



# CHESTERTON CHIMES

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



## Welcome!

This last month we've enjoyed continuing to gather for worship both in-person and online, celebrating the life we find together in Christ. Since the last edition of the Chimes, we've read through much of the book of Job in Morning Prayer (read more about this on page 8), met in the churchyard for Pentecost - complete with atmospheric gusts of windy weather and the opportunity to sing together! - and have gathered for our first ever services of Zoom and Cafe Church, bringing together families at home with families gathered in the Hall. All of these events and services, as well as the groups and activities that have restarted or have continued to meet through June, are a great gift and encouragement as we keep worshipping and seeking God together.

See below for a summary of our pattern of services for July. Page 2 has more details!

**At 8am every week**, there will be BCP Holy Communion, live streamed to YouTube and in church. You don't need to reserve a seat to attend in-person.

**At 10am**, on the **1st Sunday**, we will have an All-Age Communion in church, and live streamed to YouTube. On the **3rd Sunday** there will be an All-Age Service, similarly in church and live streamed. On the **2nd and 4th Sundays** we will be continuing with Cafe and Zoom Church at 10am - and, simultaneously, there will be a service of Holy Communion in Church.

**At 5:30pm** on the **2nd and 3rd Sundays**, there will be a service of Holy Communion in church only. You do not need to book a seat to come in-person. On the **1st and 4th Sundays**, there will be Evening Prayer in church and on Zoom.



From our outdoors service on Pentecost Sunday.



# WHAT'S ON: July

## What's On: Sundays

4 July, 5th of Trinity, Thank you Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)  
10:00am All-Age Communion (C, L)  
5:30pm Evening Prayer (C, Z)

11 July, 6th of Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)  
10:00am Café and Zoom Church @10  
*for families and children* (Z, H)  
10:00am Holy Communion (C, L)  
5:30pm Evening Prayer (C, Z)

18 July, 7th of Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)  
10:00am All-Age Service (C, L)  
5:30pm Holy Communion (C)

25 July, 8th of Trinity; James, Apostle

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)  
10:00am Café and Zoom Church @10  
*for families and children* (Z, H)  
10:00am Holy Communion (C, L)  
5:30pm Evening Prayer (C, Z)

SEE THE WEBSITE, [STANDREWS-CHESTERTON.ORG](http://STANDREWS-CHESTERTON.ORG) FOR LINKS TO THE SERVICES.

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



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

## What's On: Weekdays

Reading the book of Job (see page 8)

12:15, Friday 16 July, in the church

Morning Prayer (C, M)

08:30am Monday-Friday

Mondays

10:45-12 Monday Coffee Morning, 5 & 26 July, St Andrew's Hall. You will need to book - see right!

4:30pm Wholeness & Healing Prayer Group (H); fortnightly, beginning 14 June

Tuesdays

10:30am Bible Study Group (H); fortnightly, beginning 8 June

12:15 Midweek Communion (C), from 6 July



From our service of Confirmations, 20 June 2021, in which Mark and Katrina were confirmed and Marie was received into the Church of England.

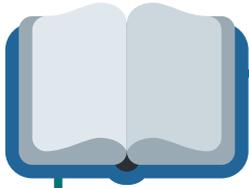
**The Monday Coffee Morning will be returning!**

For two trial dates on Mondays 5 and 26 July at the NEW time of 10.45am to 12noon. Please book your place through the church office by calling on 01223 306150 or emailing Rachel on [admin@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:admin@standrews-chesterton.org)

Coffee (or tea) and biscuits £1 per person. Please take a seat on arrival and your order will be taken at your table and brought to you. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Jean Jackson, Coffee Morning Co-Ordinator

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 June

**Lamentations 3:23-33, 2 Corinthians  
8:7-end, Mark 5:21-end**

Monday 28 Job 33  
 Tuesday 29 Acts 11:1-18  
*Peter and Paul, Apostles*  
 Wednesday 30 Job 39  
 Thursday 1 July Job 40  
 Friday 2 Job 41  
 Saturday 3 John 11:1-16  
*Thomas the Apostle*

