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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th June - Annual Pastoral Service at St. Andrew's, **NO** lunch due to restrictions but the AGM will take place. Seats will need to be booked- let Brian know if you intend coming.

LANTERN FOR JULY— The lantern will be ready for collection from Wednesday 23rd June .

LAST CHANCE TO BE NOMINATED - GLOUCESTER DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS

Elections take place **TOMORROW**. Anyone on a C of E Electoral Roll is eligible to be nominated by Deanery Synod members. Nominations have to be received by **21st June**. Anyone interested can have a conversation with Richard Neale.

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.

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

THE GRAPEVINE 20th JUNE 2021 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Morning Worship will be held at St. Christopher's at 10.30am and will be led by Dr Rachel Tarling

Readings:

2 Corinthians 6. 1-13

Mark 4. 35-41

Hymns:

684 Thou whose almighty word

570 Praise the Lord ye heavens adore him

924 Calm me Lord

364 Jesus, the name high over all

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

Next Week

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

There will be no service at Warden Hill

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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Letter from the Minister for 20th June 2021

This Sunday I will be leading a service of baptism. The child being baptised will be 'christened', not in the sense of being assigned a name, but with the underlying meaning of being 'made Christian'. In former times, people were, and in some cultures today, people still are, given 'Christian names' at the point of becoming a Christian (think of 'Saul' becoming 'Paul' in the Book of Acts). In our own culture, however, it is more usual for names given prior to baptism to be retained. Nevertheless, a baptism is still a christening in that it marks a welcome into the Christian family. This is why, in the URC tradition, services of baptism always take place as part of regular worship, so that both the candidate's birth family and spiritual family can be involved.

When a child joins a family the adults in that family acquire responsibilities to protect and nurture that child. With that in mind, I have been pondering how our churches can provide for the Christian education of the children and young people who have been baptised into our church fellowships. Every child has the right to receive an education and, for Christian children, this includes a right to receive teaching about what Christians believe. It seems the old model of Sunday School / Junior Church no longer works, and newer forms of provision, like Messy Church, have had to be put on hold due to covid.

However, we cannot afford to neglect teaching the Christian faith to the younger generation and so we need to find new ways of connecting with children and young people. Exactly how we do this is not clear at this stage and so requires discernment through prayer, reflection and discussion.

Perhaps the greatest gift any child can receive is to know they are loved and cherished and so my prayer is that all the children we baptise may come to feel at home in the Church.

Yours in Christ,
Iain

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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR those to be Ordained priest or deacon over the weekend of 26th / 27th in Gloucester Cathedral, especially Jacqueline Henson (Priest) and her family as they prepare for this life-changing service.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR everyone affected by the Covid restrictions.

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

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

20th	Justicia Way & Jasmine Way	24th	Japonica & Hillier Drives
21st	The Greenings & Barwick Road	25th	Mimosa Avenue & Salix Court
22nd	Gardenia & Tayberry Groves	26th	Rothermere & Lilac Closes
23rd	Amaranth Way & Campion Park	27th	Tamarisk Close & Wisteria Court

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of those who have them this week. June Harrison has a birthday on 21st June and Val Codling has one on 25th. Happy birthday both. 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.

INVITATION

The Garden Party to celebrate the arrival of Revd Iain McLaren has been postponed due to Government restrictions. A new date will be advised later.