

Welcome to The Church in Warden Hill  
A Local Ecumenical Partnership

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Warden Hill

Cheltenham, GL51 3DD

# GRAPEVINE

Please continue to hand sanitise on entry and respect a social distance; face masks are optional.

## THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### THOMAS THE APOSTLE

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister: Tamsyn Jenkins

Readings: Ephesians 2.19–end  
John 20.24–29

Hymns: 178 – For All the Saints (Omit vs 4 + 6)  
573 – Praise to the Lord Almighty  
In Christ Alone (words overleaf)  
97 – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Refreshments will be served in the small hall after the service

## NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am URC 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

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am  
URC Communion, Revd Iain McLaren

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am  
Morning Worship, Anne Webber

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am  
Holy Communion, Revd Jacqueline Henson

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 10.30am  
Morning Worship, Roy McBane

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am  
Morning Worship, Rachel Tarling

## 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.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

<b>Mon</b>	19.30	Recorder Group
<b>Tue</b>	09.00	Morning Prayer, St Christopher's
	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>	10.00	TSSF Meeting
	18.00	Choir Practice
<b>Sat</b>	14.00	Community Film Show at URCC

## FIRST READING

*Ephesians 2.19–end*

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## SECOND READING

*John 20.24–29*

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.'

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

## PRAYERS

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>The Mothers' Union</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>The bellringers</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Young people's groups</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Maintenance &amp; Office staff</i>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Housebound &amp; lonely</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>St. Andrew's, Ramallah</i>
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Hanna, Youth Worker</i>

### BREAKTHROUGH IN YEMEN

Weapons have fallen silent in Yemen as a fragile ceasefire continues to hold.

Miraculously all parties are now engaging in peace talks which could resolve the 7 year conflict. Praise for this and ask for protection and provision of safe shelter, food and water for the 19 million suffering Yemenis. Isaiah 2:4

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

There will be a weekly, open prayer meeting in the Memorial Chapel at Pip & Jim's, on a Tuesday between 1.15-2.15pm to pray for the world, this country, our families, this diocese, our parishes and the South Cheltenham Team. Any queries please speak to Val Harris or 01242 231376 or via [valerie.harris@me.com](mailto:valerie.harris@me.com).

## **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. **Psalms 31** – A psalm of faith, hope and courage for the people of Ukraine, click [here](#).

## **WEEKLY NOTICES**

All contributions should be emailed directly to Liz Johnson in the Church Office at: [tcivhsec@gmail.com](mailto:tcivhsec@gmail.com) by **9am** each Thursday. Any longer items may be edited if we're tight on space for that week! Please also let the office know if there is a 'significant' birthday or anniversary that needs to be mentioned in the coming week.

## **CHURCH FIRE DRILL**

The fire drill will take place this Sunday, **3<sup>rd</sup> July**, immediately after the morning service. 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.

## **COMMUNITY FILM SHOW**

The next community film show will take place on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm at the URC Centre and will be 'Death on the Nile' (cert. 12). Looking ahead, the film on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> August will be 'The Duke' (cert. 12).

## **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.*

## **MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES**

***Across the South Cheltenham Team***

Nick Davies writes:

"Following lockdown and the reduced number of clergy serving across the South Cheltenham team, we are changing the pattern of our midweek Communion services. These changes follow consultation with churchwardens and clergy colleagues across the team.

From July we will be moving to a teamwide pattern of midweek communion services with one service taking place each week, circulating around the churches of the team, advertised in all news sheets and open to everyone. The monthly pattern of services is as follows:

Week 1: Wednesday 12.00 at Pip and Jim's

Week 2: Wednesday 10.30 at St Stephen's

Week 3: Tuesday 10.30 at St. Christopher's

Week 4: Wednesday 10.30 at St Peter's

Week 5: No service

We will begin this new model in July and then we will take a break in August (in acknowledgement of significant clergy annual leave) and then begin in earnest in September. We will keep these arrangements under review and make changes should new colleagues join the team. I realise that this will come as a disappointment to some but hope that it does provide a fair and sustainable pattern of services accessible to people across the whole team area."

## FIRST AID TRAINING

We will be arranging a First Aid Training course in the team and are looking for a rep from each church to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let Liz Johnson know via [parishofficeleck@btinternet.com](mailto:parishofficeleck@btinternet.com). Once we have some idea of numbers, we will look at booking something.

## 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.

## QUIET DAYS & EVENINGS



### **'Learning to Listen'**

The South Cheltenham Team have resumed the above series of events.

The next 2 sessions are as follows:

- **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July** from 7–9pm
- **Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Sep** from 10-3pm

These sessions are open to all and will take place in the Church Cottages.

To book, email [parishofficeleck@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficeleck@gmail.com) or call 01242 513647 and leave a message if the office is unattended.

## LEP CELEBRATION SERVICE

There will be a service of celebration to recognise our time spent together as a LEP on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, 3pm at St. Christopher's, followed by a reception with tea/cake at the URC Centre afterwards. The service will be led by Gary & Iain, with Bishop Robert and Steve Faber also present. *PS. Please send any LEP photos to Liz in the Church Office for the 'photo reel'.*

## HYMN – IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From a life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Could ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

*(Songwriters: Julian Getty, Stuart Townend)*