



CHESTERTON CHIMES

News from St Andrew's Church, Chesterton
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WELCOME to October's Chimes!



In the following pages you will find news, messages, and details of events happening this month in the life of our church - from the poetry group, to singing in church, to youth groups, to our Harvest service happening on 4 October. We are glad to be able to connect through these services and events, whether in-person or online. We hope that you find encouragement in these opportunities to stay in touch and worship together.

We are also pleased to update you on the works happening in the church: by the time you read this, the chancel works will be complete, the barrier is already down, and the final bits of the organ are about to be installed!

What is most important in this month's Chimes is our 'What's On' information, which you can find on Page 2. This gives you instructions on how to reserve seats for the 10am/11am services taking place in the church building, as well as details of the pattern of services for October, summarised thus:

At 8am every Sunday, there is a service of Holy Communion (BCP), both in the church and live streamed.

At 10am we have a variety of services throughout the month. On 4 October, we will have our Harvest celebration both in the church building and live streamed on YouTube (see more details about this service on Page 7). On 18 October, we will have an All-Age service live streamed on YouTube. On 11 October and 25 October, we will be trying something new: Zoom Church, a service held online, on Zoom, with families and children especially in mind. Turn to Page 5 for an introduction to this exciting new service.

At 11am, on 11 and 25 October, there will be a service of Holy Communion in the church building. This will also be live streamed on YouTube. As with all in-person services, congregational singing is not permitted. But at these 11am services, a small choir will be providing us with some musical uplift - hymns, anthems, communion settings.

At 5:30pm, we again have a variety of services throughout the month: find details for these on Page 2!

These services are subject to change in response to Government and Church guidelines. If changes do happen, these will be communicated to you via the Friday email, church website, and church Facebook page - or over the phone if you are unable to access the Internet.

Lastly, it is important to say that at its first meeting of 23 September our newly elected PCC met to consider, amend and approve the current risk assessments concerning COVID-19, including the provision of music in church and the recent changes in government guidance permitting small choirs to sing. Communicating such substantial changes, and the reasons for them, is important - you can view our risk assessments at standrews-chesterton.org.

Linda does a weekly delivery to homes of printed materials for those unable to access the website - do be in touch with her if you'd like to be included.

What's On: Sundays

4 October, 17th Sunday after Trinity / Harvest / Francis of Assisi
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C & L)
 10:00am All-Age Communion (C&L)
 10:45am 'Coffee' (M)
 5:30pm Informal Worship (L)

11 October, 18th Sunday after Trinity / Dedication Sunday
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C & L)
 10:00am Zoom Church: with families and children especially in mind (Z)
 10:45am 'Coffee' (M)
 11:00am Holy Communion (C&L)
 5:30pm Taizé Service (L)

18 October, 19th Sunday after Trinity / St Luke The Evangelist
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C & L)
 10:00am All-Age Service (L)
 10:45am 'Coffee' (M)
 5:30pm Contemplative Communion (C)

25 October, Last Sunday after Trinity
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C & L)
 10:00am Zoom Church: with families and children especially in mind (Z)
 10:45am 'Coffee' (M)
 11:00am Holy Communion (C&L)
 5:30pm Evensong (Z)

Remember! Daylight Savings Time ends on 25 October. Clocks back one hour!



SEE THE WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO THE SERVICES.

Z = ZOOM,
 M = MEET,
 L = LIVESTREAM,
 C = IN CHURCH,
 H = IN HALL

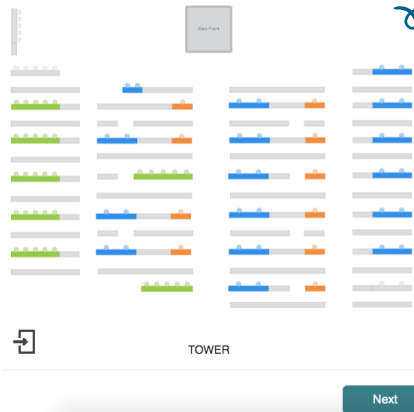
What's On: Weekdays

Morning Prayer (M)
 08:30am Monday-Friday
 Mondays
 4:30pm Wholeness & Healing Prayer Group (M); fortnightly, 5 & 19
 Tuesdays
 10:30am Bible Study Group (Z), fortnightly, 6 & 20
 8-9pm Home Group (Z)
 Thursdays
 10:30am Poetry Reading Group (Z), fortnightly, 1, 15 & 29
 PCC Meeting
 7:30pm Wednesday 21 October

