

The Church in Warden Hill



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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

**THE GRAPEVINE 24th JANUARY 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

LIVE STREAMING

The following Sunday services will be live-streamed from one of our church buildings over the coming weeks:

24 th Jan – 8am	BCP Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Revd Gary
24 th Jan – 10am	Morning Worship	Emmanuel	Revd Nick
31 st Jan – 10am	Holy Communion*	St. Stephen's	Revd Peter
7th Feb – 10am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Bishop Robert
14th Feb – 10am	Holy Communion	St. Christopher's	Revd Nick
17th Feb – 10.30am	Ash Wed Communion	St. Peter's	Revd Gary
21st Feb – 10am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Revd John
28th Feb – 8am	BCP Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Revd Gary
28th Feb – 10am	Morning Worship	Emmanuel	Revd Nick

* The service on 31st Jan at St. Stephen's will mark Candlemas and be Peter Quinnell's final service before his retirement.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

The readings or Morning Prayer are taken, and other resources, are available as a hard copy, download, or as an app from: www.chpublishing.co.uk.

LENT COURSE

The South Cheltenham Team will be running a 5 week Lent course on the 'Message of the Parables' based on Paula Gooder's book 'The Parables' (no need to buy the book) beginning on Wed 24th Feb via Zoom at 7.30pm. Please email info@pipandjims.org.uk if you intend to attend, although not essential.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It is the time of year when we empty the collecting boxes for the Children's Society and send the money to them to carry on with their amazing work for the children at risk in the UK. Would box holders please empty and count the contents of their box, bag it and either bring it to me at 8 Lincoln Avenue or take it to church on a Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 4 pm when I will pick it up. Many thanks. Margaret.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to: grapevine@tcivh.org.uk by midday on Wednesday or call Brian Miles on 01242 862142.

Website: www.tciwh.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

The Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Live Streams This Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion from St Peter's led by Revd Gary Grady with Dereck Freeman preaching.

10am Morning Worship from Emmanuel led by Revd Nick Davies with Hanna Stürcken preaching.

Both available here:

www.facebook.com/pipandjims or www.stpetersleck.org

Daily Devotional Readings

Morning Prayer will continue to be live-streamed at 9am during the week from:

www.facebook.com/pipandjims or www.stpetersleck.org

Monday

Psalm 66
Ezekiel 3.22-end
Philippians 3.1-14

Wednesday

Psalm 46
Hosea 5.1-7
1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1

Friday

Psalm 65
Hosea 6.7-7.2
1 Corinthians 11.17-end

Tuesday

Psalm 36
Hosea 4.1-16
1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Thursday

Psalm 47
Hosea 5.8-6.6
1 Corinthians 11.2-16

Saturday

Psalm 68
Hosea 8
1 Corinthians 12.1-11

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A MESSAGE FROM REVD. IAIN MCLAREN

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your warm welcome to Cheltenham. My dining room table is currently laden with cards from well-wishers. Thank you too to all who attended my virtual induction service via Zoom. I apologise that current circumstances mean I am not able to see more of you in person, but that time will come. In the meantime, I am getting to know my way around my immediate neighborhood in Up Hatherley and Warden Hill. I look forward to getting to know the rest of Cheltenham in due course.

My previous pastorate, where I served for over ten years, was a trinity of churches in south London. In some ways it was similar to Cheltenham URC: a larger URC, a smaller URC and a Local Ecumenical Partnership with the Church of England. The context however was very different. From the upper story of my manse in East Dulwich I could see the top of The Shard. From the upper floor of my manse here I can see open countryside. I look forward to learning more about the similarities and differences between the two pastorates during my time with you.

A shared experience for Christians throughout the UK this past year has been worship during lockdown. It has been unsettling for many people to be barred from attending worship in their familiar places of worship. However, this is not unprecedented. One of my London churches was struck by a bomb in 1940 and rendered unusable for the remainder of the war. However, the congregation was able to continue worshipping thanks to the hospitality offered by a nearby Church of Scotland. Whenever anyone from that church expressed the fear that a large repair bill might force the church to close, I would remind them of that story.

Lockdown has taught us that churches are first and foremost communities of people, and only secondly buildings. I would like to congratulate you all on keeping church life going during the pandemic. We have relearned the importance of good pastoral care. We have found ways to show love for our neighbors through practical actions to help people in need.

At the end of the Book of Genesis, Joseph says to his brothers: "Even though you intended to harm me, God intended it for good" (Genesis 50: 20). Christians are people of hope and so my prayer is that, as we come out of lockdown and enter the 'new normal', we might discern how God can yet bring good out of the harm of the past year.

Yours in Christ,
Iain

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PLEASE PRAY FOR our NHS at this stressful time; those involved in the 'Covid jab' rollout, giving thanks for them and for the scientists who developed the vaccines.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR all who are sick in body, mind or spirit; those who have died, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR those affected by the current weather-related problems of flooding/snow.

R.I.P. Geraldine Westerman, wife of Duncan our organist, died on 13th January.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

24th	Prayer & House Groups	28th	Little Shepherds
25th	Faithful House & Care Homes	29th	Emergency Services
26th	Persecuted Christians	30th	Open the Book
27th	Ecumenical Council & PCC	31st	Homeless & Unemployed

ALL SERVICES/SERVICE SHEETS are available via www.stpetersleck.org or www.pipandjims.org.uk/online.

LANTERN Alison Neale is beginning to think about the February Lantern. It will again be published on line and probably be a combined February/March edition. Please send any articles, pretty pictures, something to cheer us all up, thoughts etc. by Sunday 24th January.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate together:

If you have a birthday this week—have a happy day.

Please let me know of any future birthdays that we can celebrate together.

Brian Miles.

INDUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS if anyone managed to capture any photos of Iain's induction last Saturday and are willing to share them, I would appreciate receiving them by email. Thank you

Brian Miles