



CHESTERTON CHIMES

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



Welcome!

Through July we have continued to worship together - even enjoying a service outdoors in the glorious sunshine, on Vassa Day. On Vassa Day we remembered Anna Maria Vassa, daughter of Olaudah Equiano - freedman, writer, and abolitionist - and on which we reflect on how their story connects to our present experiences and conversations. Watch the service back [here](#) - and find other services on our YouTube Channel as well.

Most small groups have now paused for a summer break, to be back in September (more details of which will come in September's Chimes in a few weeks' time!). We will continue to gather online for Morning Prayer through August (8:30am weekdays), and there will be one Tuesday lunchtime Communion service, at 12:15pm on 24 August.

See below for a summary of our pattern of Sunday services for August. Page 2 has more details, as well as a message from Nick following the changes to restrictions on 19 July.

At 8am every week, there will be BCP Holy Communion, live streamed to YouTube and in church.

At 10am, on the **1st and 3rd Sundays**, we will have an All-Age Service in church, and live streamed to YouTube. On the **2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays** there will be a service of All-Age Communion, similarly in church and live streamed.

At 5:30pm every week (apart from the 5th Sunday) there will be a service of Evening Prayer in church only.

You do not need to book a seat for any services to come in-person.



Vassa Day: 18 July, with the wreath laid at Anna Maria Vassa's memorial



Scenes from our churchyard, looked after by our churchyard working group, led by Maggie Fernie



August

What's On: Sundays

1 August, 9th after Trinity

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

8 August, 10th after Trinity

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

15 August, Blessed Virgin Mary

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

22 August, 12th after Trinity

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

29 August, 13th after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP; C, L)
10:00am All-Age Communion (C, L)
5:30pm No service

What's On: Weekdays

Morning Prayer (C, M)

08:30am Monday-Friday

Tuesday 24 August only (C)

12:15pm Midweek Communion (C)

SEE THE WEBSITE, 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.

Following changes in restrictions on 19 July, Nick writes:

For some of us 19 July was freedom day - the chance to do away with face masks, social distancing and all the other things that have made our lives a misery these past sixteen months. Others however feel anxious and will now feel more nervous about venturing out into the big wide world when the virus is still spreading.

How then should we act? I follow the advice of St Paul (here talking about eating food that some believed to be unclean): We who are 'strong' ought to put up with the failings of the 'weak', and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself: but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' [Romans 15.1-2]

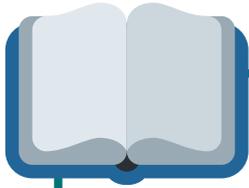
The Christian way is to consider those who think differently and whose consciences say different things, rather than please ourselves by doing what we think is right regardless.

In applying that principle to the change in Covid regulations I believe our priority should be to ensure that as many as possible feel safe coming to church. That means that there will be no sudden unannounced lurches in our practices. In particular:

- We will still be making sanitizer available and would encourage everyone to keep using it in the same way.
- We would still strongly encourage people to wear face masks in all but our smallest services in church.
- We will still be ventilating the building by keeping doors and windows open.
- We will be administering Communion in the same way for the time being and would ask people to follow the same protocols as before.
- Congregational singing will restart from 25 July but we ask that no-one sings without a face mask except for choir members who are seated behind the altar.
- We will still keep alternate pews roped off. Groups of up to six or two households have been allowed to sit together for some time; there will now be no legal restriction about sitting together, but we ask everyone to be sensitive to what may be an unwanted proximity.
- We will not be encouraging the sign of the Peace to be shared more generally than within households.
- We will not be sending round collection bags but encourage people to give via the plate at the back or through the new online machines.

We will review things in September and consider further relaxation then - including how and in what form we might return to Communion in both kinds (bread and wine). We do not believe we should be simply resigned to practices that rob us of social and physical contact, and we will move to restore such contact as soon as we can. But we will do so in a way that makes for a soft landing.

