



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly news update, 27 May 2022

Break-in at the Church

There was a break-in at St Andrew's Church on Tuesday night. Windows and doors have been damaged as the perpetrators tried to get in. Sadly part of the fine painted glass window by the south door has been broken. Specialist firms are being contacted to repair windows, joinery and locks. The police are linking the incident to a house burglary the same night and think they may even have identified a known suspect. The building has been made secure and will be opening over the weekend just for planned services. We plan to return to daily opening from Monday. Besides the scale of the mess and damage, actual losses are very few. It leaves us feeling very shocked and angry at the pointless damage.

Christian Aid Big Breakfast and Appeal

We are very grateful to all our customers and supporters for donations to the fundraising Christian Aid Breakfast last Friday. It was not a huge crowd but it was a very good to welcome new guests as well as regulars and to enjoy one another's company. We have received £191 so far. We are especially appreciative of the help given by Jean and Rachel.

The general appeal has brought in an impressive £1040 so far. There is still a chance to make a contribution either in cash using the envelopes in church or online via St Andrew's e-envelope: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-andrew-chesterton>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A very convivial Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) took place on Sunday 15th May when Ian Nimmo Smith and Maggie Fernie were re-elected as churchwardens and were thanked for their extraordinary service at this time of interregnum, apart from the support they gave us and Nick throughout the pandemic, as well as in normal times. Nick's work throughout 2021 and the many years before that, was also acknowledged and the support of Ros and the family. Deborah Bick, Amber Grantham and Mark Lawson were elected to the vacancies in the Parochial Church Council (PCC). We had an update on the appointment of a new Vicar from Maggie and a discussion about our Covid policy led by Ian. Michael Grande, our Treasurer, reported on the state of our finances, reporting a slight surplus last year so we look to the next year with optimism, aware of the challenges being faced in terms of costs at the moment.

Deanery Synod representative vacancy

We did not have a candidate to stand as a Cambridge North Deanery Synod representative (who would then be an ex officio member of St Andrews PCC). Deanery Synod is usually up to 3 meetings a year and PCC meetings about 6 - 8 per year. This position remains open so

if you would like to offer to stand, please speak to either the clergy, Churchwardens or PCC Secretary for more details. Patricia Abrey is the second Deanery Synod representative, elected previously. It would be good to appoint our full complement so please think about whether this is a way you could serve. Thank you.

Tech live streaming support needed

David Bick with a great deal of help from Sarah Bick, got our services online in 2020, which we all appreciated so much, and developed a team of "Zoom backroom techies". Since church has reopened a number of people have worked very hard to keep the services livestreamed, not least Nick, to support those who feel unable to attend in person or are unable to, and from March this year a number of volunteers have been trained to set up and run the livestreaming equipment at both the 8am and 10am services. For both services there are gaps in coverage to fill, especially approaching the holiday season and one volunteer moving away. It means a commitment before and after a service, once a month and use of a smartphone on an app. If you could help with this please email david.bick@standrews-chesterton.org who would be delighted to hear from you or speak to the person who runs it at any service to get an idea of how it works. Full training is provided and the equipment is not daunting. Just the wi-fi cannot be guaranteed!

Sunday 29th May, The Seventh Sunday After Easter

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

10.00am Family Service ([live-streamed](#) and in church) followed by Short Communion. An order of service can be [viewed](#) and [printed](#) here. Copies of the order of service will be available in the church.

5.30pm Evening Prayer (church only)

Monday to Friday

[Morning Prayer](#) at 8:30am. (Live streamed and in church).

Sunday 5th June, Pentecost and Baptism

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

10.00am All Age Communion plus Baptism (live streamed and in church).

5.30pm Quiet Communion (church only)

Please pray for...

Joan Andrews and Christopher, who has asked for a prayer for heart, health and strength.

Recently Departed - Tom Brown

From the book of remembrance: Maud Carre, Mary Patricia Woodall, Frederick Charles Norris.

St Andrew's News

The latest edition of The Chesterton Chimes can be read [here](#).

Sunday 29th May. 6.30pm. The Friends of St Andrew's AGM. Followed by refreshments and a Piano Recital by Marion Caldwell.

The Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Thursday 14th July, at 8 pm, at the home of Ewa Allen (42 Hawthorn Way, Tel. 367351). We will be discussing *Gilead*, a novel by Marilynne Robinson. It's a fictional autobiography of the Reverend John Ames, an elderly, white Congregationalist pastor in the small, secluded town of Gilead, Iowa (also fictional), who knows that he is dying of a heart condition. It won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. New and occasional members are most welcome.

Friends of St Andrews – last call on plants for sale

Patricia Abrey has some Sugarbelle cherry tomato plants in flower for sale and a number of Chilli de Cayenne plants too for the bargain price of £1 per plant. Email me for collection details. patriciaabrey@ntlworld.com Thank you.

You are warmly invited to a Community Ceilidh at Chesterton Community College on Friday 10th June, 7–10 pm, in aid of the Resettle Chesterton refugee resettlement project. Live music will be provided by the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band. Do come along with friends and family for what promises to be a wonderful event! Buy tickets in advance via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/2p94yr99>.

Vigil for Ukraine - Prayers for Peace

The weekly hour of prayer for Ukraine continues 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

There will be another review at the PCC meeting on Thursday 9th June. Please feel free to continue to give us your feedback on this matter. Send comments to *Ian Nimmo Smith and Maggie Fernie, Churchwardens* or forward them via the office.

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

Other News

Heritage and Church Buildings

The Diocese has circulated a newsletter which is concerned with matters relating to Church buildings and heritage. It is aimed primarily at Churchwardens, PCC Members, Fabric Officers, Fundraisers, Friends Groups etc and is produced by staff in the Church Buildings Team.

The most recent copy of the newsletter can be found at the bottom of this webpage: <https://www.elydiocese.org/parish-support/church-buildings/>

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