



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly news update, 3 December 2021

Our new **Chesterton Chimes** editor, Pip Tofaris, has put together her first issue (for December/January) and you can find it [here](#).

This Sunday, 5 December 2nd of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (live-streamed)

10.00am Family Service (live-streamed)

You can download the service sheet to either [view](#) on screen or [to print](#).

11.00am Short Communion

5:30pm Evening Prayer

Monday to Friday

8.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10.30am **Bible Study group** Christmas social

12.15pm **No Holy Communion today**

Saturday

10.00am Christingle-making & decorating the tree

Next Sunday, 12 December: 3rd of Advent

8.00am **Holy Communion BCP** (live-streamed)

10.00am **Parish Communion** (live-streamed)

4.00pm **Christingle**

Please pray for...

Joan Andrews

From the book of remembrance: Violet Doris Wells

RIP: Brian Pratt, Geoffrey Coulson, Clifford Smith, Julia Owen, Michael Craven and Sandra Lawlor.

St Andrew's News

Different Time! This week's Coffee Morning (6 December) will run from 10am to 11am for one week only. Donations are £1 - come and enjoy tea, coffee and good conversation.

The PCC is looking to appoint a **new church administrator**, not least to support the churchwardens and Hall manager through the vacancy. This will be an 8-15 hours per week post (at £12 per hour),

initially at least for one year. Particular responsibilities will include communications and safeguarding. Informal expressions of interest to the churchwardens please by Friday 17 December.

For Advent we will be collecting money for the **Children's Society**. Children (and adults!) are invited to take one of the 'candles' from the back of church and fill it up with coins during the season.

The funeral of Brian Pratt will be on Thursday 16 December (12 noon, after a family-only cremation). All, of course, are welcome.

The **Christingle** service will be on **Sunday 12 December** at 4pm; you are invited to come and make the christingles, and to decorate the Christmas tree, on Saturday 11 December at 10am; refreshments will be provided.

Church Communications

The PCC meets about 8 times a year but we also have a number of PCC subcommittees which also meet made up of a mix of PCC and non-PCC members who deal with a lot of the finer detail and make proposals which come to the full PCC for a decision. For some years Deborah Bick has led the Communications group as Chair very effectively and proficiently but Deborah has had to step down due to increased family commitments. This group has also lost some key members recently and so we are looking for fresh membership and a new Chair to take us forward to the challenges we have only just begun to address: the Church website, social media, posters, consistent messaging etc. Do you have expertise or a passion for communications matters in the digital age? If so please make yourself known to Nick or the churchwardens if you'd be interested in taking a part in this group. Thank you.

Patricia Abrey, PCC secretary

The Azul Wasi Autumn Newsletter is now available on the church website - www.standrews-chesterton.org/azulwasi and there are paper copies at the back of the church and in the hall. If you would like to receive the twice-yearly newsletters directly, you can sign up to the mailing list on the church website using the same link.

Mary Pountain.

Other News

Donations Needed. I am working with the Student Services team at Cambridge Regional College again this year with the aim of providing those students who are Looked After Children (in the care of the local authority) with an unexpected Christmas treat bag, as they do not always have families to spend Christmas with. It has been an even tougher year for so many and as CRC is on our doorstep I thought I would extend the request for some of the items we need. So, when you are shopping next and can spare a little extra please help us purchase any of these items here. We need all donations by 5 December and they can be left in boxes that you will find outside my door at 43 Highfield Ave.

1. Bags of sweets
2. Chocolate bars
3. Chewing gum
4. Deodorant
5. Hair accessories for teen girls
6. Funky/fluffy socks
7. Stationery (a pastel highlighter, a pen, pencil, sharpener, post it notes, notepad)
8. Little pot of nail varnish
9. Shower gel
7. Little bottles of shampoo/conditioner
8. Face masks/hand sanitiser

9. Anything Christmassy
10. Fancy soap
11. Sachets of hot chocolate
12. Pack of playing cards
13. Gloves/hats
14. Fidget toys
15. If you can spare a little more, then gift cards of any value (costa, starbucks, amazon, supermarkets)
16. Anything that isn't listed here but you think might be suitable or nice for a young person to receive.

In addition we are collecting good condition novels and DVD's for a stall that runs every Tuesday at CRC - the proceeds go towards food vouchers for the students that need them. You will find a separate box for those donations.

Thank you in advance, *Helen Druiff (and the student services team at CRC)*

The [CHS Group](#) are in the process of **recruiting volunteer mentors/befrienders** for a project working with those affected by **homelessness in Cambridge City**. Mentor volunteers are matched with those experiencing homelessness who have similar skills, hobbies, and interests. Social connections can be vital for people who have been homeless to help them stay off the streets. This role enables volunteers to offer more to help people on the streets to make positive changes in their lives. We are looking for people who are passionate about helping people on the streets to move forwards, reliable so others can trust you will do what you say, available - we are looking for people who have a lot or a little time to spare – it is up to each volunteer how much time they give to the project.

To find out more about this project, please click on the links below and complete an expression of interest form or contact Polly at polly.thurston@chsgroup.org.uk
<https://www.chsgroup.org.uk/homeless-mentor-volunteers/>