

The Church in Warden Hill

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.stpetersleck.org.

ST. NICHOLAS GIFT SERVICES The Salvation Army are looking to assist over 500 families in Cheltenham with help this Christmas but, due to on-going Covid restrictions, request that gifts are not collected in our churches this year. Instead, if you are able, please buy a toy from the Salvation Army Amazon Wish List: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/115FK3PP2UOQF> or make a cash donation in an envelope.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE a grand total of £429.76 was raised last Saturday. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP On 15th December we are having a tea, choir and quiz along with a secret Santa. There will not be a meeting on 22nd. The Group starts again on 12th January at 2pm.

GRANDVILLES sadly after many years of serving the local community, it has closed. They will be missed.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY FILM SHOW is on Saturday 8th January at 2pm when we are showing the film Mrs Lowrie and Son. All are welcome.

LANTERN The deadline for the January Lantern is Friday 17th December. Please send any articles, pictures, news, amusing anecdotes to Alison Neale as soon as you have them.

LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

St. Christopher's is now open again during the week to visit for prayer. We do ask that all visiting use the hand gel before entering and consider wearing a face mask. With cases rising locally, it is recommended that face masks are worn during services (especially if singing), please also continue to socially distance in respect of others' space. If you or a member of your family or household feels unwell, then please do not attend.

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 12th DECEMBER 2021 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Readings:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Luke 3: 7-18

Hymns

127 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

123 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

141 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

572 Colours of day dawn into the mind

The Collect for 3rd Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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. The Friday service is on-line only.

Sunday Services for December

December	19th	Morning Worship	10.30	Rachel Tarling
December	24th	Nativity Service	4.00	Revd Gary Grady
December	25th	Family Communion	10.00	
December	26th	Holy Communion	10.30	Revd Gary Grady

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Letter from Iain for 12th December 2021

On the Third Sunday of Advent the focus of worship is traditionally John the Baptist. John the Baptist features prominently in all the Gospels, but I suspect most Christians know little about him. Despite the penitential nature of the season, I therefore offer you the following light-hearted quiz to test your knowledge of this important New Testament character. The answers are in the Biblical quotations in brackets.

What was the name of John the Baptist's father? Was it a) John, b) Zechariah or c) Merlin?
(Luke 1:5-13)

What was the name of John the Baptist's mother? Was it a) Elizabeth, b) Mary or c) Anne?
(Luke 1: 5-13)

What did John the Baptist's father say after his meeting with the angel Gabriel in the Temple?
Was it a) nothing, b) "My wife will never believe this!" or c) "Hallelujah!" (Luke 1: 20-22)

How was John the Baptist related to Jesus? Was he a) his brother, b) he wasn't related or c) his cousin? (Luke 1:36)

What name was John nearly given? a) Bruce, b) Paul or c) Zechariah? (Luke 1:59)

What clothes did John wear while he was preaching in the desert? a) khaki shorts and a floppy hat, b) a coat of camel hair and a leather belt or c) a toga? (Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:6)

What did John do to show that people had repented or turned away from their sins? Did he a) give them a medal, b) baptise them or c) make them eat wild locusts? (Luke 3: 3)

Which Old Testament prophet foretold the coming of John the Baptist? Was it a) Isaiah, b) Daniel or c) Hosea? (Luke 3:4)

True or false: John denied he was the Messiah? (John 1: 20)

True or false: John said who you are is more important than what you do? (Luke 3: 8-9)

According to John, what should people with two shirts do: a) wear one on top of the other, b) wear one and leave the other at home or c) wear one and give the other one to someone who has no shirt? (Luke 3: 11)

If we were to follow the teachings of John, which of the following should we be busy doing when Jesus comes: a) donating food to a food bank, b) singing Christmas carols or c) fiddling our tax returns? (Luke 3: 11)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR the NHS and care services as they continue to serve the community.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR all who find this time of year difficult.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR those who are sick in body, mind or spirit that they might find relief, for those who have died, and comfort for those mourning the loss of loved ones.

R.I.P. Eileen Attwood died on Thursday 2nd December. Her funeral will be on Thursday 23rd December at the United Reformed Church at 11.00am

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

12th	Warden Hill Close & Friars Close	16th	Alma Road & Caernarvon Road
13th	Warden Hill Road & Warren Close	17th	Chelmsford & Hidcote Avenues
14th	Gwernant Road & Bala Road	18th	Davallia Drive & Crythan Walk
15th	Dinas Close & Dinas Road	19th	Ferndales Close & Genista Way

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

Kathy Menzies has a birthday on 12th December, Frank Probett on 13th, Pat Sidebottom on 14th, Jean Bennett on 15th and Mary Jones on 16th. Happy birthday to you all.

If you know of any future birthdays or celebrations please let me know so that we can celebrate together. **Brian Miles**

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your ongoing support. The items we need most at the moment are: UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, Christmas biscuits and chocolates, coffee, ketchup or brown sauce, tinned ham, hot chocolate, gravy granules, stuffing, savoury crackers. We don't need pasta, rice, pulses/beans, soup, tinned tomatoes, cereal or tea as we have plenty of these at the moment.

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION

Please note that the service on Christmas Day will be at 10.00 am