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## REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP IN CHESTERTON

A group of neighbours and friends living in Chesterton have formed Cambridge's first Community Sponsorship group, **Resettle Chesterton**, and is aiming to welcome a displaced family into the community. Community Sponsorship is a government-backed scheme launched in response to the Syrian crisis in 2016, that allows communities to be directly responsible for resettling a refugee family in their area. So far more than 300 groups have been set up around the country. You can find out more at [www.resetuk.org](http://www.resetuk.org)



To qualify, the group must raise a minimum of £10,500. This money does not replace state support or flights to this country, and it doesn't pay the family's rent, which will be covered by a combination of benefits and a very generous landlord. Every penny raised is used to help the family integrate and settle in over the first two years after arrival on items such as ESOL (English language) lessons, training for volunteers, interpreters, electronic devices to ensure the family is connected, and on furnishing and equipping the house. If you are able, please support the appeal by donating via their fundraising page (see below). Any amount, large or small, is very welcome.

### Could you support the initiative in other ways?

Resettle Chesterton will also need to recruit a pool of volunteers who are prepared to give their time (and have some fun in the process) while the family acclimatises to life in the UK. Volunteers can take part in all sorts of ways, including offering support, training, or English lessons, helping decorate or prepare the house, supporting the family as they learn how shops, healthcare provision and libraries work, and any of myriad other things.

To donate, please visit: [www.justgiving.com/resettle-chesterton](http://www.justgiving.com/resettle-chesterton)

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Regular updates from:  
[www.facebook.com/resettle-chesterton](http://www.facebook.com/resettle-chesterton)



## Chesterton Festival Fun Day 2022 – save the date

We are delighted to announce that the Chesterton Festival Fun Day  
will take place this year on

Chesterton Recreation ground **Saturday 18 June** from 12 noon to 4pm.

We hope to have all the usual attractions and stalls, and there will be a Jubilee theme in  
celebration of Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee.

If you'd like to be involved – helping with the planning or on the day -  
we'd love to hear from you.

Likewise, if you'd like to set up an event linked to the Festival we'd be pleased to hear from you.

The contact for all offers of help or enquiries is  
Rachel Clarke on 01223 306150 or [rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk](mailto:rachel@standrews-hall.co.uk)

*Tree planting in Logan's Meadow - one of Chesterton's local nature reserves.*

Over two weekends in November and December 2021 over 240 trees were planted in our local nature reserve - Logan's Meadow. The Chair of the Friends of Logan's Meadow, Tony Eva said "We were absolutely delighted with the turnout, to see the community, old, young, families, groups such as the local WI come together like this and helping to plant a whole new wood for Cambridge is amazing. People came from Chesterton and from all over Cambridge to participate. Some planted trees in memory of people who'd died, some in the pandemic."

The wild area of Logan's Meadow was designated a local nature reserve in the 1990s. It was extended following a public consultation which was run by the Council with the Friends, but the planned tree planting had to be delayed because of the pandemic.

Tony added, "This will broaden the benefits of the local nature reserve even more and make Logan's Meadow even more biodiversity sustainable. "

Matt McGrath, Cambridge City Council's Arboriculture officer and his colleagues helped by the Friends oversaw the digging, planting and mulching of the new trees. "It has been great to see this working partnership between the Friends of Logan's Meadow and the council come to fruition," he said, "the Friends have worked hard to water the trees and keep them alive during lockdown. "

The planted trees should form a genuinely diverse and naturalised wood.

Margaret Nimmo-Smith, the Friends' Secretary said, "We are planning a second tree planting in the spring and possibly an open community picnic in June to celebrate the Queen's platinum anniversary. There may be another consultation on future plans for the Meadow. "

To find out more Visit <https://logansmeadow.wordpress.com/> or follow our Twitter account: [https://twitter.com/FOLM\\_Cambridge](https://twitter.com/FOLM_Cambridge). If you'd like to join the Friends email [margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com](mailto:margaretnimmosmith@gmail.com)



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**camsight** *Support group for people living with sight loss.*

Local charity Cam Sight run a group at Chesterton Methodist Church on the first Monday of each month, 2 – 4pm.

The friendly group called 'The Monday Club' enjoy a range of different activities, guest speakers, quizzes and light refreshment. Members are kept updated on the newest equipment and support available from Cam Sight and other local and national organisations.