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 1 August

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15;

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Monday 2	Mark 1:1-13
Tuesday 3	Mark 1:14-20
Wednesday 4	Mark 1:21-28
Thursday 5	Mark 1:29-end
Friday 6	1 John 3:1-3
Transfiguration of Our Lord	
Saturday 7	Mark 2:13-22

Readings for 8 August

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

John 6:35, 41-51

Monday 8	Mark 2:23-3:6
Tuesday 9	Mark 3:7-19a
Wednesday 10	Mark 3:19b-end
Thursday 11	Mark 4:1-20
Friday 12	Mark 4:21-34
Saturday 13	Mark 4:35-end

Readings for 15 August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Isaiah 61:10-end; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 1:46-55

Monday 16	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday 17	Mark 5:21-34
Wednesday 18	Mark 5:35-end
Thursday 19	Mark 6:1-13
Friday 20	Mark 6:14-29
Saturday 21	Mark 6:30-44

Readings for 22 August

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians

6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Monday 23	Mark 6:45-end
Tuesday 24	John 1:43-end
Bartholomew the Apostle	
Wednesday 25	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday 26	Mark 7:24-30
Friday 27	Mark 7:31-end
Saturday 28	Mark 8:1-10

Readings for 29 August

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James

1:17-end; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday 30	Mark 8:11-21
Tuesday 31	Mark 8:22-26
Wednesday 1 September	Mark 8:27-9:1
Thursday 2	Mark 9:2-13
Friday 3	Mark 9:14-29
Saturday 4	Mark 9:30-37



NEWS AND MESSAGES

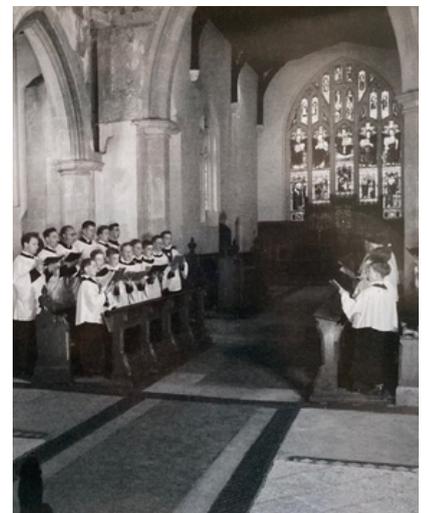
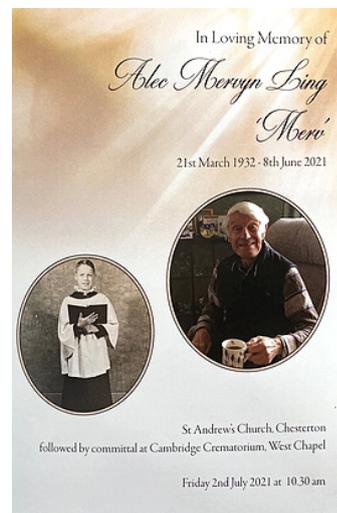
In response to Nick's sermon on 27 June (which you can rewatch [here](#)), themed on God's grace, Jess Lim has written and shared two reflective poems...

(i)
 Most merciful Lord,
 Your love compels us to come in
 Stubborn, I outside watch
 While inside the candle burns
 Yearns relief from cold
 I see it - there -
 Your love compels me
 Yet I outside shiver -
 Move these stubborn feet
 Melt these numbing fingers
 Through cold pressed glass
 You feed me and you cleanse
 Move these heavy feet -
 God, I cannot move these stubborn feet
 Compel me to come in

(ii)
 If all life is eucharist
 I am always before the table
 Approaching, empty hands;
 Hungry; outcast; waiting to be filled
 If all life is eucharist
 I am always fed;
 Your body, broken for me
 Your body, cleansing mine
 Bread crumbs bind
 Molecules alter
 You, dwelling in me, and I
 Joining with you
 If all life is eucharist
 I am always counted worthy
 To be in your presence,
 To kneel with others -
 One body, sharing in
 One bread
 If life is always eucharist
 I am always solemn,
 Always joyful,
 Drinking deeply
 Blood of the new covenant
 Bitter and
 Life giving
 If life is always eucharist
 Help me, Lord, to see and
 Be
 Joyful

A message from Colette, Mervyn and Maureen Ling's daughter

It was touching that so many friends from St Andrew's attended dad's funeral, especially as they weren't able to attend mum's funeral in December. Generous donations in dad's memory amounted to £250 which has been shared with Alzheimer's Society and CPS orphanage. Bridget, Hazel and I spoke to many people on the day, and were grateful for their support. We'd like to pass on our thanks to everyone in the St Andrew's community who helped to give dad the best send off under the circumstances.