### Readings for 4 July

**Ezekiel 2:1-5  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13**

Monday 5 2 Corinthians 1:1-14  
 Tuesday 6 2 Corinthians 1:15-24  
 Wednesday 7 2 Corinthians 2:5-end  
 Thursday 8 2 Corinthians 3  
 Friday 9 2 Corinthians 4  
 Saturday 10 2 Corinthian 5

### Readings for 11 July

**Amos 7:7-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark  
6:14-29**

Monday 12 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1  
 Tuesday 13 2 Corinthians 7:2-end  
 Wednesday 14 2 Corinthians 8:1-15  
 Thursday 15 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5  
 Friday 16 2 Corinthians 9:6-end  
 Saturday 17 2 Corinthians 10

### Readings for 18 July

**Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians  
2:11-end, Mark 6:30-34, 53-end**

Monday 19 2 Corinthians 11:1-15  
 Tuesday 20 2 Corinthians 11:16-end  
 Wednesday 21 2 Corinthians 12  
 Thursday 22 Luke 8:1-3  
*Mary Magdalene*  
 Friday 23 James 1:1-11  
 Saturday 24 James 1:12-end

### Readings for 25 July, James the Apostle

**Acts 11:27-12:2, 2 Corinthians  
4:7-15, Matthew 20:20-28**

Monday 26 Luke 9:46-56  
 Tuesday 27 James 2:14-end  
 Wednesday 28 James 3  
 Thursday 29 James 4:1-12  
 Friday 30 James 4:13-5:6  
 Saturday 31 James 5:7-end



## NEWS AND MESSAGES

### ANNA MARIA VASSA

On 18 July, we remember together Anna Maria Vassa, daughter of Olaudah Equiano. Here, Nick writes of new information concerning the author of the poetic epitaph on her memorial.

It is our tradition to observe the anniversary of the death of Anna Maria Vassa (21 July 1797) on the nearest Sunday, which this year is 18 July. Her memorial on our north wall draws a steady stream of visitors and her story continues to capture the imagination, not least in the wake of the death of George Floyd last year and the wave of anti-racist sentiment that followed.

The poetic epitaph on the memorial is beautifully written and it is always moving to read it. Up until last year the best guess about its authorship had been Martha Pickard, a minor poet who was the wife of the vice-Chancellor of the university, Peter Peckard. It was Peckard who had set the essay prize, won by Thomas Clarkson, that was to be the intellectual fire that ignited the anti-slavery campaign in this country.

But thanks to the digitisation of old books we now know different – and you can in fact read the Vassa epitaph in [‘The Posthumous Poetical Works of the late Edward Ind of Cambridge’](#), which was published in 1822 together with – praise be – ‘a biographical sketch of his life’.

I had known of Edward Ind. He was a subscriber to The Interesting Narrative, Equiano’s (Vassa’s) account of his life as a slave. He also appears in our parish registers as a witness to the marriages of the daughters of two significant villagers, Robert Robinson (the leading Baptist minister of the area, who lived at Roebuck House) and Robert Sparrow (who lived at the Old Manor and farmed the manorial estate).

The big money in Cambridge and Chesterton in those days was in brewing and Edward Ind learned the craft when he moved to Cambridge and was apprenticed to Richard Foster – whose family business not only made beer but owned a chain of public houses, including the Green Dragon and the Castle. Foster was a leading alderman in the town and a deacon at the Stone-Yard meeting house (now called St Andrew’s Street Baptist Church) where Robert Robinson was the minister.

The Ind family became big in brewing: it’s the name that’s in the Ind Coope company.

Edward rose to prominence in the town, became an alderman himself and, having made his money and reputation, was able to devote himself to good works, the practice of his faith and the writing of poetry. He died in 1808 and is buried (with a fine memorial) in Holy Trinity Church (the vicar then was the great evangelical, Charles Simeon). His brother and wife (Thomas and Mary) lived in Chesterton where their children Thomas and Robert were baptised. They were the same age as the two Vassa orphans, Anna Maria and Joanna.

Edward, together with another Cambridge man (John Audley), were the executor’s of Olaudah Equiano’s will, which required them to provide for the ‘Board Maintenance and Education’ of his daughters until they came of age. As he was a bachelor, that may well account for why Anna Maria and her sister ended up in our village – and it might also give names to two of the village children who came to bury her and drop ‘choice flowers’, Thomas and Robert Ind.

