



CHESTERTON CHIMES

News from St Andrew's Church, Chesterton
A thriving, open and welcoming church community
for all ages



Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first Chimes of 2021! We hope that through the Christmas celebrations you have found moments of drawing close to Jesus, God with us.



Inside you will find details for our January services - as ever, subject to change under Government guidelines. We will begin with our **Epiphany services**: on 3 January, our All-Age Communion at 10am will be in Church and Livestreamed, with an Epiphany procession. On 6 January, on Zoom, we will have our Epiphany service with music, poetry and readings at 7.30pm (see more details on the penultimate page!).

In addition to Epiphany, our services will follow their regular pattern:



Last year (January 2020) at Epiphany

At 8am every week, there will be BCP Holy Communion, in Church and Livestreamed. You do not need to book a seat for this!

At 10am, on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** we will have Zoom Church, our Zoom-only service created with families and children especially in mind. On the **1st Sunday** will be our Epiphany service; on the **3rd and 5th Sundays**, we will have an All-Age Service Livestreamed to YouTube - the 3rd Sunday led by our Informal Worship Team.



At 11am on 2nd and 4th Sundays only, there will be Communion in Church and Livestreamed. Again - book your in-Church seat via the website!



Finally, at 5:30pm, apart from 3 January, we have our usual variety of services. See page 2 for details.

What's On: Sundays

3 January, 2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C&L)

10:00am All-Age Communion with Epiphany Procession (C&L)

11:00am 'Coffee' (M)
5:30pm No service.

10 January, Baptism of Christ

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C&L)

10:00am Zoom Church (Z)

11:00am Parish Communion (C&L)

5:30pm Taizé Service (L)

17 January, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C&L)

10:00am All-Age Service led by the Informal Worship team (L)

10:45am 'Coffee' (M)

5:30pm Contemplative Communion (C)

24 January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C&L)

10:00am Zoom Church (Z)

11:00am Holy Communion (C&L)

5:30pm Evening Prayer (Z)

31 January, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP, C&L)

10:00am All-Age Service (L)

10:45am 'Coffee' (M)

5:30pm Quiet Communion (C)



SEE THE WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO THE SERVICES.

Z=ZOOM,

M=MEET,

L=LIVESTREAM,

C=IN CHURCH.

What's On: Weekdays

Epiphany Service, 6 January

7:30pm 6 January (Zoom)

Morning Prayer (M)

08:30am Monday-Friday
From Monday 4 January

Mondays

4:30pm Wholeness & Healing Prayer Group (M); fortnightly, 18 Jan

Tuesdays

10:30am Bible Study Group (Z), fortnightly, 19 Jan

8-9pm Home Group (Z)

Thursdays

10:30am Poetry Reading Group (Z), 7 January

PCC Meeting

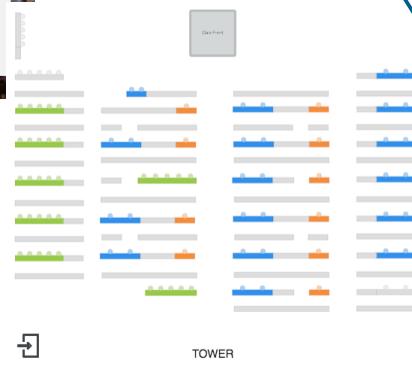
7:30pm Weds 27 January

TO RESERVE A SEAT AT OUR 10AM/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 RACHEL AT THE OFFICE (306150) ON MONDAY/WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AND SHE WILL RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOU.

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.

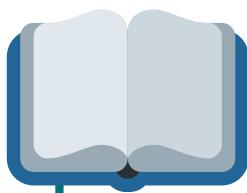


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Christingle at home

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 December

Isaiah 61.10-62.3 Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.15-21

Monday 28	Baruch 4.21-27
The Holy Innocents	
Tuesday 29	Isaiah 57.15-end
John, Apostle and Evangelist	
Wednesday 30	Isaiah 59.1-15a
Thursday 31	Isaiah 59.15b-end
Friday 1 Jan	Genesis 17.1-13
Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	
Saturday 2 Jan	Isaiah 60.1-12

Readings for 3 January

Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

Monday 4	Isaiah 60.13-end
Tuesday 5	Isaiah 61
Wednesday 6	Isaiah 62
Thursday 7	Isaiah 63.7-end
Friday 8	Isaiah 64
Saturday 9	Isaiah 65.1-16

Readings for 10 January

Genesis 1.1-5 Acts 19.1-7

Mark 1.4-11

Monday 11	1 Corinthians 1.1-17
Tuesday 12	1 Corinthians 1.18-end
Wednesday 13	1 Corinthians 2
Thursday 14	1 Corinthians 3
Friday 15	1 Corinthians 4
Saturday 16	1 Corinthians 5

Readings for 17 January

Revelation 5.1-10

John 1.43-end

Monday 18	1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tuesday 19	1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Wednesday 20	1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thursday 21	1 Corinthians 7.25-end
Friday 22	1 Corinthians 8
Saturday 23	1 Corinthians 9.1-14

