

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.

CHELTENHAM STREET PASTORS are recruiting

Cheltenham is the third largest night time economy in South West England following Plymouth and Bristol with up to 30,000 revellers on the street usually on a summer Saturday.

We provide a Christian presence on the streets offering help in various ways. We do not preach nor are we judgmental. Our purpose is to offer help and reassurance to those in need. This can be a great opportunity to show God's love to the people in Cheltenham in action and word.

We act independently but at the same time closely with the police and local authority.

As lockdown restrictions ease, we anticipate an increased activity in the town centre and are looking to expand our patrols. If you are interested in finding out more, please see our website: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/cheltenham/>.

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.

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@tcivh.org.uk Tel 862142) by midday on Wednesday.

Church website: www.tcivh.org.uk



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(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



THE GRAPEVINE 23rd MAY 2021 THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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

Readings: Acts 2.1-21

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Hymns:

163 Father, Lord of all creation

615 Spirit of the living God

661 There's a Spirit in the air omit v 4 and 5

The Collect for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer

TEAM MORNING PRAYER 9am DAILY

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

You can attend in person as follows:

Mondays at Pip & Jim's, Tuesdays at St. Christopher's and Thursdays at St. Peter's.

Services for May

30th 10.30am Morning Worship Rachel Tarling

Services for June

6th 10.30am Morning Worship Roy McBane

13th 10.30am Holy Communion Revd Iain McLaren

20th 10.30am Morning Worship Rachel Tarling

27th 10.30am Annual United Service at St. Andrew's Revd Steve Faber

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PENTECOST

Today marks 50 days after Easter and for many the birthday of the Christian Church!

Christians don't have a monopoly on Pentecost though, it was already known as the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* in Hebrew. This began with the barley being cut at Passover, and it went on for seven weeks, finishing with the gathering in of the wheat. Biblically, the number seven means complete, and seven times seven (49 days) represents the ultimate completeness. On the day after the harvest was gathered, the 50th day, they celebrated, a harvest festival of sorts. And of course, for those of you who know Greek, *pentekoste* means 50th day.

For Jewish people today Pentecost is the time when they celebrate the birth of their nation. It marks the day in the desert when they received the Torah, or Law, from God, and the completion of their liberation from slavery in Egypt. As such, it became one of the great pilgrimage festivals when Jewish people from around the world would make their way to Jerusalem, ensuring the city would be overcrowded with visitors. It is no surprise, then, that seven weeks after the crucifixion we find that the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth is marked at Pentecost, the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the day the worldwide Church was born.

This is 'our church' and its one which we share with 2.4 billion other Christians around the world. It's a church which represents one third of the global population, and it's a church that is growing, although sadly not in this country anymore.

Revd Gary.

LEP REVIEW

+Anthony Priddis and Colin Offor would like to thank all who have participated in the LEP Review by completing the questionnaire, they are now looking in detail at the responses and will report back in due course.

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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR peace in our world, especially in the Middle East.

WE CONTINUE TO 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 easing of lockdown restrictions.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

23rd	Flower guild	27th	Ecumenical Council & PCC
24th	Prayer & House Groups	28th	Little Shepherds
25th	Faithfull House / Care Homes	29th	Emergency Services
26th	Persecuted Christians	30th	Open the Book

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate the birthday of Freda Terry on the 26th. Happy Birthday
Please let me know of any future birthdays that we can celebrate together.
Brian Miles.

STUDY DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAYS at St. Andrew's. A series of discussions based on the Emmaus Course. 8pm on zoom. **Week 5 'The Holy Spirit'**
[https://zoom.us/j/96204565714?](https://zoom.us/j/96204565714?pwd=Rm1iZ01ZWkpYNmVvbXZScFJISWgyUT09)
pwd=Rm1iZ01ZWkpYNmVvbXZScFJISWgyUT09 Meeting ID: 962 0456 5714
Passcode: 108557 Zoom Host: Rev Iain Everyone welcome.

SPRING FLOWERS

See the flowers in the walled garden of Revd Ian Browne, brother of Sandra Jeans of St. Andrew's <https://youtu.be/on7HMGTMf5g>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th June - Repair Café recommences at St. Andrew's

27th June - Annual Pastoral Service at St. Andrew's, lunch and AGM

10th July - Welcome Party for Revd Iain McLaren at St. Andrew's 3—6pm