

**Welcome to The Church in Warden Hill**  
A Local Ecumenical Partnership

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Warden Hill

Cheltenham, GL51 3DD

# GRAPEVINE

Welcome to the new format of Grapevine, hope you like it. Thanks go to Edna Willox and Brian Miles for editing each week over recent years.

**Please continue to hand sanitise on entry and respect a social distance; the wearing of face masks & shields is now optional.**

## THIS SUNDAY

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### **EASTER 2**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Minister: Rachel Tarling

**Readings:** Acts 5.27-32  
John 20.19-31

**Hymns:** 435 – Low in the grave he lay  
137 – Crown him with many crowns  
311 – I know that my redeemer lives  
672 – Thine be the glory

**Refreshments will be served in the small hall after the service**

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

### **EASTER 3**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Minister: Tamsyn Jenkins

## LIVESTREAM

There will be a service live-streamed each Sunday at 10am, available from:

[www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org) or  
[www.facebook.com/stpetersleckhampton](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersleckhampton)

## MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is live-streamed at 9am each morning (Mon-Fri) from [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org) or [www.facebook.com/pipandjims](https://www.facebook.com/pipandjims)

You can attend in person as follows:

Mon – Pip & Jim's      Thu – St. Peter's  
Tue – St. Christopher's      Fri – on-line only  
Wed – Emmanuel

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please speak to one of the ministers or email [revgarygrady@btinternet.com](mailto:revgarygrady@btinternet.com) or [revdiain@urcic.org.uk](mailto:revdiain@urcic.org.uk)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am**  
URC Holy Communion, Revd Iain McLaren

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am**  
Morning Worship, Rachel Tarling

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10.30am**  
Holy Communion, Revd Gary Grady

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm**  
Ascension Day, Holy Communion  
Revd Jacqueline Henson



Toilets are located in the Entrance Room and in the Halls.



A loop system is installed in the church; please turn your hearing aid to the T position.



Large print copies of the service are available at the back.



There is a table at the front with books on for children.



Please let one of the stewards know if you do not want to appear on camera if we're live streaming.



The Church in Warden Hill is a Fair Trade church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*St. Christopher's is open 9am-4pm each day.*

<b>Sat</b>	10.00	MU Coffee Morning at St. Christopher's
<b>Mon</b>	19.30	Recorder Group
<b>Tue</b>	09.00 19.30	Morning Prayer House Group
<b>Wed</b>	19.00	Bellringing
<b>Thu</b>	10.00	Prayer Group
<b>Fri</b>	18.00	Choir Practice

## REST IN PEACE

Please let the church office know if there is anyone who has died recently so that prayers can be offered for them and their family.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 5.27-32*

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## SECOND READING

*John 20.19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## THE LANTERN

The latest edition of The Lantern will be available for you to pickup or download from next week. Thank you to Alison Neale for editing, do let her have any articles!

## PRAYERS

### PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE



There are a number of ways to support, or engage with, the crisis in Ukraine...

1. **Pray** – Spend some time each day to pray for the people and place of Ukraine.
2. **Donate** – Please use the DEC link below: [www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)
3. **Listen** – To a special sung 'Prayer for Ukraine', which is sung in Ukrainian [here](#).
4. **Psalm 31** – A psalm of faith, hope and courage for the people of Ukraine, click [here](#).

### PRAYERS FOR YEMEN



The conflict has been ongoing for 7 years, the people are facing a catastrophic food shortage, with 17.4 million people in need of food assistance. This is the equivalent of more than 15 times the population of Birmingham suffering from hunger. In the last two years food prices have doubled making even a loaf of bread unaffordable for many families. With Yemen relying on Ukraine for 30% of its wheat imports, the situation will deteriorate even further.

