



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 15 July 2022

At the recent meeting of the Church Finance Committee our usually upbeat treasurer reported on the position midway through the year with less of a smile than usual. Not surprisingly many costs have headed up, but worryingly income, mostly voluntary personal donations, is down. As things stand we are facing a deficit of £10,000 or more by the end of the year; we had budgeted for a deficit of £3,000!

We plan a few steps to improve on the post pandemic decline in donations at services: more prominence for the cash collection plate at the back of the church at the weekly 10am service; more reliability from the contactless card-reader machine for giving by card.

Some previous regular givers have moved away further reducing the core of our income. If you are new to St Andrew's and haven't yet arranged a standing order or a direct debit mandate via Parish Giving then contact [Michael Grande](#) or [Simon Peyton Jones](#). There are details of the many ways to give including the Parish Giving Scheme [here](#). One-off donations can also be made anytime using the 'Donate' button on the church website.

It would be wonderful to restore Michael's smile! With greater certainty in our finances we can undertake more initiatives towards our agreed objectives, and contribute to building the Kingdom at St Andrew's Chesterton.

Ian Nimmo-Smith, Churchwarden

It's the Churchyard **Working Party** this coming Saturday morning, **16 July**. They say it will be HOT! So we will finish by 11.00am and the plan is to work in the shade, around the edges of the churchyard. The City Council now leave quite a margin uncut but this means that graves we had uncovered are retreating into the undergrowth again. So it would be good to neaten around those graves, while leaving as much as possible to grow long. I will try to be there as near to 9.00am as possible, bringing cold drinks with me.' Maggie Fernie, Churchwarden

Cambridge Chamber Music presents 'Music in an Age of Elegance' Saturday 16 July, 7.30 - 9.30pm. For more details or to pre book a ticket contact Michael George 07564418260, littlebearmichael@gmail.com or David Galbraith 07776486484, david@galbraithwoods.co.uk. Free entry with a retiring collection.

The next meeting of the **Umbrella Group** will be on Thursday **21 July**, 2.30pm at 55 St Andrews Road. All welcome, please come and join us.

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

This Sunday 17 July, 5th after Trinity

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

[10.00am All-age Communion](#) (live-streamed and in church)

5.30pm No Service

Monday 18 to Friday 22 July

[Morning Prayer](#) at 8:30am. This will be on-line only.

Tuesday – 10.30am Bible Study Group in the annexe.

Next Sunday 24 July - Vassa Day, 6th after Trinity

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

10.00am Family Service followed by a short communion (live-streamed and in church)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (church only)

Please pray for...

From the book of remembrance: Kenneth Ernest Willoughby and his wife Ivy Irene Willoughby

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Coffee Volunteers Needed - The social coffee time after Sunday service is valued by many. We'd like to go back to having it every week starting in September, but we'll need more volunteers. Might you be willing to help? If you're not confident, we can match you up to assist someone who is. To sign up or ask questions, get in touch with Emily at emily.winslow.stark@gmail.com Thank you!

The Bible Study Group is having a summer break after the 19 July meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday 6 September. New members always very welcome.

The Book Club. The next meeting has been rescheduled, and will next meet on Thursday 15 September, 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.

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.

Covid Cases - There have been one or two positive covid cases within our congregation and we would like to remind people to please take a test or not attend Church if you are displaying any Covid symptoms. The current list of symptoms to look out for can be found [here](#)

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

Other News

A request for accommodation

The young family of an Ordinand is looking for accommodation in Cambridge, prior to starting at Ridley Hall. They are looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom house for about £1,500. If you know of anything available then let the office know and they can pass on details.

Free festival tickets

Greenbelt festival is looking for volunteers (aged 16+) to help in various roles, in return for which you get a free ticket to the festival, as well as a (genuinely) fun and rewarding experience volunteering.

- What's Greenbelt? A Christian music and arts festival, with a wide mix of music, talks, worship, creative sessions, and all the things you'd expect of a festival. It's held at Boughton House near Kettering. It has an open and inclusive ethos - you won't be told that you can only be a proper Christian if you fit into a particular mould - and it attracts an all age crowd of around 15,000 each year.
- What's volunteering like? There are lots of different roles on offer, including stewarding, children's work, vibing (decorating) the site, and loads more. Volunteers generally do 6-7 hours a day (often in two shifts), with the rest of the day free to enjoy the festival. In most roles, you'd be part of a small-ish team (perhaps within a larger team), who you'd get to know well over the weekend.
- When? August bank holiday weekend - volunteers generally need to be available from Thursday 25th August to the end of the day on Monday 29th (though most people prefer to stay till the morning of Tuesday 30th).

Interested? If you'd like to talk to someone who's been volunteering at the festival for a while, Giles (gilesfleming@gmail.com) would be happy to give you the inside story. Or visit <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/volunteer/>

From now on please send any queries or contributions relating to the weekly news directly to Rachel via admin@standrews-chesterton.org