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Although the Cam Sight offices in Green End Road have been closed for a while, the staff are still working hard, but in a different way. They have recognised that Covid has changed how things will work and that they cannot expect people to come to them. Cam Sight will have to go to where clients want them to be. To address this, they now have their first mobile unit to go to different locations to provide support and to demonstrate equipment. The mobile unit will work with outreach workers who have each been allocated an area to focus on, so that they can ensure that there is someone working in the local community to deliver support and activities.

Cam Sight has also expanded their welfare check and befriending calls which have been very well received. In fact, volunteer callers get as much out of the calls as the clients do. In addition, the Outreach Team is looking into setting up new sports and leisure activities. They are exploring what would be most popular and how these can be organised and made accessible.

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### ***Chesterton Festival.***

Unfortunately we will not be able to hold a Community Fun Day this year but we are looking forward to coming back bigger and better in 2022.

We hope you will all join us when we can meet together in the community once again.

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Last summer we ran a "Grow a Row" campaign which saw nearly 2 tonnes of fresh produce grown and donated by individuals, families, streets, community projects, allotments and community farms, which went towards supporting the local emergency food response.

After the success of last year, we are running the "Grow a Row" campaign again, and are looking for people to grow and share to help support the local Cambridge community. We welcome all donations of fresh fruit, veg and herbs to help keep our services running, and support those struggling to access food. You don't have to be an experienced grower to help out - we welcome growers old and new. So even if you want to try growing some herbs on your windowsill, please get in touch!

If you could "Grow a Row" extra, get your street involved in growing together, or if you find you have a glut on your hands that you would like to donate, please contact

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**TA Camera Club.** Hopefully now we are seeing something like a normal life on the horizon. If you have taken any photographs over the last year, which have brought you joy, hope, laughter, been unusual or inspiring, please send them (up to six) to [AtaLooseEnd@mail.com](mailto:AtaLooseEnd@mail.com) with your name, age and contact details before May 31st 2021.

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### ***East Chesterton WI Thinking of Others at Christmas***

East Chesterton Women's Institute couldn't give each other Christmas cards this year because of Covid, so they decided to give goodie bag gifts to their local Foodbank Instead.

Jenny Egbe, their President, spoke to the Foodbank staff at the East Chesterton Methodist Church; they asked for gifts of toiletries. "The WI members discussed this and decided that they'd love to offer individual toiletry bags with some nice items inside as the Foodbank volunteers had said it that it would be good if the chosen items were not supermarket own brands to make it feel special," said Jenny, "the WI members are aware that the Pandemic has badly affected local people.." Items for men, women and children were given.

Klara Mottlova, the Methodist Church administrator wrote, "We would like to thank you on behalf of the church and the Foodbank for the lovely Christmas packages you made and delivered today. They have been very gratefully received this morning and brought joy to people receiving them. Please pass on our gratitude to all your members for their time and generosity." Ian Murray, the East Chesterton Methodist minister said, "We're all pleased to receive these gifts from our local WI which meets normally in our church hall."



We are sorry to say that all Hundred Houses Residents events are still cancelled at the moment but we will reinstate our events once Covid-19 restrictions are fully lifted.

We hope that in the next edition of the Chesterton News we will be able to tell you when we are holding our AGM. We are planning to have it sometime in early autumn.

We are in urgent need of new committee members; we would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining. We are still having committee meetings on the third Thursday of the month via Zoom, contact us for login details.

Enjoy your Easter in the garden with family and friends from the Hundred Houses Residents Association,

Contact Candy on 07484731347 or [hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.com)

### ***Could you be the volunteer secretary for Cambridge Talking News?***

Cambridge Talking News produces recordings for the blind and partially sighted and is looking for a new secretary to join this voluntary organisation later this year. We have a team of about 30 people in various roles, and we produce and send out an audio version of CTN on USB sticks every week. What we are hoping to find is someone who can organise rotas for the different teams, maintain our client database and respond to requests for new clients or for removals, and manage and monitor the CTN email address. The secretary is also responsible for receiving the post and organising wallets, and this is done at our base at the Cam Sight offices in Green End Road, Cambridge where equipment is stored and where recordings are usually made.

Cambridge Talking News has a website (<https://www.cambridgetalkingnews.org.uk/>) which gives more information about the working of this organisation. In addition to the weekly news programme we also produce CamMag, an audio magazine for visually impaired people, eight times a year. We have documentation which explains how all aspects of CTN are run. If you think you might be interested and would like to know more about the role, then please do contact Sue Richards on 01223 353296. We would love to welcome you to the CTN team.

## *News from the Churches*

### ***Minister's Letter***

Skipping down the road?

I am tapping away on my keyboard on the morning of March 8<sup>th</sup>, at the start of the week when great numbers of children return to school. On the road where I live there is a primary school and things seem to have been a lot busier – more 'little legs' visible through the front hedge than there have been since December. And they are not just walking.

Perhaps it is just my perception? Maybe families have got out of the habit of being up and ready in school uniform, and they have been running a bit late? But there seems to be a spring in the step of many – it feels as though there are many who are skipping down the road!

As I sit here, I wonder if I am seeing one small, physical sign of renewed hope and optimism? Children given back some of their freedom, parents relieved to be able to entrust their precious ones back into the physical care of dedicated school staff for a few hours. It sits well for me alongside the early flowering of bulbs in parks and gardens and the blossoming of some cherry trees and hedges around and about.

I know, of course, that there is still much anxiety, hardship and restriction facing many people. For some of us the loss of loved ones due to this dreadful coronavirus. The restrictions on being able to care for and to visit vulnerable family members. Perhaps we have not been able to attend the funeral of dear friends. Those who have delayed celebrations of great joy in our lives around events like weddings and the birth of new children. The list could be much longer, and I wouldn't want to diminish any of the many struggles we face between us. Skipping down the road, may seem a metaphor which is far from meaningful?