If you would like to receive Communion at your home, email Kathryn or Nick (contact details on the back page). The possibility of home Communion will be subject to Government and Church guidelines - but we would love to discuss it with you if you would like to receive.



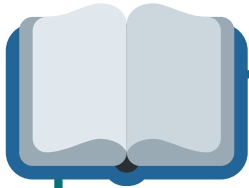
TO RESERVE A SEAT AT OUR 10/11AM SUNDAY SERVICES, GO TO THE WEBSITE. CLICK 'RESERVE A SEAT' (PICTURED RIGHT). A SEATING PLAN WILL APPEAR: SIMPLY CLICK TO CHOOSE YOUR SEAT, CLICK 'CONFIRM' THEN FILL IN YOUR DETAILS. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONLINE ACCESS YOU CAN RING LINDA AT THE OFFICE (306150) ON MONDAY/WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AND SHE WILL RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOU.



seating plan

Next

All services and events are subject to change under Government and Church guidelines. See the website and the Friday email for updates. Regardless of changes that may come into place, there will always be a weekly online service at both 8am and 10am.



READINGS FOR DAILY PRAYER

Readings for 27 September

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Monday 28	Acts 19:8-20
Tuesday 29	Acts 12:1-11
	Michael and All Angels
Wednesday 30	Acts 20:1-16
Thursday 1 Oct	Acts 20:17-end
Friday 2	Acts 21:1-16
Saturday 3	Acts 21:17-36

Readings for 18 October

2 Timothy 4.5-17

Luke 10.1-9

Monday 19	Luke 1.1-4
	Luke the Evangelist
Tuesday 20	Philippians 1.12-end
Wednesday 21	Philippians 2.1-13
Thursday 22	Philippians 2.14-end
Friday 23	Philippians 3.1-4.1
Saturday 24	Philippians 4.2-end

Readings for 4 October

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

Luke 12.22-34

Monday 5	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tuesday 6	Acts 22.22-23.11
Wednesday 7	Acts 23.12-end
Thursday 8	Acts 24.1-23
Friday 9	Acts 24.24-25.12
Saturday 10	Acts 25.13-end

Readings for 25 October

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Matthew 22.34-end

Monday 26	1 Timothy 1.1-17
Tuesday 27	1 Timothy 1.18-end of 2
Wednesday 28	Luke 6.12-16
	Simon and Jude, Apostles
Thursday 29	1 Timothy 4
Friday 30	1 Timothy 5.1-16
Saturday 31	1 Timothy 5.17-end

Readings for 11 October

1 Kings 8.22-30 Psalm 122

Matthew 21.12-16

Monday 12	Acts 26.1-23
Tuesday 13	Acts 26.24-end
Wednesday 14	Acts 27.1-26
Thursday 15	Acts 27.27-end
Friday 16	Acts 28.1-16
Saturday 17	Acts 28.17-end



NEWS AND MESSAGES

Singing in Church:

“MAKING MUSIC WITH FRIENDS IS, FOR ME, ONE OF LIFE'S GREAT PLEASURES, SO TO BE SINGING AGAIN IN CHURCH LAST SUNDAY WAS A SPECIAL MOMENT. I COULD ALMOST FEEL THE BURDEN OF COVID19 RESTRICTIONS SLIPPING FROM MY SHOULDERS AS THE CHOIR OF THE FIVE OF US DID WHAT WE COULD TO ENHANCE THE WORSHIP FOR OURSELVES AND ALL PRESENT. I HAD A SPRING IN MY STEP FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

