



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly news update, 10 December 2021

Please do join us (families especially) for Christingle-making tomorrow (Saturday) at 10am. The Christingle service will be on Sunday at 4pm - there will be no provision for children in the morning so have a lie-in and come in the afternoon!

We are planning only minor changes to our Covid protocols as we have been cautious anyway. For Sunday mornings and larger services we will be opening a few of the clerestory windows to ensure good ventilation (although we reckon there are already plenty of draughts!). Please continue to wear face masks in church if you can.

The **Chesterton Chimes** for December/January can be found [here](#).

This Sunday, 12 December: 3rd of Advent

8.00am [Holy Communion BCP](#) (live-streamed)

10.00am [Parish Communion](#) (live-streamed)

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

4.00pm [Christingle & Family Carols](#) (live-streamed)

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Monday to Friday

8.00am **Morning Prayer**

Monday

10.45am **Coffee Morning** in the Hall

Tuesday

12.15pm **Holy Communion**

Thursday

6.30pm **Community Carols** in the churchyard

Next Sunday, 19 December: 4th of Advent

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

10.00am **All-Age Communion and Nativity** (live-streamed)

5.30pm **Quiet Communion** (Church Only)

Please pray for..

Joan Andrews

From the book of remembrance: Sylvia Phillips, Henry Ernest Phillips

John Tilley-Laurence

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

St Andrew's News

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.

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

Chesterton Community Carols will be held in St Andrew's churchyard, **Thursday 16 December** at 6.30pm. Come and sing your favourite carols with members of CSD Brass, followed by Christmas refreshments. Free entry, bucket collection. All proceeds after expenses will go to Wintercomfort.

Monday Coffee Mornings Christmas Gathering will be held on **Monday 20 December** from 10.45 to 12noon. Donations are £1 - come and enjoy tea, coffee and a mince pie. The coffee morning will return on Monday 10 January 2022 at 10.45am.

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.

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.