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## An Update from Rowan

Cambridge-based arts charity Rowan is holding a sponsored walk along the river of Midsummer Common on 26 September. There is no registration fee, and those wishing to take part can just turn up on the day. The meeting point is Midsummer Common, Cambridge, CB4 1HA – just outside Midsummer House. All money raised will go directly towards the day-to-day running costs of Rowan, where the arts are used as a tool to tackle social exclusion and improve the wellbeing of students.

Rowan has also won a £1,000 Movement for Good award from Ecclesiastical Insurance Group thanks to nominations from the public. The grant will enable Rowan to continue to develop the skills and potential of adults with learning disabilities while improving their happiness, health and wellbeing. Members of the public were invited to nominate causes close to their hearts, with 500 gifts of £1,000 available for donation. Over 13,000 charities were nominated by more than 210,000 members of the public.

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Did you get to see the cows at Chesterton North Station, between 28 June and 4 September 2021?

"Our" bovine friends were the furthest North and furthest East in the Cows about Cambridge 2021 sculpture trail. One of the beasts was home to 100 Beetles, and the other had small cartoons of notable sights in



Cambridge.



The Millennium ("Tesco") Bridge had equal prominence with Kings College Chapel, the University Library and the chimney at the Museum of Technology (amongst others).

Rather more could have been made of the cows' location - Cow-ley Road!

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***East Chesterton Women's Institute is Moving***

East Chesterton Women's Institute is moving to a new location, the Green End Road Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 28 September at 7.30pm.

Jenny Egbe, the W I President said, "Our planned move due to an increase in numbers was delayed due to Covid. Why not turn over a new leaf and come along to our monthly meetings? We'd all be glad to see you."

Elizabeth May remarked, "When I moved here I joined the WI to get to know local people. I'm involved in Climate Change and the group is planning activities in Big Climate Week leading up to COP26. During the Lockdown we've met by Zoom and had talks on Heffers, the Women's Refuge in Chesterton, etc., and had socially distanced parties. We've even started a Book Group."

The East Chesterton WI group meets monthly, on every fourth Tuesday at 7.30pm.

There will be a drop-in open evening for anyone who wants to know more on Tuesday, the 5th of October from 6pm to 8.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall. There will be some craft activity and refreshments.



For any more information contact our press officer, Elizabeth May on [semay@live.co.uk](mailto:semay@live.co.uk).

***Monday Coffee***

Come and join us for the re launch of the drop in coffee morning at St Andrew's Hall.

We begin on Monday 20 September at the new time of 10.45am to 12noon.

"I have been running this coffee morning since 2011 and welcome anyone in the community to come and meet friends old and new for coffee/tea, biscuits and a chat".

Jean Jackson

Dear Reader,

The Chesterton News team are delighted to be able to deliver paper copies to your door once again. We are grateful to the large number of volunteers who give their valuable time each quarter to deliver some of the thousands of copies across Chesterton. Unfortunately, after the turmoil of the past 18 months, a number of volunteers are not able to continue. This means that **we will no longer be able to deliver the News in the following areas:**

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We have just updated our Mutual Constitution which is our charter on how we run the committee and its expected standards. If you would like to receive a copy of the constitution, please e-mail us or attend the AGM which is on Thursday 16 September at 7pm on zoom.

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We are pleased to continue with Hope Food Hub which meets in the Church every Tuesday between 2 and 3.30pm. Anyone welcome.

St George’s now meets for worship at 10.30am on Sundays with children’s church outdoors whenever possible.

There are a number of small groups meeting during the week to read passages from the Bible and discuss them which anyone is welcome to join.

We have a few places left in our strength and balance exercise class for older adults each Thursday at 10am - £4 including refreshments. This is great fun and a good way to make new friends as well as helping us stay strong and steady on our feet. Come along and try us out!

Hope Church Chesterton has been meeting temporarily in the Chesterton Working Man's Club for the last few months. We are moving back to meeting at the Shirley School, Nuffield Rd, Cambridge CB4 1TF from the 22nd August. We meet at 10.30am for an all age friendly service. All are welcome!

The Hope Food Hub continues to open every Tuesday 2pm - 3.30pm based at St George's. Do get in touch via Facebook to find out about our other activities.

*Revd Andy Atkins*

## News from the Churches

### St Andrew's Church

The St Andrew's Church Council is taking a softly, softly approach about returning to 'normal'. All our services are now in person (though most still remain online as well). We are still encouraging people to wear face masks at our main services, alternate pews remain roped off to maintain social distancing, and we are still being very careful in the administration of Holy Communion.