So writes David Boulton after Sunday morning's 11 o'clock service. After months of singing alone in our homes and the wizardry of mixing our solo tracks to make up a choral sound (warm thanks to Tony Evershed for his sterling work as sound and video editor, and thanks to all who bravely contributed tracks), we have at last been given permission to begin singing in Church. This is because a Government-approved scientific enquiry examined the infection risks of singing and concluded that they are no worse than shouting and so new guidelines permit the presence of *small* choirs, with all due social-distancing. The Royal School of Church Music has issued clear advice on how to go about the resumption of singing, having assessed the risk. We duly did a risk assessment and on Sunday 13 September for the first time since Mothering Sunday, live singing was heard in St Andrew's again.

churchyard
working party

We will be working towards providing a small choir to support the worship on two or three Sundays of the month (eight people is at present the absolute maximum that can be accommodated safely with the RSCM recommended 1m+ distance between side-by-side singers). If you have previously sung at St Andrew's on Sundays, or indeed if you have sung regularly in a choir elsewhere and feel able to pick up music relatively quickly, and you would like to be included on the rota for singing, please ring or email me (contact details on the back page), so that we can work out the best combination of voices for the different kinds of Sunday services we will be supporting.

Peter Wadl



Churchyard Celebration

We celebrated the Churchyard on 12th and 13th September! A dozen people came to the Working Party on the Saturday morning and set to, raking grass that the City Council Outdoor team had cut for us. Graves were tidied, ivy removed and gullies and vestry path were cleared of weeds. AND several people responded to Grace Dolman's (Cambridge Hedgehogs) request to come and Litter Pick. It was lovely to see so many socially distanced across the churchyard on a beautiful morning. During 'Thinking our Faith' on Sunday evening, Nick showed, with overlaid historical maps and aerial photos, how the Churchyard had grown in size over the years. Nigel Cook, Chaplain at Anglia Ruskin University, described how burials have been done over the centuries. Fascinating, and I now understand the 'Alas, poor Yorick' scene in Hamlet rather better! Mary Pountain introduced us to the 'Find a Grave' site for which she is finding and photographing graves in our churchyard which are not already photographed.

Maggie Fernie



Maggie Fernie, with Grace from Cambridge Hedgehogs - and the new hedgehog water bowl!

HIGHLIGHTS: WHAT'S HAPPENING

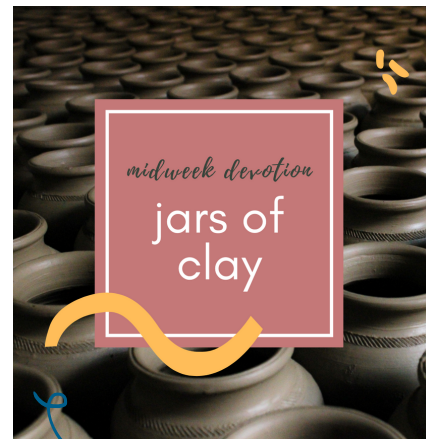
Junior Church - and introducing Zoom Church!

As our children settle into new routines, the Junior Church team, in conjunction with the clergy and ministry team, are planning how best to meet the needs of children and families over the coming months. To help us to do this, could you - if you have children aged under 12 - complete our survey by 2 October? You should have received this by email (if not, contact Hannah; details on the back page). Thank you!

To ensure a focus on children and families while we evaluate this feedback, St Andrew's will be offering 'Zoom Church: with families and children especially in mind' - a new service at 10am on 11 October and 25 October. This will be held on Zoom, and it'll be shorter, with songs (familiar from Gathering Times!), Bible stories, and short segments for reflections, prayers, and possibly some activities you can do together at home.

Although there is the possibility of interacting and having conversations over Zoom, this will be a service rather than a children's group: we are inviting children and families to come along and watch together as you would a livestream. See you there on 11 October!

