



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

*A thriving, open and welcoming church community
for all ages*

www.standrews-chesterton.org

Weekly news update, 11 March 2022

Vigil for Ukraine - Prayers for Peace

This Sunday evening 13 March, there will be an hour's vigil to remember all those affected by the war in Ukraine and to pray for peace. This will follow Evening Prayer, beginning at 6.30 pm. It will be a time of silent reflection and prayer, with a short time of led prayers at 6.30 and 7.00 pm. There will be prayer resources provided for times of silent prayer and opportunity to light a candle of remembrance. Please come for as long as you wish.

Beginning on the 16th, we will hold a weekly hour of prayer every Wednesday from 5.00 to 6.00 pm. Please drop in for as long as you wish.

There will be prayer resources available in the south aisle for all other times when the church is open.

An Update on Covid Policy

Last Sunday Ian Nimmo-Smith asked for comments from the 10am congregation about our Covid precautions which have been relaxed nationally and legally but which still can cause concern and anxiety for those in church or those wishing to return to church in person, so the PCC wishes to provide clarity.

At the PCC meeting on Monday 7 March it was decided to maintain the status quo at present of continuing to encourage mask wearing and to take other hygiene precautions in the hope of giving reassurance to all, including our clergy visitors.

If you would like to make your views known please speak to the churchwardens or email via pccsecretary@standrews-chesterton.org as we will review our policy again at the next meeting, Wednesday, 30 March.

Photos in the Parish Profile

We are putting together our Parish Profile, which is a document that details information about our church and Parish for prospective new vicars. It will be sent to applicants for the post, and will be posted publicly to the church website. We have included some photos of church life in this document, drawn from past APCM photos and other stores of photos we have from over the years; some of these photos include people - for example, photos of Hall events, youth group events, choirs or services. No one in these photos is named in the Profile. **If you would not like yourself, or your**

children, to appear in any photographs in this document, please email Hannah Fytche by the end of Sunday (13 March).

Pastoral Care

There is a group of clergy connected with the church who are taking services during the vacancy. They are also available for pastoral care, if needed. Please contact, in the first instance, the church office via Rachel rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org or Dan at deiniol.jones@standrews-chesterton.org

The latest edition of the **Chesterton Chimes** for February/March can be found [here](#).

This Sunday 13 March, 2nd of Lent

8.00am [Holy Communion](#) (BCP; live-streamed and in church)

10.00am [Sung Eucharist](#) (live-streamed and in church)

You can download an order of service to [print](#) or to [view](#) on screen.

5.30pm Evening Prayer (church only)

Monday to Friday

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10.30am Bible Study Group (Hall) Continuing the study of Mark's Gospel. We will be meeting weekly during March. New members welcome. N.B. There is no 12.15pm Communion Service this week.

7.30pm Lent group - 'Exploring God's mercy' (Hall, Room 3)

Next Sunday 20 March, 3rd of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP; live-streamed and in church)

10.00am All Age Communion (live-streamed and in church)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (church only)

Please pray for...

From the book of remembrance: May Benstead

St Andrew's News

Minims Singing Group

Minims are meeting again this Sunday. They will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm in the church. This is the singing group for younger children. Parents stay for the session and younger siblings are welcome. If you know any families with children aged roughly 4-8, please feel free to invite them and put them in touch with Lizzie. lizzie.h.thomas@gmail.com.

Churchyard Working Party

19 March, the third Saturday morning of the month, will be our Churchyard Working Party. There is plenty to be done, as always, so do come for what time you can spare between 9.30 and 12.30,

armed with secateurs, pruning saws (if you have them) and gloves. Wellies or waterproof shoes are important too. Storm Eunice defeated our plans last month. Here's hoping for better weather on the 19th!

Morning Prayer: online only Monday 14 - Wednesday 16. (We'll be back in-person and online from Thursday 17!)