Simply put, we want everyone to feel safe about coming back to church, and it has been lovely over the summer to welcome back familiar faces reappearing week by week – not least at our outdoor services, which we have held when the weather has allowed it.

It has been a particular joy to have the return of congregational singing - such an important part of our worship. Indoors we have followed advice and chosen less rousing hymns in order to avoid the temptation of letting rip! I am not aware of any churches that have shown due care being linked with the spread of the virus. We have been given strict guidelines and rules to follow and so far they have served us well.

We have a very special weekend to look forward to in September as we celebrate the restoration of the organ. Our adviser for the scheme, Paul Hale, is a distinguished organist and choir director; he will be giving an inaugural organ recital on Saturday 11 September at 7.30pm.

The following day the Bishop of Ely will be presiding at our 10am Sung Eucharist and will rededicate the organ as our new St Andrew's Singers perform Messe Solennelle by Jean Langlais.

Another great activity in-between lockdowns has been some fantastic work in the churchyard, both tidying and clearing some areas but also developing a new pattern of spring and summer meadows and other ways of managing the churchyard in a way that encourages biodiversity. As a result of this we are to be presented with a bronze Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation award on Sunday 18 September at our 10am service.

*Revd Nick Moir*

### Chesterton Methodist Church

It's great to be writing a few words for the Chesterton News as it returns to being delivered through the letterboxes of thousands of homes. At Chesterton Methodist we're proud to play our small part in community life and we love our partnerships with friends and charities in the area.

You might just have seen that the Methodist Church got some national publicity at the end of June/early July, as our national decision-making body voted strongly to enable local churches to register to conduct same-sex marriages. We're the fourth-largest Christian denomination in Britain, and the largest so far to take this step. It will take a little while for various legal arrangements to be made but I look forward to taking this step on a journey to being an inclusive church, along with our other churches in Cambridge.

It's too early to bring a meaningful update on the plans for a community café on the church site but we really hope to share more information once a decision has been made on our planning application.

As ever, you will find more information about worship and activities on the church website [www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)



*Ian Murray (Minister)*

### **Minister's Letter**

Mental health and wellbeing have been increasingly in the news recently. It takes quite something to cause the greatest gymnast of our era, Simone Biles, to withdraw from the Olympics; the cricketer Ben Stokes has also pulled out of the summer test series against India. For the less sympathetic these are just further examples of our increasingly woke society, but I suspect the past eighteen months have made many of us more aware of our own (as well as others') mental fragility.

I have certainly felt the impact of successive lockdowns and the lack of in-the-flesh human interaction – and I am one of the fortunate ones, with a grown-up family for companionship. Those on their own or with the burden of home schooling have had a much tougher time – and I can see how it has taken its toll.

Online church became increasingly hard to sustain. In the early days of the pandemic it was quite exciting because it was new territory and a novelty – and actually drew in larger congregations than would have been there in the flesh. But more recently I think we have all tired of staring at screens and many of us are just 'zoomed out'.

Coming back to church was also initially hard work – keeping social distance, wearing face masks and not able to sing is not a recipe for a great communal experience of worship.

But things are getting better – occasional outdoor services have been great (singing was allowed and masks could be removed!) and now we are all able to sing indoors for the first time since last March. It feels like life is returning.

Christian faith is centred on a belief in the Incarnation – which literally means 'in the flesh'. It matters that God has come to us in the flesh, in person, as one who got mixed up in all the things of human society that we have been missing so much. The gospels make much of Jesus sharing meals with people, invited to people's homes and sharing social interaction; he was told off by some religious types for too much partying.

He began his ministry, though, in retreat - what you might call a self-imposed lockdown in the wilderness, forty days and nights fasting not only from food and drink but also from human companionship (perhaps that was the hardest bit). It was there, of course, that he had to confront his inner demons. In our modern-day understanding, perhaps we could say that it was there that he built up the mental resilience for the very lonely pathway that was destined to follow.

Later in his ministry, on at least one occasion he was accused of being mad and his family turned up to take him away. Even Jesus suffered mental strain.

Why do I say 'even'? To be one of us of course he had to – and I find that a great encouragement. It is no shame to admit our mental fragility. The teaching and tradition that Jesus left us does not encourage us to by-pass these things – but does, I believe, give us some significant tools for managing them (regular in-person worship, I believe, being one of them!).

*Revd Nick Moir*

### **From the Register**

#### **Weddings**

05.06.21            Oliver Higgins & Vienna Smith (StA)

#### **Funerals**

04.06.21	Peter Welham (StA, Crem)
08.06.21	David Michael Chapman (StA, Crem)
17.06.21	Patricia Crawford (CMC, Crem)
28.06.21	Katharine Mary Free (StA, Crem)
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