To join or find out more contact Cam Sight Outreach Worker Alex Innes on [alex@camsight.org.uk](mailto:alex@camsight.org.uk) or phone 01223 420033.



**Chesterton**  
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The end of the autumn term was certainly a busy time for all of us at Chesterton Primary School. The Royal Institute visited us for a day packed with Science experiments, demonstrations and excitement on Tuesday 14 December. The day centred on energy, with all of our children and staff joining in at various stages. On Wednesday 15, we enjoyed Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day, before class parties on Friday 17. We were ready for the holidays!!

The new term has been busy with the management of Covid-19 cases but staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the provision for our children is unaffected and our community have supported us with every step. Our children have been able to access the full range of opportunities and experiences, with our Year 4 children starting their swimming lessons at Parkside and our after school clubs underway once again.

We are ever grateful to our team of volunteers, who support in classrooms, on the playground and in our lunch hall. If you would be interested in volunteering for a couple of hours a week, please do get in touch. We are enjoying having members of our community to support the children.

With best wishes from everyone at Chesterton Primary School.  
Richard Martin, Interim Head Teacher.



### *Could you be the volunteer co-ordinator for Cambridge Talking News?*

Cambridge Talking News produces recordings for blind and partially sighted people and is looking for a new co-ordinator to join this voluntary organisation. We have a team of about 30 people in various roles, and we produce and send out an audio version of CTN on USB sticks every week. What we are hoping to find is someone who can organise rotas for the different teams, maintain our client database and respond to requests for new clients or for removals, and monitor the CTN email address. The co-ordinator also helps with the sorting of incoming post, and is responsible for overseeing the organisation of wallets at our base at the Cam Sight offices in Green End Road, Cambridge where equipment is stored. So it is useful for the co-ordinator to be available during the day for at least one day a week.

Cambridge Talking News has a website (<https://www.cambridgetalkingnews.org.uk/>) which gives more information about the working of this organisation. In addition to the weekly news programme we also produce CamMag, an audio magazine for visually impaired people, eight times a year. We have documentation which explains how all aspects of CTN are run. If you think you might be interested in this and would like to know more about the role, then please do contact Sue Richards on 01223 353296.

### *Could you skydive for Rowan?*

Rowan, which provides creative workshops for adults with learning disabilities, is looking for volunteers to take part in a tandem skydive on 30 April.

Adventurous participants will board an aircraft at Peterborough Airfield, climbing to around 13,000 feet. Accompanied by highly experienced instructors, divers will exit the plane and enjoy the thrill of freefall before the parachute opens and they are brought safely to earth while experiencing breath-taking views.

Participants are asked to raise a minimum of £395 through sponsorship. All money 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.

**To find out more about skydiving for Rowan, please contact Rowan on 01223 566027 or email [rose@rowanhumberstone.co.uk](mailto:rose@rowanhumberstone.co.uk)**

### *Full Fibre has arrived in Cambridge: why do I need it & how do I get it?*

For many residents in Cambridge, their network infrastructure simply isn't consistently fast or reliable enough to keep pace with our new digital lives. This is making the transition to working, learning and entertaining from home a frustrating process – indeed, according to YouGov, unreliable internet during the covid period has proved challenging for the third of Brits who experienced worse connectivity than usual.

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## “What’s On”

Please see below for the contact details of venues offering community activities in and around Chesterton.

Brown’s Field Youth & Community Centre 420309 (BF)

Chesterton Methodist Church (CMC), 424428,

[www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)

Hundred Houses Society, 51 Scotland Road 315036 (HHS)

St Andrew’s Church (SAC), [www.standrews-chesterton.org](http://www.standrews-chesterton.org)

St Andrew’s Hall (SAH), 306150, [www.standrews-hall.co.uk](http://www.standrews-hall.co.uk)

St George’s Church (SGC), St George’s Church Hall (SGH)

423374 [admin@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk)

Regular Activities currently taking place in Chesterton

**W** = Weekly, **M** = Monthly

If you would like your activity included in the next edition please email [info@standrews-hall.co.uk](mailto:info@standrews-hall.co.uk) with the details.

