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FROM GARY - Due to an increasing amount of spam going through my @tciwh mailbox, I have permanently removed it -

in future please use garygrady@btinternet.com

FROM IAIN - as from next week, please note that lain's day off will be on a Friday.

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.

CNC AND EMMANUEL 30 DAYS OF PRAYER

Through June CNC and Emmanuel are embarking on a month of prayer for mission, vision and discernment. This involves themed days of prayer, a prayer space in Emmanuel and the use of the new South Cheltenham Prayer labyrinth. If you would like to find out more or receive an e-copy of the prayer diary get in touch with Sarah at: sarah@cnc.church

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.

SOUTH CHELTENHAM TEAM PICNIC

Save the date: Sunday 1st August at Naunton Park. A social gathering with outdoor activities for young and old alike, weather/restrictions permitting.

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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THE GRAPEVINE 27th JUNE 2021 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Morning Worship will be held at St. Andrew's at 10.30am and will be led by Revd Iain McLaren (The Moderator will preach)

Readings:

Mark 5: 21 - 43

Hymns:

705 'Our Lord, our help in ages past'
20 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord'
409 'Let us build a house where love can dwell'
557 'Who would true valour be'

The Collect for the 4th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Morning Prayer

TEAM MORNING PRAYER 9am DAILY www.facebook.com/pipand jims 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 July

4th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Tamsyn Jenkins
11th	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Iain McLaren
18th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Roy McBane
25th	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Gary Grady

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Identity in Christ: A Short Reflection on Romans 12.1-8

Please read the above Bible passage, then the following...

In the old covenant, it was animals who were to be given to God as a sacrifice but, in this passage, Paul is saying that we are now to offer ourselves instead, as a living and holy sacrifice; daily laying down our own desires to follow him, putting our energy and resources at his disposal, and trusting him to guide us. Why? Because our sins have been forgiven through Jesus Christ. God wants us to be transformed people with renewed minds, not copying the customs and behaviours of the world. Healthy self-esteem is important, as we can sometimes think too little of ourselves; on the other hand, we should also be mindful not to over-estimate ourselves! The key to an honest self-evaluation is 'knowing' that our identity is always 'in Christ'. Evaluating ourselves against worldly standards, success and achievements, can cause us to think too much about our self-worth in the eyes of others, and thus miss our true value in God's eyes. Do you sometimes do that? So, Paul uses the concept of the human body to teach Christians how to live and work together. Just as the parts of the body function under the direction of the brain, Christians should work together under the command and authority of Jesus. And God gives us gifts to enable this to happen and to build up the Church. Our role is to be faithful and use the gifts we have to serve others, because together, we can build Christ's Church. Revd Gary.

Revd Jacqueline's Ordination

Please keep Jacqueline in your prayers for her ordination as a priest on Saturday, 26th June, 3pm at Gloucester Cathedral. Due to ongoing restrictions, the service is sadly not open to the public but you can join the live-stream here: https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/ordinations-2021-approach/

THIS SUNDAY- THE CURC ANNUAL UNITED SERVICE

This Sunday at 10.30am the annual United Service for the Cheltenham URC Pastorate will be held at St Andrew's URC. The preacher will be Revd Steve Faber, Moderator of the West Midlands Synod of the URC, and the service will include the reinduction of elders, adoption of accounts and commissioning of pastorate officers. This year is the 30th anniversary of the creation of the united pastorate and this will be marked during the service. Unfortunately, the planned meal has had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions.

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<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u> Jacqueline Henson, Jade Scholes (formerly P&J) and Eddie Carmichael (formerly Emmanuel) as they begin their lives as priests in Cheltenham Deanery after yesterday's ordination service in the Cathedral, and as they celebrate the Eucharist for the first time.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR today's CURC AGM at St. Andrew's and the celebration of 30 years of the CURC.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; those who have died and those mourn their loss.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Tamarisk Close & Wisteria Court
 W.Hill, Bettridge & Belmont schools
 Rosehip & Camellia Courts
 Home & hospital communicants
 Stancombe Grove & Azalea Drive
 The Mothers' Union
 Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road
 The bellringers

<u>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS</u> let's celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of those who have them this week.

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

COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Church in Warden Hill will be continuing with its current restrictions until 19th July, in line with Govt guidance and will be reviewing what is/not possible thereafter. It is hoped St. Christopher's will continue to be open for prayer on a Wed, between 2-4pm, during this time.

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