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

24 <sup>th</sup>	Japonica & Hillier Drives
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mimosa Avenue & Salix Court
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rothermere & Lilac Closes
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tamarisk Close & Wisteria Court
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rosehip & Camellia Courts
29 <sup>th</sup>	Stancombe Grove & Azalea Drive
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road

### PRAYER WALK

Come for a gentle walk (approx. 1 hour) around the community on **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April**, meeting at 10am at Sardar's to have a drink and to plan the route. If you're not able to come along, then please hold this walk in your prayers. *Margaret Meads*

## WEEKLY NOTICES

All contributions should be emailed directly to Liz Johnson in the Church Office at: [tcihwsec@gmail.com](mailto:tcihwsec@gmail.com) by **10am** each Thursday. Any longer items may be edited if we're tight on space that week!

### YOUTH GROUPS

Rock Solid and NextGen have started meeting again on Tuesdays 7-8.30pm at Emmanuel. Please contact Hanna, our Youth Worker, for further details here: [hanna@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk](mailto:hanna@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk)

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek services have resumed twice a month. These will run as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Wed ~ 12pm at URC Centre**  
Midweek Prayer with Revd Iain.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tue ~ 10.30am at St. Christopher's**  
Holy Communion with Revd Gary or Revd Jacqueline.

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

### SPECIAL DATES

Happy Birthday to Ella Critchley and David Henson on 29<sup>th</sup> April! Please let the office know if there are any 'special' birthdays or anniversaries to go into the Grapevine.

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

*For those struggling with bereavement & loss*

This new group will meet on the first Thursday of each month from 10-12pm in the Dove Room at Pip and Jim's. It is a social group to facilitate making new friends and coping with loss & change following bereavement. The group will be led by Sarah Lyon (qualified Bereavement Volunteer & Trainer) and Val Harris, and will run from May to December, beginning on **5<sup>th</sup> May**. Please contact Sarah on 01242 697703 if interested or for further information.

## WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Wednesday Social Group is on **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May**, when there will be a coach trip to Abbey Mill, Tintern, followed by a cream tea. For more information, please contact Diana Miles.

## QUIET DAYS & EVENINGS

The South Cheltenham Team are restarting regular Quiet Days and Evenings. The next 2 sessions are:

- **Thu 19<sup>th</sup> May** ~ 10am–3pm
- **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July** ~ 7–9pm



These sessions are open to all and will take place in the Church Cottages. To book, please email [parishofficeleck@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficeleck@gmail.com) or call 01242 513647 and leave a message.

## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The parish giving scheme provides churches with a regular income and a means with which to plan ahead. There has *never* been a more important time than now to move your giving into a monthly direct debit. For more info, or to join, please speak to/email Daryl Burns: [treasurer@tciwh.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@tciwh.org.uk)

## CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

Coming Up in 2022:

- **Art Extravaganza & Demos**  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June**, 11am–3pm in Pittville Park in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.
- **Festival of Stars**  
**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sep**, 2pm–10pm at The Pavilion Sports Field, Hatherley Lane.

## COMMUNITY FILM SHOW

The next community film show will take on **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 2pm at the URC Centre and will be 'Six Minutes to Midnight' (cert. 12).

## AROUND THE TEAM

Sadly, the Ceilidh planned at Emmanuel on **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April** at 7pm has been cancelled.

## FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

**care UK**  Come along to our dementia café at the John Lewis café, Cheltenham, on the last Wednesday of the month at 3pm. A chance to catch up with friends, meet new people in a similar situation to you, share your experiences, and listen to topical speakers. If you would like to attend please call 01242 258800 or email [laura.sayburn@careuk.com](mailto:laura.sayburn@careuk.com).

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

Please put the following dates/times into your diaries:

### 1. The Church in Warden Hill AGM

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm  
Held at St. Christopher's

### 2. APCM with Pip & Jim's

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12.30pm  
Held at St. Christopher's

## EASTERTIDE WORD SEARCH

Can you find all of the words?



APOSTLES  
CROWN  
LAMB  
PRAYER  
RESURRECTION  
SON

CHURCH  
FAITH  
MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RISEN  
SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOUR  
TOMB