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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

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.

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.

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES 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.

YEMEN UPDATE

Light and heat are two of the things we often take for granted, but for many people in Yemen the six-year conflict has devastated these essentials. How can people light and heat their homes and cook meals for their families? Solar energy is cheap to run and sustainable, so Tearfund and their partners are running solar training courses across the country. Students receive ten days of hands-on training in design, installation and maintenance and so have an income and can run their family home.

PLEASE thank God for this gift of solar power, a real blessing for so many people, and continue to PRAY for long-term peace in Yemen.

Margaret Meads.

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 11th JULY 2021 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Readings:

Psalm 85 : 8—13

Ephesians 1 : 3-14

Hymns:

377 This is the day

74 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

566 The Church's one foundation

560 Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Collect for the 6th Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; 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 Wednesdays at Emmanuel and Thursdays at St. Peter's.

Services for July

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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“All things are lawful,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.’

[1 Corinthians 10: 23-24]

‘To mask, or not to mask,’ to misquote Hamlet, is becoming a hot topic as we approach the misnamed ‘Freedom Day’ on 19th July. Christian freedom is always set in the context of our accountability to God. The two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Christians should not seek their own advantage therefore, but should have equal regard for the welfare of other people. With this in mind, I offer the following couple of contributions to the masking debate.

The primary purpose of wearing a mask is to protect other people from breathing in any infected droplets you may be exhaling. We have always known that ‘coughs and sneezes spread diseases’, but until the advent of covid we were very lax about taking measures to prevent infection spreading. In many Far Eastern countries it has long been considered good manners to wear a mask in a confined public space if suffering from a respiratory infection. This is an attitude we also should embrace.

Apart from being uncomfortable to wear, masks are also a hindrance to communication. This is a particular issue for people who are hard of hearing, who may struggle to distinguish muffled words spoken through a mask, and for people who rely on lip reading and therefore need to see a speaker’s mouth. Wearing a mask also hides facial expressions like smiles and scowls, making a person’s emotions harder to read. If we insist on wearing masks when there is little danger of passing on an infection, then we risk both miscommunication and unintentionally excluding certain people from our conversations.

After 19th July it will be for each of us to exercise our own judgement regarding mask wearing. Whilst many will decide to dispense with wearing masks, my expectation is that mask wearing post-covid will remain more prevalent than it was before the pandemic.

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 all suffering in body, mind or spirit; those who have died and those mourning the loss of loved ones.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR the URC and CofE’s national meetings, and our APCM, that there may be discernment in their various discussions.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

11th	All with Mental Health Problems.	15th	The Bereaved
12th	Playgroup	16th	Churchwardens and Elders
13th	Brizen Centre Users	17th	Church Halls and Users
14th	Readers Pam, Roy and Rachel	18th	S. Cheltenham Team Clergy

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let’s celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of those who have them this week. Debbie Cypher has a birthday on the 16th July. Happy birthday Debbie.

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

Brian Miles

TOMORROW THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on Zoom at 7.30pm. This is our annual meeting as The Parish of St. Philips & St. James, Leckhampton, with St Christopher’s, Warden Hill (TCIWH)

The access to join this meeting is:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88974606279?pwd=ejBqZGJYWVJMeTJldUkzRWtuK1ZjZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7460 6279

Passcode: 202235

THIS WEEKEND both the Church of England and United Reformed Church will be holding national meetings.

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.