to have more information about our language courses, email at ladanteincambridge@gmail.com for ITALIAN or at marketingladante@gmail.com for SPANISH or contact us at +44 (0)1223 315919.

How to make a difference

Michael Bond had to withdraw this course last year due to family bereavement. Since then the public scene has become a lot more interesting. The word ‘empowerment’ is often used by those in positions of power but do they really want to hear your views? The answer is yes but to be effective takes a bit of effort. These sessions will suggest how you can improve your chance of being heard in time to have a real impact.

Cost £12 for all 4 sessions. Wednesday mornings at St Andrew’s Hall, starting 29 March. Email rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk to book your place.

Letter from a minister

Resolutions for 2017

To resolve can mean to decide firmly on particular course of action. A new year can find us reflecting about how our life is going and what we might need or want to do differently in the future. So we sometimes make a firm decision to do or not to do something. We take up sport or regular trips to the gym. We give up smoking, drinking or too much sugar.

Sometimes in order to fulfil our resolution, we need to make big changes to our lifestyle, although it may just mean tweaking of our timetable in order to make more time for exercise or a new leisure activity. I have always struggled with having new year’s resolutions. This is because I know how I will feel if I don’t succeed in keeping them the way I wanted to. And I know that it is more than likely that I won’t! There’s a bit in one of the letters to early Christians that I have always really liked, where the writer Paul is talking about human nature and says: “I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it…” Part of understanding what it is to be human is knowing that we have within us both this desire to be better and a tendency to mess things up!

I wonder if what really matters is how we cope with messing up. This can be especially hard when someone else makes us a promise that they failed to keep. We need a lot of grace and forgiveness both for ourselves and for each other to cope with failure.

As we travel further into 2017 unsure of what the year holds for us, may we find that amount of love, grace and forgiveness that we need in order to cope with both our successes and our failures.

Ruth Adams, Vicar

Upcoming events:
Our AGM will be on 15 June at Freeman House at 7pm. There will be a call to trip to Southend-on-Sea in the summer and a fish and chip supper evening. We are also planning to have a Christmas party for the children of Chesterton.

Your local trader information please contact: Mainr Lenon 07975575003 or hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.com

EASTER EVENTS & SERVICES
CHESTERTON METHODIST CHURCH
GREEN END ROAD
Palm Sunday, 9 April
11.00am Service for all ages
Easter Day, 16 April
10.30am Easter Communion for all ages
ST ANDREW’S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND)
CHURCH STREET
Palm Sunday, 9 April
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Procession of palms and Family Service
6.30pm Passion Service
Maundy Thursday, 13 April
6.30pm Last Supper, Eucharist & Watch
Good Friday, 14 April
11.00am Time of Quiet (children’s craft in Hall)
2pm The Last Hour (Hymns, Readings & Prayers)
Easter Eve, 15 April
8.00pm Lighting of the New Fire & Easter Vigil
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8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All-age Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong
ST GEORGE’S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND),
MILTON ROAD
Maundy Thursday, 13 April
7.30am Holy Communion (Church Hall)
Good Friday, 14 April
10.00am Meditation on the Passion
Easter Day, 16 April
8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
with placing of flowers on the cross
ST LAURENCE’S (CATHOLIC CHURCH),
MILTON ROAD
Maundy Thursday, 13 April
8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
(Watching until Midnight - Night Prayer 11.45 pm)
Good Friday, 14 April
10am Stations of the Cross
11.30am Children’s Liturgy (mini Stations of the Cross)
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11am Mass
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Chesterton Methodist, St George’s and St Andrew’s all worship together as follows:
10.30am Meditation on the Passion (St George’s Church)
followed by procession of worship from St George’s to Chesterton Methodist Church (CMC)
11.20am Drinks & hot cross buns at (CMC) followed by
11.30am Outdoor service Procession to St Andrew’s Church
12.20pm All-age worship and Prayer stations at SAC, followed by crafts in St Andrew’s Hall

Other local churches include: Arbury Road Baptist Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd (Church of England), Mensel Way. (These are members of the North Cambridge Council of Churches and details can be found at www.northerncouncilofchurches.org.uk) City Life Church, we have events in St Andrew’s Hall most Sundays, 3-4.30pm. See citylifechurch.net.
St Luke’s Church (United Reformed/Church of England), Victoria Road, which is part of the Church at Castle group of churches (www.churchascastle.org).
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Thank you.