Living in Love and Faith responses

For Lent 2021 we used the Living in Love and Faith materials as a way of exploring the issues of identity, relationships and sexuality which reflect our wider society's grapple with these issues but which we, as the Church, may have a variety of experiences or views about. Recently Nick explained to PCC that this issue is coming back to General Synod in February 2023 and so this important conversation continues. If, like me, you have not got round to responding to the resources the deadline for initial responses is approaching (**30th April**) and the Archdeacon of Cambridge, now an advocate for Living in Love and Faith in the diocese, asks us "do visit the website and share your insights, which may be individual or corporate" at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/living-love-and-faith-respond> where you can use the online questionnaire, download a PDF or Word copy or respond creatively to the materials we explored together. If you haven't seen this material it's worth exploring these at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

Other News

The Faraday Institute has a range of upcoming events:

You are warmly invited to join us online on Thursday 17 March at 7pm for a special event to celebrate British Science Week and the launch of two new books '101 Great Big Questions About God and Science' and 'God Made the Dinosaurs' from The Faraday Institute's Youth and Schools Programme in association with SPCK and Lion Hudson. Register at:

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/101-great-big-questions-online-book-launch/>

As part of the Cambridge Festival, we will be holding a discussion of the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and the Christian faith between Prof. John Wyatt and Mr Graham Budd entitled 'The Robot Will See You Now'

March 31 at 1pm, online and in person in Cambridge. Register at faraday.institute/robotwillseeyounow

Our Research Seminar series continues next term at 1pm on Tuesdays from 26 April both online and in person: For more details see faraday.institute/seminars

We will be holding our annual Summer Course 3-8 July both online and in Cambridge. The theme is Science and Faith Perspectives on the Art of Being Human. Speakers from round the world will bring together insights from science, philosophy and theology on a broad range of topics including artificial intelligence, cosmology, medicine and physics, and touching on themes of beauty, freedom, suffering and truth. For more details see faraday.institute/summer2022

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, Annual Conference.
Wolfson College, Cambridge on Saturday 2 April, 9.30am - 3.30pm

This year's speakers are:

Dr Jasmine Allen is Curator of the Stained Glass Museum, a national collection of stained glass and centre of knowledge and expertise, located in Ely Cathedral.

"A man who looks on glass..." "windows from Saxon times to the twenty-first century"

Dr Kirstin Kennedy is Curator of Metalwork at the Victoria and Albert Museum, with particular responsibility for Renaissance and Baroque silverware.

"Candlelight and its accessories"

Bruce Kirk is Director of Light Perceptions Ltd, who design and create lighting schemes for historic buildings including major churches and cathedrals.

"From gas and gasoliers to incandescent lamps, and sodium floodlighting to LED light sources"

Sarah Khan is a conservation architect with Roger Mears Architects and is included in several diocesan lists of quinquennial inspecting architects.

"Keeping warm in church – from the Middle Ages to the present day".

Thanks to our new website we can now accept online bookings.

Book on-line by 25 March at www.camhct.uk

For further information/help please phone 01353-778129

An Eco Church in Cambridge

Just Love Cambridge has formed an Eco Church working group to encourage churches to pursue the Eco Church award. They want to invite Christians from around the city and wider Cambridgeshire to an Eco Church Festival on Saturday 30th April about 2-9pm, probably at St Andrew's Baptist Church. Talks, stalls, music, art & craft are planned. Contact Elianna Proud eep34@cam.ac.uk

For further information see <http://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

Resettle Chesterton - giving a displaced family a home in Chesterton

We are very excited to part of Cambridge's first Community Sponsorship group, **Resettle Chesterton**. We are a group of friends and neighbours in the Hurst Park area who have decided to try to do something practical and meaningful about the refugee crisis.

We have come together to be able to resettle a displaced family in our community, through **Community Sponsorship**, which is a government-backed scheme. Once the family have arrived, we will be providing help and support over their first couple of years, to help the family integrate and make a new life here.

Thanks to the generosity of a former neighbour, we have been offered a house that will be able to accommodate the family here. However we need to raise funds to furnish and equip the house, and provide resources such as English lessons, driving lessons etc.

Our initial fundraising target is £10,500, and we are aiming to raise £3,000 of that by 1 March, which will enable us to get started on the application progress with the Home Office. You can find out more about the scheme and, if you would like to help us reach our target, you can **make a donation on our JustGiving** page [here](#) .

If you are a facebook user and would like to follow our progress, you can do so on our **facebook** page [here](#). 'Liking' our Facebook page will help this project to get noticed more.

Around 350 families have so far been resettled in this way around the UK. You can find out more about Community Sponsorship [here](#) . Our Lead Sponsor is the organisation **Citizens UK** (<https://www.sponsorrefugees.org/>) which has lots of experience in supporting groups through each step of the sponsorship process.

If you would like to get involved in some way, please email resettle.chesterton@gmail.com.

For all queries or contributions relating to the weekly news please contact Dan directly via admin@standrews-chesterton.org