Nick Moir



Memorial to Anna Maria Vassa, with the wreath laid on Vassa Day 2019

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### Azul Wasi News

Last month we mentioned that we had sent a donation of £510 to Azul Wasi to upgrade their IT equipment so that the boys can make the most of virtual classes. With this money, 2 tablets and a Wawa laptop have been bought. Macarena from LAFF was joined by the founder of Wawa, a Peruvian owned social enterprise, to present this new laptop to Azul Wasi. Wawa's laptop is the first to be designed and built in Peru, using recycled wood and plastic and can be charged using a solar panel. They are really pleased to have these additions.



<https://youtu.be/Wpd7dvNxZNg>

Some months ago Azul Wasi received a donation of an oven. The same group that helped with this donation are now wanting to support Azul Wasi by opening a restaurant project which would just be open during the weekends. LAFF believe that this will allow them to start generating some income, so we look forward to hearing more about this.

With a recent presidential election between a far right and a far left candidate, life in Peru has been very tense, especially as the result was extremely close (the leftist, Pedro Castillo, winning by only 0.3% of the vote).

Our online concert, 'Alleluia for Azul Wasi' has so far raised £570, for the St Andrew's food fund for Azul Wasi. Many thanks to those who have donated. It is still available to watch via the church website or via the link to the right...



The new laptop, part of the IT upgrade at Azul Wasi.

One of the art boards that stood outside Milton Road Library whilst it was being built it used designs by the pupils at Milton Road Junior School



### Help to save Milton Road Library for the future...

The Milton Road Library building, which was only completed 2 years ago, with ground floor space for the library and community meeting rooms. You might be surprised to hear that the flats above have never been let and the whole building has recently been put up for sale, and is now under offer, with only a 25-year lease for the library itself.

The Friends of Milton Road Library, and the Hurst Park Estate Residents' Association, HPERA, are campaigning together to try to pause the sale to allow time for alternative solutions to be explored. Please would you consider signing HPERA's petition at <https://bit.ly/3gK9Bbl> As it is currently under offer, we need to take action quickly. Please do pass this link on to anyone in who might be interested.

Richard Robertson, Chair of the Friends of Milton Road Library, said: 'The new library was built to serve the community, using public funds, and we want to ensure that it remains a resource for them in future. The county council have only a 25-year lease to occupy the library and community rooms and two years of that have already elapsed. We call upon the new coalition running the county council to safeguard our library permanently. We want them to pause the sale of the building so that all options can be carefully considered.'

# NEWS AND MESSAGES

## CELEBRATING ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHOIR

On 8 June this year, Mervyn Ling slipped away to join the unending choir rehearsal in Heaven. When he withdrew from singing in 2019 because of failing health, he had given eighty years of service to the choir at St Andrew's, having begun as a boy chorister. Mervyn's steadfast commitment was marked in 2010 at a ceremony at Ely Cathedral, when the long service of David Drury and John Reynolds as singers, and John Marsh as organist, was also honoured. Mervyn's death coincides poignantly with a moment when, as we emerge slowly from the ravages of the pandemic, we look towards a new configuration of the choirs at St Andrew's, drawing a line under the Parish Choir and New Voices and launching St Andrew's Singers, who will furnish all the choral support for services from this autumn.

New Voices, as its name suggests, is relatively new-fangled, but the Parish Choir goes far back in time, to the days of a large robed choir of men and boys, last seen in that form in its heyday under the care of Barry Eaden, Choirmaster for 25 years. There isn't the space here for a full write-up of the history of the Parish Choir: here we can only mark the form it took in more recent years. It was only after Barry Eaden's retirement in 1990 that women were admitted to the adult-only Parish Choir from 1991 under the leadership of John Marsh, and Ruth Jones takes credit for being the first female

voice to be recruited. Last year we lost Margaret Gates, who had been a long-serving member of the Parish Choir, and not much before that we also said farewell to Philip White, who sang at St Andrew's in Barry Eaden's time.