Calling all young singers at St Andrew's!

In September we will at last return properly to singing in church and alongside the adult choir, St Andrew's Singers, we are launching St Andrew's Young Singers (STAYS). This will be a choir for children aged 7 to 11, which will meet once a week on Thursdays at 4pm in St Andrew's Hall for an hour of fun and learning to sing together. To begin with the commitment will be to the Thursday practices, hopefully working towards singing for the congregation at Christmas. We would like to invite any families who are interested to be in touch ahead of a taster session on the Thursday 9th September. Please drop a line to Peter (dom@standrews-chesterton.org) or Rosalind (rc110@cam.ac.uk) with any queries or to express an interest.





A dramatic reading of the story of Joseph and Asenath
12 August, 12:15
In church

Following the success of our dramatic reading of Job in July - coordinated by Ed Green and performed by Ed, Maggie, Ian, Zoe, Margaret, Peter and Susan - we are looking forward to a reading of the story of Joseph and Asenath, a story we see glimpses of in Genesis.

Come along at 12:15 on 12 August to be immersed in the tale!

Images from our Bible stories in Cafe and Zoom Church, for families and children. We've been wondering about parables together - can you tell which parable each of these is from?

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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 September's Chesterton Chimes?

If you have church news or messages that you would like to see in September's Chimes, send them to Hannah by 18 August (contact details on the back page).

Thought for the Month

WRITTEN BY ED GREEN

Right in the middle of August – August 15th, in fact – the Church of England celebrates the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This great feast is important around the Christian world and is called by various names. The Roman Catholic Church names it the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, while the Eastern Orthodox Churches call it the Dormition. In true Anglican fashion, both these names are used by different groups within the Church of England, although the official designation of the feast is simply of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Whatever we call it, the end of Mary's earthly life is commemorated throughout the Christian world, and the personal importance of the Mother of Jesus to many Christians is clear.

Saints in general can be something of a controversial topic among Christians. At Westcott House, where I am currently training for the priesthood, there is a perennial debate, which gets surprisingly heated, over whether Julian of Norwich is a Saint. More generally, some people pray to saints, asking those who are already in heaven to pray for them. To others this seems pointless at best, or idolatrous at worst. Why ask the saints to pray for you when you can pray directly to God yourself?

Howsoever we may individually approach the idea of saints, we have a personal connection to Mary because we have a personal connection to Jesus. It has always been an important doctrine that he is fully human as well as fully divine, and one key point in that is that he has a mother who is (in one sense) an ordinary human being.

However, she is not merely ordinary. She remains with Jesus through good times and bad, encouraging his first miracle at the wedding at Cana and weeping at the foot of the cross. She is not special merely for 'being in the right place at the right time.' God chose her to be the mother of his son because of her extraordinary faith and strength.

Whatever our theological persuasion, on the Feast of the Assumption we have cause to celebrate the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many theologians have interpreted "Behold your mother" (John 19:27) to apply to all Christians, not merely Saint John. Some have interpreted the "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head" in Revelation (12:1) to be Mary, crowned as Queen of Heaven. Like so many things in the Christian faith, not everyone agrees on these points, but **we can at least be confident in affirming that Mary is special, and unique. Nobody else in the history of the world has ever been God's mother.**

As a mother, Mary was her son's most faithful follower, throughout his earthly life and beyond; in Acts 1 we see her playing a part in the earliest days of the Church after his death and resurrection. In the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary we celebrate our best example (beside the Lord himself) of a life characterised by unfailing faith and love. Thanks be to God!



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