

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.

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

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### EASTER 3

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister: Tamsyn Jenkins

Readings: Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]  
John 21.1-19

Hymns: 463 My Song is Love Unknown  
433 Loves Redeeming Work is Done  
434 Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep  
(Tune 1: Buckland)  
716 We have a Gospel to Proclaim  
(Omit v 2+3)

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### EASTER 4

10.30am URC Holy Communion

Minister: Revd Iain McLaren

## 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 [revdian@urcic.org.uk](mailto:revdian@urcic.org.uk)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

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

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
No service (CURC AGM at St Andrew's)



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	Prayer Walk
<b>Sun</b>	13.00	Christening of Phoebe Cypher
<b>Mon</b>		Early May Bank Holiday
<b>Tue</b>	09.00	Morning Prayer
	14.00	Mothers' Union meeting
	19.30	House Group
<b>Wed</b>	12.00	Midweek Prayer at the URCC
	19.00	Bellringing
<b>Fri</b>	18.00	Choir Practice

## REST IN PEACE

John Hutton, who died on 29<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm at Cheltenham Crematorium.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'<sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' [<sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in

Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;<sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.']

## SECOND READING

*John 21.1-19*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'<sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the

Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

## THE LANTERN

The May edition of The Lantern is available for you to pickup or download. Thank you to Alison Neale for editing, do let her have any articles for the June edition.

## LENT APPEAL

Sincere thanks to our generous supporters who gave £505.03 to help the people of Afghanistan. This will pay for a month of therapeutic food to treat 28 severely malnourished children.

## 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](#).

### AFGHAN UPDATE



The main challenge is hunger- there is some food but people don't have money to buy it due to bank closures and currency shortages. The worst drought in more than a decade means hoped-for harvests have failed. Women and girls are especially vulnerable, needing food, clean water, a safe home and opportunities to work. Much of the world's attention is focused on Ukraine, but Tearfund and MSF (Medecins sans frontieres) ask us not to forget Afghanistan. Donations can be sent to <http://www.msf.org.uk/afghan-crisis> or by post to MSF, Bumpers Way, Bumpers Farm, Chippenham, SN14 6NG.

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

30 <sup>th</sup>	Sissinghurst Grove & Ansell Close
1 <sup>st</sup>	Salisbury Avenue & Katharine Court
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Woodlands Road & Silverthorne Close
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winchester Way & Hazlewood Close
4 <sup>th</sup>	Canterbury Walk & Norwich Drive
5 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford Way & St. David's Close
6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Michael's Road & Wells Close

### 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: [tcihwhsec@gmail.com](mailto:tcihwhsec@gmail.com) by **10am** each Thursday. Any longer items may be edited if we're tight on space that week!

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

#### **1. The Church in Warden Hill AGM**

Date/Time: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm  
Venue: St. Christopher's

*Nomination forms for the role of Churchwarden and three ECC vacancies can be found in the Entrance Room at St. Christopher's. Completed forms must be submitted before the start of the meeting.*

*Copies of the Annual Report are also available from the Entrance Room, please email [tcihwhsec@gmail.com](mailto:tcihwhsec@gmail.com) for a digital copy.*

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

Date/Time: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12.30pm  
Venue: St. Christopher's

### 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)

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

There is now a new fire safety alarm system within St Christopher's church and halls. This includes loud sounders and call points at each exit door. A briefing for church leaders and hall users, in how to use the fire panel in the hall foyer, will be soon arranged.

*Richard Neale*

### 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.

## TEAM 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@tcihw.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@tcihw.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.

### 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.*

### 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).