



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly News Update, 12 August 2022

Churchwardens Update - We are pleased to say that Ian is now home from hospital after the operation on his knee and we wish him well as he continues his recovery. After an extremely busy week (more information about that is below) Maggie will be taking a much earned break next week from Monday 15 to Friday 19 August. During this time please direct ALL Church matters to me in the first instance on rachel.clarke@standrews-chesterton.org. Alternatively, if it is urgent you can call me 07545 276226 at any time.

Church Vandalism - Sometime between 5pm and 6pm on Friday, 5 August, someone caused a lot of damage to cars and windows along Church Street, the new pavilion on the rec. and our church, breaking the glass of the electric doors, another of the porch windows and some of the glass in the stained glass windows at the back of the south aisle and by the Children's Corner. That person was arrested by the Police on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, a Scenes of Crime officer and an officer from Parkside Police Station came to church. Evidence was collected and statements were taken. Rachel, who came to church, never mind that it was Saturday morning, contacted our insurance company and arranged for people to come and make everything safe and then she, with Sue Lacey, Maggie and Chris Fernie, cleared up, carefully saving pieces of stained glass that will help in the repair of those windows.

In the afternoon, the windows were made safe, and at the 10am service last Sunday there was incense and extra candles and both the building and the congregation were blessed with water sprinkled with a bunch of rosemary, which was healing and restoring!

The church has been locked during this last week while this latest lot of damage has been viewed and assessed by our architect and craftsmen from the firm of Valiant. Rachel also met with a representative of the Insurance Company and asked them about the advisability of opening the church again. Unfortunately the recommendation is that we wait until the electric doors have been properly fixed and work will begin on these next week.

The SumUp machine has also been damaged. We are currently working to get this fixed but it may not be ready in time for the collection this week.

Maggie Fernie, Churchwarden

Sunday 14 August - Please join us for a service of **Morning Prayer at 10am**, and then a '**Bring and Share Brunch**' immediately after the service which due to the heat will now be held in the Main Hall and Hall garden. We're looking forward to this great opportunity to share each other's company at this quieter time in the church calendar.

There will be a **Churchyard Working Party** on **Saturday, 20 August**. Even though everything looks parched and brown, there is still lots of tidying up to be done and a family called Tyrell have asked for their memorial to be made more easily accessible on the Longworth Avenue edge of the churchyard where we started a big clearance last year about this time. It would be good to carry on with that. 9.30 until 12.30 - as ever.

The funeral service for **Michael Bond** will be held in the Church at 10.30am on Monday 22 August. You are then warmly invited to St Andrew's Hall for refreshments.

The **Monday Coffee Morning** will not take place on 22 August (Michael's funeral) or 29 August which is the Bank Holiday Monday. We will begin again on Monday 5 September, 10.45am - 12noon.

The new edition of **The Chesterton Chimes** is now available and can be read [here](#).

This Sunday 14 August, 9th after Trinity

[10.00am Morning Prayer](#) followed by a Bring and Share Brunch (live-streamed and in church)

Monday 8 to Friday 12 August

Morning Prayer at 8:30am. This will restart in September.

Next Sunday 21 August, 10th after Trinity

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

10.00am Family Service followed by Short Communion (live-streamed and in church)

Please pray for...

From the book of remembrance: Maudie Virtue Mitchell, John and Betty Mary Fitzgibbon

RIP: Michael Bond

St Andrew's News

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!

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.

Other News

Come Along and Cook! Holiday lunches@Arbury Road Baptist Church.

Friday's 12, 19 and 26 August. 11am Cook together, 12pm Eat together and 11am to 1.30pm Be together, toys, games and chat. All are welcome and for more information see www.facebook.com/arburyroadbaptist, kimberley@arburyroadbaptist.org or call 07594246662

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