Other faithful choir-members have been Sylvia Hancock, house-bound for some time now, and Margaret Partridge, who is patiently waiting for the pandemic conditions to allow her to come back to church. Alison Wilson and David Drury have both been able in their different ways to continue contributing virtually to the church's musical life under lockdown, Alison by contributing to our blended choral recordings, and David by his performance in the recent Alleluia! for Azul Wasi YouTube concert. We very much hope that they and the two Johns - and also Margaret - will be able to join us for the morning service on 11 July, when we will be recognising and honouring the Parish Choir's long faithful service to the worship at St Andrew's.

The Parish owes a debt of sincere thanks to all its members both those still singing here on earth and also those now blended into the celestial choir: they have turned out Sunday after Sunday, morning and evening, beautifying the worship whether there were many or few in the pews.

### St Andrew's Youth

Our youth groups, for those aged 11-18, have continued through this year - both online and in-person! This term we've been enjoying meeting in (mostly) good weather outdoors, with some sessions now moving indoors, with time to catch up, have fun, pray for each other, and explore themes and books of the Bible together.

Each week there's also a 'youth newsletter' sent to all those in youth groups and their parents and carers - full of details of all that's happening with youth groups, as well as ideas and inspiration for prayer, Bible reading and devotionals, and fun for your week. If you are aged 11-18 or are moving up into Year 7 in September (or if your children are), you can be added to the mailing list to receive this newsletter: contact Hannah if you'd like this to happen (contact details on the back page).

From our weekly youth newsletter, sent via email to young people and parents

Our Instagram (social media) posts often draw from Bible devotionals in our youth newsletter

midweek devotion  
The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. ...and like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

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## Junior Church Tea Party 11 July, 3:30-5:30pm

Calling St Andrew's Junior Church Families and Youth!

Pack a flask, a cake and a picnic rug and come and join us for a fresh air get-together. Plenty of room for outdoor games and easy conversation.

Whether you want to meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, or just enjoy a family outing, we would love to see you. Please register interest with Julia Eisen at [junior.church@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:junior.church@standrews-chesterton.org) and Julia will send you more details of where we will be meeting.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

## OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday-Sunday:  
9am - 5pm



St Andrew's Church, Chesterton



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### Would you like to contribute to August's Chesterton Chimes?

If you have church news or messages that you would like to see in August's Chimes, send them to Hannah by 16 July (contact details on the back page).

# Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY NICK MOIR

'Here in our view, is the most sublime monument in literature, not only of written language, nor of philosophy and poetry, but the most sublime monument of the human soul. Here is the great eternal drama with three actors who embody everything: but what actors! God, humankind, and Destiny.'

So wrote the 19th century French poet and statesman, Alphonse de Lamartine. The subject of his critical acclaim is the biblical book of Job. We have been reading through it in Morning Prayer in the past month and I have enjoyed again listening to its different voices reflecting on the age-old problem of suffering and how to make sense of it in a world created and sustained by a benevolent Creator.

The opening of the book has the drama playing out in two scenes: the earthly one where a series of messengers bring ever-worse news of misfortune to the hapless Job, and the heavenly one where Jehovah presides over a court that includes a prosecuting counsel (in Hebrew, ha-satan, which means 'the accuser').

It is, as I have already indicated, a drama: these are characters, sometimes played, even hammed up, in a very characterful way. I don't think we are meant to take this any more literally than if the story had begun 'An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman died and went to heaven where they met St Peter at the Pearly Gates...'

As in the Doom painting on our chancel arch, there is both deep seriousness but also plenty of humour, exaggeration and the pricking of pomposity.

While ultimately the book affirms an orthodox faith in the Creator, the same Creator reserves the greatest criticism for those who made the most pious and theologically sound defences of him. **The overall effect is to leave you wondering who was speaking the truth and whether you have really understood the message of the book at all.**

And perhaps that's because it's not the sort of writing that has a clear and consistent message. Perhaps we are meant to hear multiple voices, none of which, not even the Divine one, give the whole truth.

We're going to give you the opportunity to judge for yourself. On Friday 16 July at 12.15pm we are going to have a lunchtime dramatised reading of the Book of Job (a little edited for length reasons). Come and join us. It is Holy Scripture, and we need to attend to it as such, but I think we'll only hear properly if we listen to it first with unpious ears as the very human drama that it is.

*Nick*

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