Readings for 24 January

Genesis 14.17-20 Revelation 19.6-10

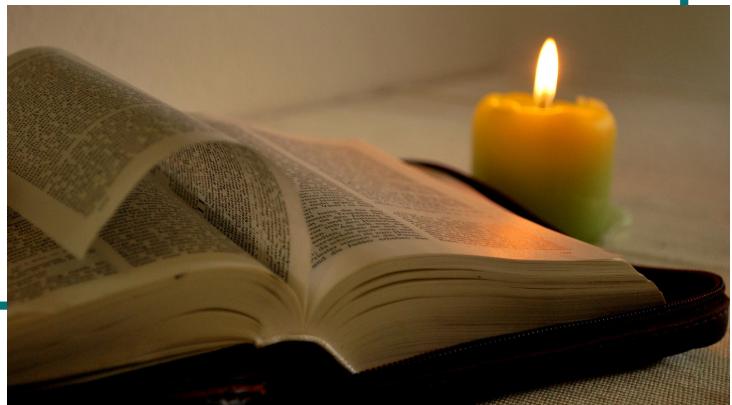
John 2.1-11

Monday 25	Philippians 3.1-14
Conversion of Paul	
Tuesday 26	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Wednesday 27	1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1
Thursday 28	1 Corinthians 11.2-16
Friday 29	1 Corinthians 11.17-end
Saturday 30	1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Readings for 31 January

Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40



NEWS AND MESSAGES

Looking forwards: Junior Church helpers wanted! Those of you who are regulars at St Andrew's will know that in pre-Covid times Junior Church met on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in St Andrew's Hall. Since lockdown in March we have continued to engage children and their families with newsletters, resource packs, Godly play stories and more recently the popular 'Zoom Church'. When we can meet once more in person, things are bound to be a little different, at least at first, and we would love volunteers to help us create a sustainable, fun and faithful environment for our children at St Andrew's. If you would like to find out how you could help, please [contact Julia Eisen, Junior Church Co-ordinator, on julia.eisen@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:julia.eisen@standrews-chesterton.org)

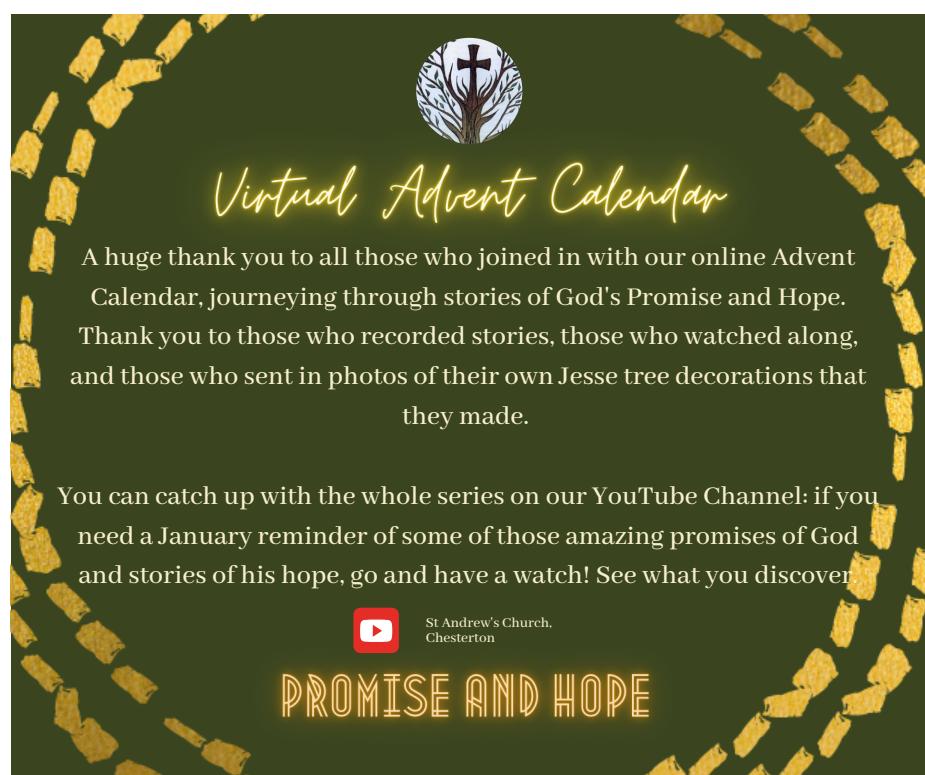
Thank you!

Woodwork jobs: need a shelf, a box, a jigsaw puzzle of the family, or a fence needs repair? I will consider any woodwork job. You make a donation to St Andrew's Friends, and you decide how much you'll give.
peter.hilken@ntlworld.com

Hope Church, Chesterton has begun to meet in-person in the Chesterton Working Men's Club. Hope Church, an Anglican church and a sister congregation to St George's parish church, was formed in May 2019. Due to the pandemic, they have been unable to meet in their regular place of Shirley Community Primary School - and so have found a new in-person space at the Working Men's Club.

