

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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### EASTER 5

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister: Rachel Tarling

Readings: Acts 11.1-18  
John 13.31-35

Hymns: Bless the Lord O my soul (sheet/screen)  
689 – Thy hand o Lord has guided  
Build up one another (sheet/screen)  
429 – Love is his word  
238 – Go forth and tell

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

### EASTER 6

10.30am Holy Communion

Minister: Revd Gary Grady

## 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

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)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am

Pentecost Morning Worship, Rachel Tarling

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am

URC Communion, Revd Iain McLaren



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> | 14.00                   | Community Film Show, 'Six Minutes to Midnight' (cert. 12)          |
| <b>Tue</b> | 09.00<br>10.30<br>19.30 | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion, St. Christopher's<br>House Group |
| <b>Wed</b> | 19.30                   | ECC Open Meeting, URCC   |
| <b>Fri</b> | 18.00                   | Choir Practice   |
| <b>Sun</b> | 12.30                   | APCM with Pip & Jim's at St Christopher's                          |

## REST IN PEACE

John Hutton, who died on 30<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral is on **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May**, 3pm at Cheltenham Crematorium followed by refreshments at the URC Centre.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 11.1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup>But a second

time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## SECOND READING

*John 13.31-35*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Please note that the wording of the readings may differ very slightly in the service itself.*

## 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 (deadline is midday on **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May**).

## 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](#).

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Dinas Close & Dinas Road      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Alma Road & Caernarvon Road   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Chelmsford & Hidcote Avenues  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Davallia Drive & Crythan Walk |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Ferndales Close & Genista Way |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Justicia Way & Jasmine Way    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | The Greenings & Barwick Road  |

### 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. Donations can be sent to <http://www.msf.org.uk/afghan-crisis> or by post to MSF, Bumpers Way, Bumpers Farm, Chippenham, SN14 6NG.

## NOTICES

### 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.

### SPECIAL DATES

Happy Birthday to Linda Hurl who is 80 on **Thu 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

### REVD JOHN HORAN RETIREMENT

John Horan has retired. A gift and card has been send from all at TCIVH to give him our sincere thanks and wish him well.

### FAMILY FUN DAY at ST ANDREW'S

Will take place at St. Andrew's URC on **Tue 31<sup>st</sup> May** from 10.30-14.30, with games, crafts, music, stories and lunch. Cost is £2 per adult. Email [fundays@urcic.org.uk](mailto:fundays@urcic.org.uk) to book your place.

### 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*

### JUBILEE CELEBRATION – Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June

There will be a service followed by a 'bring your own picnic' with some refreshments (tea, coffee, squash and some cakes) provided by the church. Please can we have cake donations on the day and help on the day to have a rota so everyone can enjoy the celebrations. *Debbie Cypher*

### NOTICE OF APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting with Pip & Jim's will take place on **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, 12.30pm at St. Christopher's.

## MEMORY CAFÉ at Pip and Jim's

As part of our plan to make the church accessible to the wider community we will be launching a Memory Cafe on **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at **2-4pm**. Aimed at people suffering from memory loss and at their friends and carers, the Café will provide a space for social contact over a cuppa and a piece of cake. We will lead singing and creative art at the first session, for which there will be no charge. We hope that those attending will help to determine the programme of activities at future events. Please spread the word! For further information or to offer help please speak to Peter Cottingham at Pip and Jim's ([info@pipandjims.org.uk](mailto:info@pipandjims.org.uk)).

## WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Wednesday Social Group is on **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May**, when there will be a talk by Steve Morton about the Arthritis Trust.

## 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)

## COMMUNITY FILM SHOW

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

Looking ahead, the film on **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June** will be 'Belfast' (cert. 12).

## 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.

## 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.

## TIME FOR INSPIRATION

The new edition of New Daylight notes offer good advice about standing still and being aware that God is with us. **There is also wisdom** from the desert fathers and mothers, some favourite prayers from experienced Christians, and reflection on the importance of Rivers, for the Bible begins and ends with a river. Available at the back of church – give it a try.

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

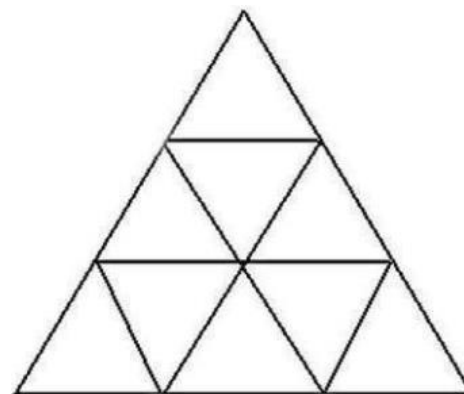
**1<sup>st</sup> Wed ~ 12pm at URC Centre**  
Midweek Prayer with Revd Iain.

**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.*

## **And Finally...**

How many triangles can you see?



Answer in next week's Grapevine!