

# The Church in Warden Hill



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(Anglican & URC)



## OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Christopher's is open to visit for prayer on a **Wednesday** from 2-4pm. A max. of 6 persons are allowed in at any one time and there is 2m social distancing. Thank you to all who have stewarded thus far and to all who have visited since reopening.

**EXPLORE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP** with God and his care for us shown in both the Old and New Testaments in the new edition of *New Daylight*. There are some helpful observations on the holy habit of Worship and advice on growing older, something which happens to us all. Copies available on the table in the Entrance Room; £4.75 for four months, to Margaret Meads please, with thanks to Duncan for the ordering process.

## FROM THE AGM

We are looking for a person to take the minutes of our various meetings - could you be this person? Speak to Richard Neale if you are interested or would like to know what is involved.

**CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION** The Red Bucket will be out on 9th and 16th May for donations.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF PCC MEETINGS** two dates for your diary, Sunday 20th June and Monday evening 12th July.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Tamsyn Jenkins has decided to fund raise for Christian Aid, if you would like to support her, You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tamsjenkins?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=tamsjenkins&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=994f5676eebb4d0bbb787992b59fdfe5](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tamsjenkins?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=tamsjenkins&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=994f5676eebb4d0bbb787992b59fdfe5).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Christian Aid, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady or Revd Iain McLaren  
If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.  
Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher  
If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to  
Brian Miles ([grapevine@tciwh.org.uk](mailto:grapevine@tciwh.org.uk) Tel 862142) by midday on Wednesday.  
Church website: [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk)

# Welcome

## THE GRAPEVINE 9th MAY 2021 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion will be held at St. Christopher's at 10.30am  
and will be led by Revd Iain McLaren

Readings: John 15: 9-17  
1 John 5: 1-6

Hymns: Rejoice & Sing.  
135 'Joy to the world, the Lord is come!'  
610 'Beloved, let us love: for love is of God'  
648 'Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love'  
260 'Christ is alive! Let Christians sing'

### The Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Morning Prayer

TEAM MORNING PRAYER 9am DAILY

Morning Prayer will be held at St. Christopher's on a Tuesday and at St. Peter's on a Thursday, and can be attended in person. Daily Morning prayer will be livestreamed via [www.facebook.com/pipandjims](https://www.facebook.com/pipandjims) or [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org)

### Services for May

9th	10.30am	URC Communion	Revd Iain McLaren
16th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Tamsyn Jenkins
23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Gary Grady
30th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rachel Tarling

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## LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR 9TH MAY 2021

The end of May and beginning of June marks the transition from spring to summer. According to the Met Office, summer begins on 1<sup>st</sup> June. In the secular calendar the last Monday of May is the Late Spring Bank Holiday. In 2021 this happens to fall on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Prior to 1971 this public holiday used to fall on the Monday after Pentecost and was known as the Whitsun Bank Holiday (Whitsun being another name for Pentecost Sunday). This is a movable feast. Pentecost this year falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, but last year it was on 31<sup>st</sup> May and next year it will be on 5<sup>th</sup> June. In church calendars the Sundays after Pentecost are known as 'Ordinary Time' and so the Church enters a new liturgical season around the same time as we begin a new meteorological season.

May and June this year also mark a transition of a different sort. Significant dates in the roadmap out of our coronavirus lockdown are 17<sup>th</sup> May, when indoor mixing will be permitted subject to the 'rule of six', and 21<sup>st</sup> June, when it is hoped all remaining restrictions on social contact may be lifted. This is possible because of the amazing success of the vaccine roll-out in this country, which has led to a dramatic decrease in covid-related deaths and hospital admissions.

If we look across the world, however, we see the covid pandemic is far from over. The covid death rate is continuing to rise in such countries as India and Brazil. These countries lack the resources either to implement a large-scale vaccination programme or to treat all those requiring hospital treatment and so it is right that the British government has announced its intention of sending 1,000 ventilators to India.

The United Reformed Church has partnered with Christian Aid to help people in developing countries to protect themselves against covid. Once we have received our own vaccinations we are encouraged to show our gratitude by making a donation to the joint URC / Christian Aid appeal at <https://giving.tapsimple.org/page/christian-aid/united-reformed-church-supporting-a-just-vaccine-rollout>

Let us pray for Ordinary Time this year to be a 'Return to Normal' time, not just here in the UK, but also throughout the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Iain

## SUNDAY LIVE STREAMS

The South Cheltenham Team will continue to live stream a service each Sunday from one of the churches; this can be accessed via [www.facebook.com/pipandjims](http://www.facebook.com/pipandjims) or [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org) if not on social media.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** those of our families, friends and local community who are sick in body, mind or spirit; those who have died, and those who mourn their loss.

**GIVE THANKS FOR** St. Philip & St. James Church as they re-open for worship today after their re-ordering

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR** those elected to our local and county councils

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

9th	Youth Worker	13th	Brizen Centre Users
10th	Messy Church	14th	Readers Pam, Roy & Rachel
11th	All with mental health problems	15th	The Bereaved
12th	Play Group	16th	Church Wardens & Elders

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS** let's celebrate the birthday of Jackie Bryant on the 13th.

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

**Brian Miles.**

## TRACK AND TRACE SLIPS

It is of great help if you bring in slips of paper with your name and phone number on each Sunday and place them in the box provided. There is also a QR code which you can scan using the mobile phone app.

## SOUTH CHELTENHAM TEAM ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Pip and Jim's will host a 7:30am Ascension Day service on Thursday 13th May. It should be an ideal opportunity for people from across the team to visit their newly reordered church. In order to ensure we maintain the COVID capacity of the space, they are taking bookings for the service via Eventbrite. Please use the link below to book your place. The booking is set to open at 9am on 3 May 2021 and close on 11 May 2021 at 12 noon.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ascension-day-13-may-2021-tickets-152663870747> or telephone 522658

## LEP REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Please use the following link to feedback on our partnership: <https://forms.gle/t95SBDJjwuJ21GUW6> by **Monday 17th May**.

Paper copies of the questionnaire are available at the back of St Christopher's. Please be open and honest as this will help to shape the future of the LEP. All responses are confidential.