"So, here's where he gets holy", you might be thinking? We publish this edition of the Chesterton News as Easter approaches. Christian churches will be busy finding ways to share again the great drama of Holy Week and Easter. A drama which presents to us great love, pain, grief, and joy. It's all there. And amongst it all, many people find hope beyond all measure. I simply want to wish you a Happy Easter!

And I hope to see a lot more skipping down the road! (With or without walking sticks, wheelchairs, scooters, dog leads, prams – however we travel).

*Ian Murray (Minister)*

### ***News from St George's Chesterton and Hope Church Chesterton***

We are looking forward to the Easter Weekend where we hope to do some services outdoor as well as online, with an Easter Trail planned for East Chesterton on the Saturday of that weekend. However, some of our planned events are dependant on what the restrictions will be so please have a look at our Facebook pages nearer the time.

@ChestertonStGeorge

@hopechurchchesterton

*Revd Ruth Adams*

## News from the Churches

### St Andrew's Church

Our services have been largely online since the latest lockdown began in January, but we will be open for public worship in the church building over the Easter weekend, beginning with Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm followed by an hour's watch (mostly silence) in the Garden of Gethsemane.

There will be an online all-age service at 10am on Good Friday with an invitation to come and visit the Cross in the church during the morning. An in-person 'Last Hour' will be led in church by Bishop Graham Kings between 2 and 3pm: there will be readings, reflections, prayers and quiet, interspersed with music from our newly restored organ.

On Easter Eve (Saturday 3 April) the Lighting of the New Fire, Easter Vigil and First Communion will take place in church from 8.30 to 9.45pm.

On Easter Day there will be services of Holy Communion at 8am (Book of Common Prayer) and 5.30pm (Common Worship) – both in church. Our main service at 10am will however begin online at 10am; it will conclude with the opportunity for everyone to come to church to visit the Easter garden, receive Communion and, for those of an appropriate age, to find an Easter egg in the churchyard! (If we are allowed to, we may be able to sing one or more of our glorious Easter hymns outside too.)

We will, of course, be kicking back into action as the rules and guidelines allow, but are loath to make concrete plans as we know what has happened to those in the past year... It is our hope to be able to hold a few lunchtime concerts on Fridays when this becomes possible.

Do keep an eye on our website for any updates, <https://www.standrews-chesterton.org/>, and if you would like to receive our weekly Friday email please contact [admin@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:admin@standrews-chesterton.org).

*Revd Nick Moir*



### A new organ for St Andrew's

It had always been planned that after Easter 2020, the organ builders would take away most of the organ pipes back to their workshop to begin the work of restoring the instrument, but the COVID-19 pandemic brought things forward. During the final days before the first lockdown most of the organ's innards were removed; in normal times we would have felt the lack of organ at services during those months, but COVID meant we weren't in church anyway for most of the time the instrument was out of action. With some effort the organ chamber was cleared so that as soon as lockdown lifted in the summer the contractors could renovate the walls and floor ready for the new organ mechanisms, refurbished pipework and splendid new console to come back in the late summer.

The result is a fantastic instrument and we can't wait to be back in church with a full choir to make the best of it – the pre-recorded Carol Service gave everyone a glimpse of the possibilities. In addition a handsome new wooden screen now fills the arched opening of the organ chamber in the Chancel. The project was made possible by a long-standing bequest from the late Barry Eaden, choirmaster for many years at St Andrew's, together with a donation from the Friends of St Andrew's, as well as individual gifts, a contribution from Trinity College, and a grant from the Amey Community Fund.



## Services for Holy Week & Easter

### St Andrew's Church

#### Palm Sunday (28 March)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP, in church)  
 10.00am All-age Service (online)  
 5.30pm Passion Service: readings, poems, music and prayers (online)

#### Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8pm Address by Bishop Graham Kings, followed by Compline

#### Maundy Thursday (1 April)

- 5.00pm Zoom Church, especially for children & families  
 7.30pm Holy Communion (in church) followed by the Watch

#### Good Friday (2 April)

- 10.00am All-age Service (online)  
 2.00pm The Last Hour

#### Easter Eve

- 8.30pm Lighting of the New Fire, Vigil and Eucharist

#### Easter Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP, in church)  
 10.00am All-age Communion (online, followed by Communion in church)  
 5.30pm Holy Communion (in church)

For all updates and any possible changes to services please visit;

#### St Andrew's Church

[www.standrews-chesterton.org](http://www.standrews-chesterton.org)

#### Chesterton Methodist Church

[www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)

#### St George's Church Facebook Pages

@ChestertonStGeorge

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## From the Registers

### Funerals

11.12.20	Maureen Ling (StA Church then Crematorium)
02.02.21	Priscilla Willett (St A's then N'market Cemetery)
11.03.21	Ena O'Dell (StA at the Crematorium)

## Chesterton Methodist Church

Not surprisingly, CMC has had a quiet couple of months recently, but worship continues online and the Foodbank distribution centre has continued to be open every Tuesday morning.

Recently an adapted church logo appeared on the church facebook page with the inclusion of a rainbow above the line drawing of the church building. Just a small sign of the desire of CMC to be open about, and committed to, its inclusivity. There is a hope that later this year the Methodist Church nationally will finally pave the way for its local churches to be able to celebrate same-sex marriages.

Community use of the church premises looks likely to resume after Easter for some activities focusing on health and children.

Latest updates will be published online as usual at [www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)

*Ian Murray (Minister)*



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