

The Church in Warden Hill

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.

YEMEN UPDATE

Can life get any worse for the people of Yemen? Torrential rains have caused flash flooding in Yemen, affecting thousands of families and destroying homes. Local authorities are in the process of moving camps for people who have been displaced by the conflict to higher ground. Please pray for protection against deadly waterborne diseases such as cholera, and ask God for the floodwaters to recede, and to bring an end to the six-year conflict.

ECC MATTERS Richard Neale has reluctantly volunteered to continue as Minutes Secretary until December 2021. There are still vacancies for anyone wishing to join ECC and for the role of Youth Project Representative.

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. 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. OR you can put your donation in the Red Bucket today.

LANTERN - ALISON NEALE writes 'Dear Contributors, I am starting to think about the June Magazine. The final deadline will be Friday 21st May but please send any items as soon as possible. I look forward to receiving pictures as we will be producing the magazine in **colour.**'

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 Tel 862142) by midday on Wednesday.
Church website: www.tciwh.org.uk



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(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



THE GRAPEVINE 16th MAY 2021 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Morning Worship will be held at St. Christopher's at 10.30am and will be led by Tamsyn Jenkins

Readings: Acts 1: 15-17 21-26
John 17: 6-19

Hymns:

104 - Christ Triumphant (Guiting Power) Omitting verse 2
Gospel Hymn - 35 - A New Commandment I give to you
Offertory Hymn - 332 - I, the Lord of Sea & Sky
Final Hymn - 766 - You shall go out with Joy.

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, 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 or www.stpetersleck.org

Services for May

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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*[Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor."*

Luke 4: 17-18

One of the reasons Jews of the first century failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah was because this descendant of King David was not born in a royal palace (as the Magi had expected). Instead, he was born in a stable, into the family of a carpenter. His associates were not princes, but fishermen. His ministry was mainly conducted amongst rural, countryfolk in the villages and small towns of Galilee and Judea, showing a particular concern for social outcasts and the marginalized: lepers, people with disabilities, widows and other unmarried women. In this sense, his ministry was 'good news to the poor'. There is an implicit bias here. To borrow a phrase from Liberation theology, the Gospel implies 'a preferential option for the poor'. Christian Aid Week is an annual occasion for relatively wealthy (by global standards) Christians in this country to share their good fortune with poorer communities in the global South. These days climate change has made us very aware of the extent to which our fate is tied up with the fate of people elsewhere in the world. It has been observed that the worst effects of climate change are being experienced by people who have contributed least to creating climate change. The transfer of resources between developed and developing nations has become a matter of climate justice and the educational materials produced by Christian Aid reflect this. Christian Aid is seeking to be good news for poor people in less developed countries. Poor people are not only found in poor countries. Even in wealthy nations, like our own, some people are struggling to get by: unemployed single parents waiting for their universal credit claim to be processed, asylum seekers denied the right to work for their living, people unable to work due to chronic ill health, parents of disabled children, people rendered destitute due to addiction to drugs, alcohol or gambling. Without the focus provided by something like Christian Aid Week, there is a danger that churches neglect the needs of such people and become churches of the comfortably off, catering for the needs of the comfortably off. However, if the Church is to be 'good news to the poor', it needs to be good news for the 'have nots' more than the 'haves', both at home and abroad.

Yours in Christ,
Iain

URGENT—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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR our country as we enter into a period of easing of lockdown restrictions, that all may approach them in a sensible manner.

PLEASE ALSO 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 the dedicated service of all who staff our hospitals, surgeries and vaccination centres.

R.I.P.

Eric Fenwick (who some may remember from Parish Lunch days) died Saturday 8th May, a week short of his 86th birthday.

Celia (Shill) wishes to thank all those who have prayed and sent cards, messages and flowers over the last few months with words of encouragement and condolence as well as words of appreciation of Ken and God's working in and through him. She hopes you will understand that she will not be able to reply to each one individually whilst remaining incredibly grateful. As worship and opportunities for outreach open up again she prays that God may encourage and inspire you as you continue to celebrate the good news of Jesus, our risen Lord.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

16th	Church Wardens & Elders	20th	Local hospitals & surgeries
17th	Church halls & users	21st	Musicians & singers
18th	S. Cheltenham team clergy	22nd	Parish council
19th	Gardeners & litterpickers	23rd	Flower guild

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate the birthdays of Trish Burns and Theresa Critchley on the 19th and Charlotte Smith on 22nd. Happy birthday to you all.

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

Brian Miles.

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 or www.stpetersleck.org if not on social media.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION Last chance - The Red Bucket will be out today for donations.