

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

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St. Christopher's Church

Warden Hill

Cheltenham, GL51 3DD

# GRAPEVINE

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

## ASCENSION DAY

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**7.30pm Holy Communion**

**South Cheltenham Team Service**

Minister: Revd Jacqueline Henson

Preacher: Revd Gary Grady

## THIS SUNDAY

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**10.30am CURC Service at St. Andrew's**

**Followed by AGM and light lunch**

Minister: Revd Iain McLaren

*There is no service at St. Christopher's this week*

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

**PENTECOST**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Minister: Rachel Tarling

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am**

URC Communion, Revd Iain McLaren

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am**

Morning Worship, Roy McBane

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am**

Holy Communion, Revd Gary Grady

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 10.30am**

Morning Worship, Tamsyn Jenkins

## 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.



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>Sun</b>	12.00	CURC AGM at St Andrew's No service at St Christopher's
<b>Mon</b>	19.30	Recorder Group
<b>Tue</b>	09.00 10.30 19.30	Morning Prayer at St. Christopher's Family Fun Day at St Andrew's House Group
<b>Wed</b>	12.00 19.00	Midweek Prayer at URCC Bellringing
<b>Thu</b>		Spring Bank Holiday
<b>Fri</b>		Jubilee Bank Holiday
	18.00	Choir Practice
<b>Sat</b>	10.00	Jubilee Bell Peal
<b>Sun</b>	12.00	Jubilee Picnic at St. Christopher's

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## ASCENSION READING

*Acts 4.1-11*

While staying with the apostles, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven,

suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

## ASCENSION GOSPEL

*Luke 24.44-53*

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

## 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**

<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Stancombe Grove & Azalea Drive
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Sissinghurst Grove & Ansell Close
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Salisbury Avenue & Katharine Court
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Woodlands Road & Silverthorne Close
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Winchester Way & Hazlewood Close
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Canterbury Walk & Norwich Drive

## **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.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES**

All contributions should be emailed directly to Liz Johnson in the Church Office at: [tcjwhsec@gmail.com](mailto:tcjwhsec@gmail.com) by **9am** each Thursday. Any longer items may be edited if we're tight on space that week!

## **THIS SUNDAY**

### **Annual Cheltenham URC Pastorate Service and Lunch at St. Andrew's**

It is the Annual Pastorate service for the Cheltenham URC and all the Cheltenham URC churches including Warden Hill are invited to come along. There is no service at St. Christopher's so all can attend if you wish to. The service starts at 10.30am at St. Andrew's when Iain will preach. It will be followed by a light lunch and a short AGM for the Cheltenham URC. All are invited to

the service and lunch – please let Brian know regarding the lunch for numbers via email: [bmiles39@outlook.com](mailto:bmiles39@outlook.com).

## **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.

## **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.

## **Reverend Canon Nick Davies**

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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. *Richard Neale*

## **CHRISTIAN AID**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Red Bucket Collection for Christian Aid Week. A total of £151 was raised.

## **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*

## CHURCH FIRE DRILL

On **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> June**, immediately after the URC Communion service ends, there will be a fire drill. At the sound of the alarm, please:

- Leave the building through the nearest door.
- Cross Lincoln Avenue and wait between the shrubbery and the flats car park entrance.

At this point we will check that everyone is present. Arrangements will be announced at the start of that morning's service. Richard Neale (on 07932 675125) is happy to talk to anyone beforehand if they have any concerns as to what will take place.

## CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

### *Art Extravaganza & Demos*

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

## BELL RINGING FOR THE JUBILEE

A peal attempt will take place at St Christopher's on **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 10am. On **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June** we will ring at 9.45am and before the Church Picnic at 12pm. A quarter peal attempt will then take place later that day 5pm.

## THE LANTERN

The June edition of Lantern is now in the entrance hall for you to collect.

## WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Wednesday Social Group is a talk by Paul Barnett – **Titanic Effort: 'Dash to save stricken liner'** on **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

## 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)

## 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.*

## SOUTH CHELTENHAM TEAM

### **CNC/Emmanuel Update**

As many will know, Rev Sarah McDonald Haden has been leading Cheltenham Network Church since 2020 and has played a leading role in their growing partnership with Emmanuel, Naunton Park. The two churches have recently agreed to work together in ministry and mission for at least the next five years. As part of that agreement, Sarah will be licensed as a Team Vicar within the South Cheltenham team alongside her ongoing responsibilities as Leader of CNC. In her role as Team Vicar she will have responsibility for Emmanuel Naunton Park and leading our Youth Programme across the team. Sarah will be formally licensed at Emmanuel on **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July** at 3pm and all are welcome to come and be part of the celebration and to stay for tea and cakes afterwards.

Nick writes, "This is a really exciting step forward for Emmanuel, CNC and the wider team and an important recognition of the skills and experience that Sarah brings to us. Sarah has worked faithfully and generously in pursuit of the new things that God is doing amongst us and I'm really looking forward to seeing where God takes us next."

### **And Finally...**

The answer to last week's puzzle was: **'RELIGION'**. Well done Bethany Smith who worked it out first and won a 'gold star' from Maureen McBane 😊