

Welcome to The Church in Warden Hill
A Local Ecumenical Partnership

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Warden Hill

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GRAPES VINE

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

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 17th July

5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister: Roy McBane

Readings: Amos 8.1-12

Luke 10.38-42

Hymns: 99 – Christ is the world's light.

736 – When I needed a neighbour.

161 – Father, hear the prayer we offer.

361 – Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives. X2. omit v3

766 – You shall go out with joy.

Refreshments will be served in the small hall after the service

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 24th July

6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Holy Communion

Minister: Revd Jacqueline Henson

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 24th July, 10.30am

Holy Communion, Revd Jacqueline Henson

Sunday 31st July, 10.30am

Morning Worship, Roy McBane

Sunday 7th August, 10.30am

Morning Worship, Rachel Tarling

Sunday 14th August, 10.30am

URC Communion, Revd Iain McLaren

Sunday 21st August, 10.30am

Morning Worship, Roy McBane

Sunday 28th August, 10.30am

Holy Communion, Revd Owen Barraclough

Sunday 4th September, 3pm

LEP Celebration Service

REST IN PEACE

Keith Norcott died in his sleep on the night of 12th July, 2022. Keith was an elder at St Andrew's and often visited Warden Hill.



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, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord..

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tue	09.00	Morning Prayer, St Christopher's
	10.30	Holy Communion
	19.30	House Group
Wed	19.00	Bellringing
Fri	18.00	Choir Practice

FIRST READING

Amos 8.1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me – a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord God; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into

lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

SECOND READING

Luke 10.38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

PRAYERS

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

17th	Church halls & users
18th	South Cheltenham team clergy
19th	Gardeners & Litterpickers
20th	Local hospitals & surgeries
21st	Musicians & singers
22nd	Parish Council
23rd	Flower Guild

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 the Lord 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 team and the diocese. More info from Val Harris: valerie.harris@me.com or 01242 231376.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Please continue to keep all those affected by the war in Ukraine in your prayers. You can still donate using the DEC link below: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal

WEEKLY NOTICES

All contributions should be emailed directly to Liz Johnson in the Church Office at: tcihwsec@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.

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

The next meeting is on **27th July** at 2pm at the URC Centre and will include a talk by Arthur Ball called 'A Botswana Safari'.

SPECIAL DATES

Happy Birthday to Dorothy Killer who is 80 on 13th July. Please let the Church Office know if there is a 'significant' birthday or anniversary that needs to be mentioned in the coming week.

QUIET DAYS & EVENINGS



'Listening to God'

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

The next 2 sessions are as follows:

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

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

To book, email parishofficeleck@gmail.com or call 01242 513647 and leave a message if the office is unattended.

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.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Across the South Cheltenham 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, 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.

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. Once we have some idea of numbers, we will look at booking something.

YOUTH UPDATE

Earlier this year we conducted a review of our South Cheltenham youth work programme. The key findings of that report showed a growth in numbers of young people involved in our programme and a range of new opportunities for us to connect with young people beyond our churches, including the opening of the new Leckhampton High School. As a result, we have decided to bring our youth work programme in-house by directly employing a youth worker rather than continuing with the current partnership with Youth for Christ (YFC). Our current contract with YFC comes to an end in August and after that Hanna has decided to continue in another role with YFC. We will, therefore, be recruiting a new youth worker to begin this autumn who will be managed by Sarah Haden. We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with YFC in a slightly different way including continuing to take our young people on their annual weekend away. Nick writes; "This is a really exciting next step for our youth work programme and is a recognition of the hard work of Hanna and her team and the professional support that we have received from YFC. We wish them both all the best and look forward to the new opportunities which we will be able to explore under Sarah's leadership."

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 17th July** at 3pm and all are welcome to come and be part of the celebration and to stay for tea and cakes afterwards.

YOUTH OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

The following movies are being shown, 8-10pm at Emmanuel: (£2 voluntary donation)

- 24 July – Shrek
- 7 August – The Mitchells vs The Machines

Free snacks and drinks. Please contact hanna@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk for details.

BOARDGAME CLUB at EMMANUEL

Wednesdays 10am-12pm in Summer Holidays

Weekly boardgame club at Emmanuel Cheltenham for 7-16 year olds. Come along for drinks, snacks and boardgames. Places are free but limited book online via eventbrite: cheltboardgames.eventbrite.com

LEP CELEBRATION SERVICE

There will be a service of celebration to recognise our time spent together as a LEP on **Sunday 4th September**, 3pm at St. Christopher's, followed by a reception with tea/cake at the URC Centre. The service will be led by Revs 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'.