

Welcome to The Church in Warden Hill
A Local Ecumenical Partnership

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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 22nd May 2022

EASTER 6

10.30am Holy Communion

Minister: Revd Gary Grady

Readings: Acts 16.9-15
John 5.2-16

Hymns: 219 – God is our strength and refuge
554 – Peace, perfect peace
268 – Have faith in God, my heart

Refreshments will be served in the small hall after the service

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 26th May 2022

7.30pm Holy Communion

Minister: Revd Jacqueline Henson

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 29th May 2022

**No Service at St. Christopher's
(CURC AGM at St Andrew's)**

LIVESTREAM

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

www.stpetersleck.org or
www.facebook.com/stpetersleckhampton

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is live-streamed at 9am each morning (Mon-Fri) from www.stpetersleck.org or 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 or revdian@urcic.org.uk

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 5th June, 10.30am
Pentecost Morning Worship, Rachel Tarling

Sunday 12th June, 10.30am
URC Communion, Revd Iain McLaren

Sunday 19th June, 10.30am
Morning Worship, Roy McBane

Sunday 26th June, 10.30am
Holy Communion, Revd Gary Grady



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.

Sun	12.30	APCM with Pip & Jim's at St Christopher's
Mon	19.30	Recorder Group
Tue	09.00 19.30	Morning Prayer at St. Christopher's House Group
Wed	14.00 19.00	Wednesday Social Group at URCC Bellringing
Thur	10.00 19.30	Prayer Group Ascension Day Holy Communion service at St Christopher's
Fri	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, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district* of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman

named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

SECOND READING

John 5.2-16

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids who were blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' ⁷The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' ⁸Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.' ¹¹But he answered them, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Take up your mat and walk."' ¹²They asked him, 'Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk"?' ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.' ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath.

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 by midday on **Fri 20th 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
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

22 nd	Parish Council
23 rd	Flower Guild
24 th	Prayer and House Groups
25 th	Faithfull House/Care Homes
26 th	Persecuted Christians
27 th	Ecumenical Council and PCC
28 th	Emergency Services

YEMEN UPDATE



Praise God: a truce between conflicting parties in Yemen has led to the first ceasefire in six years. It has largely held since April. This will help aid agencies to respond to the increasing need in Yemen as 80% of the population are in need of assistance. Please pray for a peaceful solution to the conflict and for world leaders to commit to an increase in funding to help end the crisis in Yemen.

NOTICES

Reverend Canon Nick

Bishop Rachel has invited Nick Davies to become an honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral in recognition of his ministry across the team, deanery and diocese. Nick will be installed as a Canon at **Evensong at 5.30pm on Thu 14th July** and everyone is warmly invited. This is an honorary role which Nick will hold alongside his continued ministry as Team Rector in the South Cheltenham Team.

SPECIAL DATES

Please let the Church Office know if there is a 'significant' birthday or anniversary that needs to be mentioned in the coming week.

REVD JOHN HORAN RETIREMENT

John Horan has retired. A gift and card has been sent from all at TCIWH 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 31st May** from 10.30-14.30, with games, crafts, music, stories and lunch. Cost is £2 per adult. Email 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 5th 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 22nd May**, 12.30pm at St. Christopher's.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The red bucket will be at the back of church for Christian Aid donations. Thanks to all those who have already contributed.

MEMORY CAFÉ at Pip and Jim's

We will be launching a Memory Cafe on **Mon 23rd 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: info@pipandjims.org.uk

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

CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

Art Extravaganza & Demos

Sat 18th June, 11am–3pm in Pittville Park in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

1st Wed ~ 12pm at URC Centre

Midweek Prayer with Revd Iain.

3rd 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.

TEAM QUIET DAYS & EVENINGS

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

- **Tue 19th July** ~ 7–9pm
- **Thu 15th Sept** ~ 10am–3pm



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

TIME FOR INSPIRATION

The new edition of New Daylight Notes is available at the back of the church. It includes reflections from the desert fathers and mothers and the importance of rivers (the bible begins and ends with a river).

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

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

And Finally....

Can you find the 'Mysterious Word'?

(Answer in next week's Grapevine)

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CATHOLIC
CHRISTIAN
CROSS

FAITH
GOD
HINDUISM
HOPE
JESUS

JUDAISM
LIFE
MOHAMMED
PRAY
SPIRIT

The answer to last week's puzzle: 13 triangles