On 1 January Linda Stollwerck-Boulton begins a new full-time role with the Abrey family lettings and maintenance business - and therefore leaves the staff of St Andrew's where she has been working part-time as communications officer and church administrator for five years. Linda has combined at least three important functions: bookkeeping, communications and safeguarding. She has played a key role in streamlining our finances, developing our publicity and use of the website and of ensuring that we are following best practice in protecting children and vulnerable adults. She has been a loyal and hardworking colleague and friend - and will be much missed. We are glad, of course, that she will still be very much be part of our church family and community.

We are sad to record the death of Maureen Ling on 21 November at the age of 85. Maureen was born and bred in our parish (her family home was in Fallowfield). She met Mervyn through St Andrew's (where they were married in 1957). Though Maureen and Mervyn moved out first to Milton and then to Waterbeach, they always remained part of our church community. Maureen was one of those schooled by Edna Andrews in the art of flower-arranging (to raise money for the spire) and has helped to beautify the church with floral decorations ever since. In recent years she had become the co-ordinator of the group and played a great part in designing and producing the displays at Chesterton Festival weekends. She was always cheerful, full of kindness and good will. We will miss her radiant smile. Our deepest sympathies go to Mervyn and their three daughters: Bridget, Colette and Hazel.



A huge thank you to all those who joined in with our online Advent Calendar, journeying through stories of God's Promise and Hope. Thank you to those who recorded stories, those who watched along, and those who sent in photos of their own Jesse tree decorations that they made.

You can catch up with the whole series on our YouTube Channel: if you need a January reminder of some of those amazing promises of God and stories of his hope, go and have a watch! See what you discover.

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PROMISE AND HOPE

Epiphany Services

Join us to remember the journey of the three Kings - a journey of following a star and celebrating the birth of Christ, worshipping the Saviour of the world.

On 3 January, there will be an Epiphany procession in Church and Livestreamed during the 10am All-Age Communion.

On 6 January, join us on Zoom at 7:30pm, for an Epiphany service of music, poetry, and readings.



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3 January, 10am Church and Livestream All-Age Communion with Epiphany Procession

**6 January, 7.30pm, Zoom
Epiphany Service with Music,
Poetry, and Readings**

Junior Church Epiphany Story

Some of you will have received a delivery of materials to help you wonder in your families about Epiphany and Candlemas. Part of the materials is a story to watch, recorded by Anne, which you can find on our YouTube page.

If you are a family with children aged under 11 and didn't receive a delivery but would like to - get in touch with Julia, our Junior Church coordinator (details on the back page).



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

If you have church news or messages that you would like to see in February's Chimes, send them to Hannah by 22 January (contact details on the back page).



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Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY NICK MOIR

'But if before heaven and earth there was no time, why is it asked, What did you then? For there was no "then" when time was not.' (St Augustine, Confessions, Book XI, Chapter XIII)

I had the privilege in October of working with Rowan Williams on a new course for ERMC (the ministerial training course based in our Hall – in non-lockdown days). It was an unequal yoking, of course. I was trying to ask the right sort of questions to unlock two hours of deep and rich wisdom that would speak to those yet to undertake theological study. I succeeded (probably inadvertently).

I wanted +Rowan to introduce the significance and key ideas of St Augustine of Hippo, often rated as Western Christianity's greatest theologian. As the Roman empire was beginning to collapse around him (at the beginning of the 5th century) Augustine bequeathed to the church and the world a treasure-store of original thinking that was to sustain European minds through the so-called Dark Ages – and that still inspires today.

Presaging twentieth century cosmology, Augustine developed a conception of time that is remarkably modern. **There was a time when time was not: time itself was part of God's creation, and came into being – as we would put it – at the moment of the Big Bang, when space and all that is in it came into existence.** So just as temperature has an absolute zero (-273 Celsius) beyond which there is nothing colder, so time has an absolute beginning beyond which there is nothing – except God.

But we don't calibrate absolute zero as 0, because we are mostly interested in the range that is some 250 to 400 degrees warmer than that – so in the Celsius scale we use a significant point in the range as zero – the temperature at which water freezes – and we count from there. Similarly we don't count time from its absolute beginning 14 billion years ago. It would, after all, take a long time to write down what year we are in if we did!

So we stick with choosing a significant event as the zero point and date all things from that moment. That point was calculated and proposed in the year (by his and our reckoning) 525 by a man called Dionysius Exiguus.

Other cultures and religions use a different zero. Islam's zero year, for instance, was when Muhammad fled from Mecca to Medina in (our) 622.

Other religions may resist the trend, but the Christian calendar system is becoming as dominant in recording time as English is amongst languages – albeit with a secularising twist, as we are encouraged to think BCE/CE rather than BC/AD.

We are right to be sensitive to those who are bulldozed by globalism into using our system, but it would be a shame if we therefore missed the profound theology that underlies it. The whole of history reaches its fulfilment and destiny in the year 0. **Time starts again with the coming into the world of the Son of God.** There is a new beginning, a new age; the old has passed away, the new has come. And every new year is a reminder of that.



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