

The Church in Warden Hill

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP will next be meeting on 23rd February when Neil Meldrum will talk about the Aztecs of Mexico. Do come along and join us at 2pm.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY FILM SHOW will be on 12th March when we will be showing The Father—cert 12. All are welcome.

CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

St. Christopher's remains open to visit during the week and for Sunday worship. Face coverings are now optional for services. Please ensure you keep a social distance when inside and if you, or a member of your household, feels unwell, then please do not attend.

LANTERN

The deadline for the March Lantern is Friday 18th February. Please send any articles, pictures, news, amusing anecdotes to Alison Neale as soon as you have them. I look forward to hearing from all of you with reports of what has happened recently and details of any future meetings/events etc.

NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your ongoing support. The items we need most at the moment are: UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, coffee, ketchup or brown sauce, tinned ham, hot chocolate, gravy granules, 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.

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.

DONATIONS Two donations for The Children's Society: The recent Christingle event raised £110.38 and the amounts donated by our four faithful box-holders were £117.82. We have 'lost' three box-holders this year, but gained one new one. Margaret Meads has spare boxes if anyone would like to join the group. They will be very welcome. Many thanks to all who gave to The Children's Society

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

Church website: www.tciwh.org.uk



The Church in Warden Hill
(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



THE GRAPEVINE 13th FEBRUARY 2022 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

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

Readings:

Proverbs 31: 8 - 9

Colossians 3: 5 - 11

Hymns:

712 All people that on earth do dwell

745 A new commandment

474 Brother, Sister, let me serve you

452 Let us break bread together in the Lord

453 Let us talents and tongues employ

The Collect for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of 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.

Forthcoming Services all commencing at 10.30am

February 20th Morning Worship

Roy McBane

February 27th Holy Communion

Revd Gary Grady

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LETTER FROM REVD IAIN MCLAREN 13th FEBRUARY 2022

'If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.' (1 Corinthians 12: 26)

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. Racial Justice Sunday began in 1995 as a response of the Methodist Church to the racist murder of the Black teenager, Stephen Lawrence, two years earlier, the Lawrence family having been members of the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church, Plumstead, South East London. These days Racial Justice Sunday is an ecumenical event, sponsored by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). For Racial Justice Sunday 2022, CTBI is inviting churches to focus on the three R's of **Remembering** (the importance of racial justice), **Reflecting** (on human diversity and thanking God for it) and **Responding** (by working to end injustice, racism and ignorance through prayer and action).

All human beings are made in the image of God, however, if we spend most of our time socialising with people who look like us, it can be tempting to dismiss the experience of people who have been unfairly discriminated against on grounds of their race or skin colour as being of no relevance to us. It then falls to the victims of racial injustice to shoulder the burden of fighting against racial injustice. This is very unfair. It also runs counter to Paul's teaching to the Corinthians that all church members have a duty to care for one another for 'if one member suffers, all suffer together'. For this reason, racial justice is every Christian's business, not just a matter for people who are Black, Asian or from some other ethnic minority.

Working for racial justice covers how we conduct ourselves in the Church (through eliminating conscious and unconscious bias), but also extends to campaigning against racial discrimination in wider society, in such areas as immigration, education, employment, housing, healthcare and the criminal justice system. Commitment to racial justice is not just for one Sunday a year, but should inform all that we do throughout the year.

Yours in Christ,
Iain

URC CHURCH MEETING

There is to be a meeting of the URC members of The Church in Warden Hill (including members on the common roll) after the service at St Christopher's on Sunday. The meeting will begin at noon. The purpose of the meeting is to decide the future of Warden Hill URC following termination of the LEP. This decision will influence, but not finally settle, the future of the URC Centre building. All URC members are encouraged to attend.

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GIVE THANKS for the signs of renewal around us - snowdrops in the shrubbery and hellebores in the Church garden.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick in body, mind or spirit; those who have died and those who mourn.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR peace and stability in areas of conflict throughout the world, especially Afghanistan and Ukraine.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

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
16th	Alma Road & Caernarvon Road	20th	Justicia Way & Jasmine Way

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

On the 20th of February Mary Cooper has a birthday, Happy Birthday Mary. If you know of any future birthdays or celebrations please let me know so that we can celebrate together. **Brian Miles**

THANK YOU - for the lovely flowers and chocolates you gave me for my birthday and for all the cards and good wishes I received. Diana Miles

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS. In future coffee will be served in the small hall. Help is needed in clearing away the tables and chairs at the end of such mornings. Our grateful thanks go to those who serve out the refreshments.