Youth Groups have begun to meet in-person again at St Andrew's Hall! We've had fun playing games; imagining ourselves into the Emmaus road story; wondering what it is to be a 'peacemaker' in the world (at our Sunday evening group); diving deep into the tale of Jonah (at our midweek group, FAF); and letting the truth of who God says we are sink into our hearts and lives (at our midweek group, Higher). If you are aged 11-18 and would either like to be involved in a youth group, or would like to be in touch for more information, conversation, or prayer, email Hannah (contact details on the back page).



From St Andrew's Instagram (@standrewschesterton), which often engages with themes from our Youth Groups Newsletter

Cambridge Month of Accompanied Prayer, November 2020

Once again the team are offering an opportunity for people to be accompanied once a week by a trained guide in November 2020. Most days and evenings will be possible, to suit you. Due to the pandemic these 'meetings' will be on a virtual platform or by telephone. There will be no charge for participation. We will need to limit the number of participants to 20. Sadly, this year we will be without Sr Anna Hawke who died earlier in the year but we are very keen to continue with the work about which she was so enthusiastic.

An introductory session will be held on Zoom on Sunday 1 November, All Saints Day, at 3pm, followed by the chance to meet with your guide and arrange a mutually convenient time of day.

If you are interested, please email (or ring) for more details and an application form -

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HIGHLIGHTS: WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Bible study group will be meeting again fortnightly online starting Tuesday 22 September at 10.30am. We will be studying the Psalms. For more information please contact Ros Ayres or Kathryn (see back page for contact details).

Sunday Lunch Club:

We are so sorry that we are unable to restart the Sunday Lunch Club. We know how appreciated it is and provides a wonderful, homely social occasion as well as lovely food. The Hall, sadly, is still not able to do catering and the rules are getting tighter at the moment anyway for social activities, so we'll all need to be patient and wait. Let's hope things will be better in the new year. Be assured that we will restart as soon as it is safe for all of us and we are allowed to do so. In the meantime your wonderful team of helpers, Sheila and Ian, Karrie and Jim, and Jean and Peter, are waiting in the wings...

Youth Choir: At the moment no singing is allowed at school, but we would like to explore offering the chance for children to sing regularly as part of St Andrew's. Right now it won't be possible to include choristers in live music for Sundays, but the idea would be to have a weekly choir practice - about 30-45 minutes - of a smallish group. Ideally we'd work towards preparing some Christmas music *possibly* to perform at a family carol service (if permitted when we get there!). If there are children (aged 8 and over) among the St Andrew's families who would like to sing in the relaunched Youth Choir, we would love to hear from you (email either Peter, as above, or Rosalind, rcl10@cam.ac.uk). Once we know numbers and people involved, we will try to choose a time to meet that suits everyone: Youth Choir has previously met on Sunday mornings but current circumstances mean that no longer works, so we are most likely to be considering a weekday immediately after school. Peter and Rosalind

Poetry Group: reading religious poetry: A new series of fortnightly Zoom meetings will start on Thursday 1 October, at 10.30 am. These will continue till Easter. We use The Lion Christian Poetry Collection, (cost £4). Initial themes will be Creation, Being Human, Seeking God, the Nativity. I choose five poems for each occasion, and participants have a week to think how they should be "performed". Are they lyrical, witty, humorous, meditative? Where should the main stresses fall? In Zoom meetings we discuss each poem before someone reads it to the rest of us. This is very different from reading to yourself, silently. As a member of last year's group commented:



I CAME TO SEE THAT THE EMPHASIS ON SPEAKING AND HEARING THE POEMS ADDED A WHOLE NEW DIMENSION TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF AND FEELING FOR THE VERSES WE WERE BEING INTRODUCED TO.

Newcomers will be very welcome. Contact peter.hilken@ntlworld.com. Peter Hilken



**Called to Change:
Justice and Community
in Christian Living**



Ely Cathedral Called to Change: Justice and Community in Christian Living

This autumn, Ely Cathedral's programme 'Called to Change' explores how we as Christians are called to live in community in today's world. You can register to join any or all of these standalone Thursday evening sessions on Zoom. Each event centres a different aspect of Christian community life, with opportunities to explore further.