### Mondays

9.30 – 10.15 & 10.45 – 11.30am, Little Music Makers (CMC)**W**

10.45am—12noon, Monday Coffee Morning (SAH) **W**

12—2pm, Macular Society Cambridge Support Group (CMC)

**M**, 3rd Monday

2—4pm, CamSight Monday Club (CMC) **M**, 1st Monday

19.30 – 21.30, Chesterton Choral Society (CMC) **W**

### Tuesdays

10am – 12noon, Foodbank Distribution Centre (CMC) **W**

1.20 – 2.30pm U5’s dance classes – Jill Bridger School of Dance (CMC) **W**

2.30pm, Chesterton History Group (SAH) **M** 3rd Tuesdays

7.30pm East Chesterton Women’s Institute (CMC) **M**, 4th Tuesday

### Wednesdays

9.15am Red Hen Project – Wellbeing Wednesdays (Contact Red Hen for details) (CMC) **W**

6.15pm Girls’ Brigade (CMC) **W**

### Thursdays

9.30 – 14.30, Headway Rehab Hub (CMC) **W**

### Fridays

9.30 – 14.30, Headway Rehab Hub (CMC) **W**

### East Chesterton WI

During the lockdown our vibrant, friendly group carried on meeting using Zoom, but now we meet in person, of course observing the current COVID safety procedures such as social distancing, mask wearing and hand cleansing.

We have talks on all sorts of topics from Mental Health to Flower Arranging. We also have a book reading group and are about to launch a walking group. Some of our members planted trees in Logan’s Meadow in November.

We donated presents of toiletries etc to the local food bank at Christmas.

Jenny Egbe, the President said, “If you’d like to know more either contact us through the Cambridge Federation (CFWI) website or just come to one of our meetings. We’d be very glad to welcome you to our meeting.”



## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR PASSIONTIDE & EASTER

### CHESTERTON METHODIST CHURCH GREEN END ROAD

For all Easter service information please visit [www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chestertonmethodist.org.uk)

### ST ANDREW’S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHURCH STREET

Please check the church website ([www.standrews-chesterton.org](http://www.standrews-chesterton.org)) or posters outside church for any changes

#### Passion Sunday, 3 April

5.30pm Passion Service with music & readings

#### Palm Sunday, 10 April

10am Procession of Palms (outside) & Parish Communion

#### Maundy Thursday, 14 April

6pm All-age Last Supper in the Hall, followed by Watch in Church

#### Good Friday 15 April

10.30am All-age Worship Followed by a procession behind the cross to Chesterton Methodist Church

11.30am Outdoor Service (at CMC)  
2pm The Last Hour (Hymns, Readings & Prayers)

#### Easter Eve, 16 April

8pm Lighting of the New Fire & Easter Vigil

#### Easter Day, 17 April

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All-age Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

### ST GEORGE’S & HOPE (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHESTERFIELD ROAD

#### Ash Wednesday, 2 March

7pm Service

#### Maundy Thursday, 14 April

7.30pm Service

#### Easter Day, 17 April

10.30am Joint St George’s and Hope Church Congregations

Crafty Club, Chesterton Working Men’s Club, 2—4pm Every Monday. Contact Sylvia 07546584533 for more information

## News from the Churches

### St Andrew's Church

Nick's farewell service will be on Sunday 27 February at 10am. All are welcome – but Covid necessitates that we will need to have a cap on numbers and so you will need to reserve a place (see [www.standrews-chesterton.org](http://www.standrews-chesterton.org)). The churchwardens, Ian Nimmo-Smith and Maggie Fernie, will have day to day responsibility during the vacancy, but they will have the support of Rachel Clarke and our newly appointed church administrator, Deiniol Jones in the Hall office. All enquiries should be directed to and via them (01223 306150 [admin@standrews-chesterton.org](mailto:admin@standrews-chesterton.org)).

A number of clergy will be leading services including the Reverends Jonathan Collis (who has recently moved into the area) and Megan Daffern (who lives near the church), as well as those already part of our church community: Bishop Graham Kings, Dr Tim Jenkins and the Rev'd Graham Stevenson (chaplain at Fitzwilliam College).

Our pattern of worship continues as before and will include a full programme of services for Holy Week and Easter – when we hope also to re-establish our tradition of shared worship with our friends at other Chesterton churches on Good Friday.

### Chesterton Methodist Church

Following decisions made last summer by The Methodist Church in Britain, local Methodists have agreed that our premises are available for the marriage of any two persons, including same-sex couples. This is a cause for celebration at CMC! Enquiries about weddings in any of our Methodist churches in the city will be welcomed. (Ask us about baptism too).