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News from the Churches

Serving Our Local Community

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**Mondays**

- **Pilates 9.10-10.10am:** Call 07976 677540 (SAH)
- **Hartbeeps (Musical baby and toddler classes):** 9.30-3pm various sessions. Call 07834539219 (SAH)
- **Drop-in Coffee Morning:** 10.15-11.30am (SAH)
- **Chair-based Exercise Drop-in:** 10.15-10.45am. Call 07976 677540 (SAH)
- **Playlanders Playgroup & Pre-school:** 9.15-12.15/2.45, Mon, Wed, Fri. Call 420954 (SGH)
- **The Sunshine Club (55+):** 1.30-3pm, fortnightly (BF)
- **French Lessons for Children with La Jolie Ronde:** 3pm & 4pm various sessions. Call 07834539219 (SAH)
- **Food4Food Café (CCC):** Contact sadams@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk
- **ESOL Café:** Fridays - 9 yrs 10.30am; 6 yrs; 11.30am & for 10 - 11 yrs 11.30am - 1pm, fortnightly. Call 367639 (GS)
- **Ballet:** 9.30-11.15am (SAH)
- **Pram-Pushers:** 9.30-11.30am (term-time). Call 564693 (SGH)
- **Thursday Together-Family Support:** 10am-2pm (BF)
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- **English for Au Pairs:** 12-1pm (CCC) Call 576110
- **Zumba:** 7-8pm (BF)
- **The Orlando Singers:** 8.45pm. Call 504661 (SAH)
- **Adult Improvers’ Ballet:** 8.15 - 9.15pm Call 07471197282 (BF)
- **Bellringing:** 7.30-9.30pm (SAH) chesterton.ringing@gmail.com

**Tuesdays**

- **Little Music Makers:** 9.30-10.15 & 10.45-11.30am (CCM) ESOL Café 9.30-10.45am & Just Talk English Class 11.15-12 noon. Call 576110 (CCC)
- **Stay and Play:** 10am-12noon. Call 420309 (BF)
- **Over 50s Folk Dance:** 3-4pm (BF)
- **Food4Food Café 12noon - 2pm (SAH)
- **Coffee Morning:** 9.30-12noon (CMC)
- **Cam Sight Monday Club:** 1st Mondays, 2-4pm. Call 420117 (CMC)
- **St Andrew’s Church Healing Group:** 1st Mondays, 7-8pm. Call 525009 (SAH)
- **Knitting & Crochet every other Monday:** 2-3.30pm (HHS)
- **Monthly Boardgame Night @ The Haymakers 1st Monday 7.30pm**

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- **Food4Food Café:** 12noon - 2pm (SAH)
- **‘Cambridge Online’ Drop-In Computer Sessions:** 12noon - 1pm (BF)
- **Children’s Breakfast Club:** 7.30am - 8.30am (CMC)
- **Chesterton Methodist Church:** 1st Tuesdays, 10.30am; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 8.45am. Call 07824499602 (BF)
- **S’s Lunch Club:** 3rd Mondays, 12noon - 2pm. Cost £3. Just turn up!
- **Kettle Club:** 1st Tuesday, 10.30-12noon for tea, coffee, a free raffle and lots of chat, all for £2. Call 314018 (SGH)
- **East Chesterton Women’s Institute:** 4th Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Call 07971100405 (SAH)
- **CAMDIG Archaeology Group:** 2nd Tuesdays, 7.30pm Community House, 37 Lawrence Way, Call 07981 567097
- **St Andrew’s Senior Lunch Club:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 12noon - 1.30pm. Call 07593 438799 admin@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk

**Thursdays**

- **St Andrew’s Junior Church:** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am. Contact Helen: 306150 (SAH)
- **Chesterton Methodist ‘Young Church’ 2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am (CMC)**
- **Resurrection Church:** 11am-1.30pm (BF)
- **ST Andrew’s Sunday Lunch Club:** 1st Sundays. Call 510456 (SAH)
- **Turkish Kurdish Speakers:** 12.15pm (BF)
- **Yol CFC:** (St Andrew’s Church Youth Group, Age 11-18) 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5.30 - 7.30pm. Call 306150 (SAH)

**Weeklies**

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- **Drop-in Table Tennis:** 3-5pm. Call 464436 (SAH)
- **Evenings of Social Card Games:** 7.30-9pm (SAH)

**Saturdays**

- **Pilates:** 9-10am. Call 07939603882 (SAH)
- **Chesterton Ballet School’s Classes:** 3 - 6 yrs; 9.30 am - 10.30 am; 7 - 9 yrs 10.30 am - 11.30 am & for 10 - 16 yrs 11.30 am - 12.45 pm. (SGH)
- **Contact:** chestertonballetschool@hotmail.com

**Story Sharing (for children) @ Milton Road Library**

- every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month at 10:30-11:30. Contact for enquiries: fnr.library@gmail.com

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Please note: All land line telephone numbers listed are Cambridge Area Code 01223 unless stated otherwise. Due to space on the ‘What’s On’ pages we can only list the name of your group, when you meet, where you meet and a contact telephone number OR email address. If you would like to give more details about your groups you might like to consider placing an advert by contacting Sue Richards on 353296 or cheenufest@gmail.com

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**Visiting WinterComfort For The Homeless**

We go past it on the bridge at Victoria Avenue but are we aware what happens inside WinterComfort for The Homeless? Kelley Green visited the centre in January and met with some of the service users. She learned about the commonalities of homelessness and why it’s happening to more people in Cambridge. It seems changes to benefits are pushing more people on to the street but the lack of hostel places for people with support needs, such as alcoholism, is also a problem. More local people are needed to volunteer at the centre; helping talk to service users and supporting the staff in getting them back on track.

Could you be one of these volunteers?

Full training is given. Get in touch with James Martin, Centre Manager (jmartin@wintercomfort.org.uk)