For details and booking, visit:

www.elycathedral.org/assets/pages/00001327/called_to_change_web.pdf

Harvest Services and Giving

This year we are collecting donations of food for Wintercomfort, a day centre in our parish for those who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes.

Bring your gifts to our 10am service on 4 October, in church, where you will be able to safely drop them off as part of worship.

Or bring them to the church building in the afternoon of 4 October: the church will be open for private prayer and for dropping off harvest donations.

Donations needed for Wintercomfort

- tea/coffee/hot chocolate/sugar
- crisps/biscuits - individually wrapped packets
- fruit & vegetables
- individual juice cartons/ bottles of water
- peanut butter, jams, chocolate spreads
- pasta/rice - all varieties
- tins of tomatoes
- tins of beans - kidney/blacked eye/pinto/ butter etc
- tins of soup
- cereal
- brown sauce



Send us your harvest photos!

Because of lockdown this year, many of us have grown new produce in our gardens - and we'd love to see and share, in our harvest service, photos of you and what you've grown! So whether it's a prize marrow or an abundance of beans or a juicy tomato plant, send your photos to Nick or Kathryn (contact details on the back page).

Would you like to contribute to November's Chesterton Chimes?

If you have church news or messages that you would like to see in November's Chimes, send them to Hannah or Linda by 23 October (contact details on the back page).

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Harvest All-Age Communion Service
4 October
10am, in church

Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY KATHRYN WAITE

As some of you know I am quite interested in pilgrimage and labyrinths. You might remember one of my sermons earlier this year when I showed the picture of the labyrinth in the Anglican Cathedral in San Francisco, or the labyrinth I constructed in the chancel a couple of years ago which a number of us walked prayerfully, a sort of mini pilgrimage. This week I watched a Webinar on Pilgrimage. Of course, our ability to travel this year has been limited by all the restrictions, and that is likely to be the case for quite some time. Indeed, the study day itself was supposed to have been a two-day event in Oxford but had to go online in order to take place at all.

However, thinking more about travel and pilgrimage resonated after an online conversation that some of us had following Morning Prayer last week. The morning New Testament readings are taking us through the book of The Acts of the Apostles. Through the book we follow the journeys of the apostles, particularly Peter and then Paul, taking the good news of the Gospel to the people living in the towns and cities around the Mediterranean. These journeys are through what are now modern-day Syria, Turkey and Greece, and it can be helpful to follow them on a map. Even though as an Ordinand I drew Paul's missionary journeys on a map, I don't think that I had ever considered parts of the Bible as travel writing in quite this way. Without even leaving the comfort of our armchair we are able to travel alongside those early Christians.

From our armchair we are still able to go on a pilgrimage too. In the webinar several speakers discussed how, even if our movements are restricted once again or we are not able to physically travel due to our circumstances, we can still be pilgrims.

We are still able to be travellers in a foreign land, for that is the what the word pilgrim means. What is necessary, is to have the spirit of a pilgrim. Firstly, this means travelling light. If you have ever walked anywhere carrying a rucksack, then you will know how important it is for the rucksack to be as light as possible. Having only what is absolutely necessary for the journey is imperative. In reality, our needs are very simple; food, water, clothing and shelter. However, all too often we want more.

Secondly, the spirit of a pilgrim is about enjoying and appreciating the journey. Pilgrimages are of course journeys between two places, but the pilgrim spirit is about slowing down on our journey, and when we do so, then we notice things. This was something that I think happened to many of us during lockdown when we gazed out of the window or got out for our daily walk, run or cycle ride. We noticed the birdsong and the arrival of spring in a way that perhaps we had not before. We had slowed down and slowing down helps us to take one step at a time on our own journey.

So rather perversely perhaps, one of the things that I have learnt from lockdown, from being 'confined to barracks' much of the time, was actually an aspect of being a pilgrim, of slowing down and enjoying what is around us all. It is something that we can all continue to do, even as the nights draw in and the weather becomes cooler. We can continue to have the spirit of a pilgrim, even if we are confined to our armchair.



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