We are still fund-raising for the proposed social enterprise café, following a careful exploration of significant increases in construction costs.

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

*Ian Murray (Minister)*

### St George's Church and Hope Church Chesterton

St George's Church Sunday worship - 10.30am

Hope Church Chesterton (at the Shirley school on Nuffield Road) - 10.30am for breakfast, family friendly informal service from 11am.

We also have a growing youth and children's work - great opportunities for young people in the area.

**Hope Kids** for KS2 (year 3-6) - Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.45pm (St George's Hall)

**Hope Youth** (years 7-11) - Thursdays 5pm - 7pm - (St George's Church)

All welcome! There is no charge for these groups. DBS checked team. For more info email [info@hopechurchchesterton.org.uk](mailto:info@hopechurchchesterton.org.uk)



The Resident's Association is still holding all its meetings on Zoom for the time being. We were hopeful that we would be further forward in getting things back to normal but sadly this has been delayed again. We are planning to have a community-based Platinum Jubilee celebration for the Queen over the bank holiday in June; plans are still being finalised - please look out for details. We really could do with community opinion on what people would like to happen. This could be a message

through our Facebook page or by attending one of our meetings.

The knitting club now known as the Crafty Club meets every Monday in the working men's club. We are very grateful to them for allowing us to use a room for free. The knitters have done an amazing job of raising money last year for East Anglia's children hospices (EACH) £1,100 and totalling £2,975 since they nominated it as their designated charity

Contact Candy 07484731347 or [hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:hhresidentsassociation@hotmail.com)

## *Minister's Letter*

This will be my last time writing the ministers' letter as I will soon be moving. I have been appointed to be the priest-in-charge of Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Teversham and my last Sunday here will be on 27 February. Unusually we will be living in our own home when we move: we have bought a house in Marleigh, the new development that lies between Fen Ditton and Teversham.

We are doing this partly because we'll need our own house when I retire in 6 -10 years time, but mainly to be part of a new community that will rapidly spread over the current airport and become a huge estate of new housing – and it will be exciting to be there, helping that to happen in a humane and life-enhancing way.

I am really looking forward to this new challenge, probably my final such venture before retirement. But I am certainly not looking forward to leaving Chesterton, where we have been very much at home for those past 14½ years. Not long after our arrival the new bridge across to Riverside was built, opening up connections to the Abbey ward and providing a lovely new way into the city and across to Stourbridge Common.

And now, just before our departure, another new bridge has been opened connecting Fen Road and the Cambridge North Station with Ditton Fields (and my new parishes!). One of the joys of living in Cambridge is its size and interconnectedness; during the recent lockdowns I have loved walking and cycling through our city and its green fringes.

But at the same time one of the things I've have committed to as vicar of St Andrew's has been to cherish our immediate locality and to ensure that Chesterton has its own heart and soul. So it has been a priority of mine to see St Andrew's Hall and Church take a leading role (collaborating with other groups, churches and individuals) in promoting what is sometimes called 'the common good'. We have seen the establishment of the annual Chesterton Festival and this newsletter. Both enterprises have drawn together wonderful local people united in their desire to see Good Things flourishing locally. It has been a joy and privilege to be part of it. – and I will miss it and you, dear people of Chesterton, enormously.

*Revd Nick Moir*

## *From the Registers*

### **Baptisms**

28.11.21 Brody George Albert Taylor (StA)  
 30.01.22 Ava-Leigh Creaser (StA)  
 30.01.22 Eli James Michael Creaser (StA)

### **Funerals**

08.12.21 Frank Michael Craven (StA Crem)  
 15.12.21 Clifford Smith (StA Church then Burial in Newmarket)  
 16.12.21 Brian Pratt (StA Crem then Church)  
 16.12.21 Geoffrey Coulson (StA Church then Crem)  
 20.12.21 Julia Owen (StA Crem then Church)  
 30.12.21 Derek Alfred George Allen (StA Crem)  
 11.01.22 Sylvia Hancock (StA Crem)  
 27.01.22 Cheryl Birse (StA Church then Crem)

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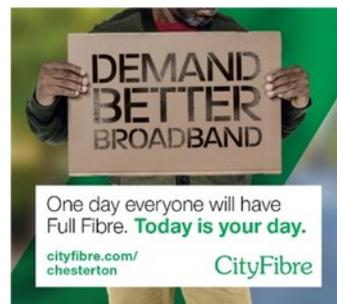
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