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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP this week we will be meeting at 2pm on Wednesday when Neil Meldrum will talk about the Aztecs of Mexico. Do come along and join us.

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.

COME AND JOIN US on the next Prayer Walk next Saturday 26 February. We meet at Sardar's café at 10 am for coffee and to plan our route. We walk slowly for less than an hour, with many stops for reflection and prayer. If you cannot bear walking, please pray for us either at home or in the Prayer Corner in church. All are welcome.

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

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.

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

Church website: www.tciwh.org.uk

THE GRAPEVINE 20th FEBRUARY 2022 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Morning Worship will be held at St. Christopher's at 10.30am and will be led by Roy McBane

Readings:

Genesis 2. 4b - 9, 15 to the end.

Luke 8. 22 - 25.

Hymns:

184. For the beauty of the earth. .

924.(x3) Calm me, Lord

476. O breath of life.

474. Now thank we all our God.

41. Around the throne of God.

The Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in 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.

Forthcoming Services all commencing at 10.30am

February	27th	Holy Communion	Revd Gary Grady
March	6th	Morning Worship	Rachel Tarling
March	13th	Holy Communion	Revd Iain McLaren
March	20th	Morning Worship	Anne Webber
March	27th	Holy Communion	Revd Jaqueline Henson

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'At a meeting of the URC members of The Church in Warden Hill held last Sunday (13th February), it was unanimously resolved that Warden Hill URC should seek to merge with St Andrew's URC following dissolution of the LEP at the end of August. The request will now need to be considered by the St Andrew's Elders' and Church Meetings. The significance of the decision is that, assuming St Andrew's agrees, responsibility for the future of the Warden Hill URC Centre will pass to the merged Cheltenham URC.

I made the point at the meeting that where a person's church membership is held need not correspond to where they worship. It would be in the spirit of the recommendations of the LEP Review for members of the URC to continue to worship at St Christopher's on Sundays and I know they would be welcome to do so. My own hope is that the friendly personal relations that have developed between Anglicans and URC members at Warden Hill will continue after the ending of the structural relationship. We remain brothers and sisters in Christ and will seek to work together, where we can, to advance Christ's Gospel.'

Rev Iain McLaren

TEAM LENT COURSE 2022: WOMEN OF HOLY WEEK.

This year we will be exploring Paula Gooder's latest book 'Women of Holy Week' as our Lent group resource across the team. As well as using the book, we will be publishing a podcast reflection each week by a member of our ministry team that will be available for individuals to download and listen to in their own time. We are asking that already established fellowship and study groups consider using this material during Lent and incorporating it into their meeting programme. We will also be having a weekly Tuesday morning 11am group meeting for coffee and discussion. These meetings will circulate around the churches of the team. More details will follow in due course but, in the meantime, you might want to buy yourself a copy of the book which is available from www.churchhousepublishing.co.uk

MIDWEEK SERVICES Revd Iain and Revd Gary are pleased to reintroduce a midweek service in Warden Hill twice a month. These will run as follows, starting in March:

1st Wednesday – 12pm at URC Centre Midweek Prayer with Revd Iain

3rd Tuesday – 10.30am at St. Christopher's*

Holy Communion with Revd Gary or Revd Jacqueline

** The first service at St. Christopher's is actually on 22nd March due to a clergy event.*

It is hoped each of these will be followed by refreshments, either in church or at a local café.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR a calming of tensions in areas of conflict throughout the world, especially for peace and stability in Ukraine and Afghanistan

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR all who are sick in body, mind or spirit; those who care for them; those who have died, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

R.I.P. The Revd June Knight - died last week, funeral arrangement to be announced.

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.

Happy birthday if you have one this week.

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

LANTERN

The March Lantern will be ready to collect from Thursday 24th February.

Alison says thank you to the many people who have paid their Annual subscription of £6.00.