

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 24th July

6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Holy Communion

Minister: Revd Jacqueline Henson

Readings: Hosea 1.2-10

Luke 11.1-13

Hymns: 691 – Thy kingdom come, O God
OMIT vv 4&5

161 – Father, hear the prayer we offer

162 – Father, I place into your hands

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 31st July

7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister: Revd Gary Grady

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 31st July, 10.30am

Morning Worship, Revd Gary Grady

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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sun	20.00	Youth Movie Night at Emmanuel
Mon	19.30	Recorder Group
Tue	09.00 19.30	Morning Prayer, St Christopher's House Group
Wed	14.00 19.00	Wednesday Social Group at URCC Bellringing
Thur	10.00	Prayer Group
Fri	18.00	Choir Practice

FIRST READING

Hosea 1.2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.'

⁸When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'

¹⁰Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither

measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

SECOND READING

Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³*Give us each day our daily bread.*

⁴*And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.*

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

PRAYERS

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

24 th	Japonica & Hillier Drives
25 th	Mimosa Avenue & Salix Court
26 th	Rothermere & Lilac Closes
27 th	Tamarisk Close & Wisteria Court
28 th	Rosehip & Camellia Courts
29 th	Stancombe Grove & Azalea Drive
30 th	Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road

AFGHANISTAN UPDATE

The scale of destruction left by last month's earthquake is heart-wrenching. More than 1,000 people killed and many more injured, most families have lost at least one person. With thousands of homes, health centres, schools and water works destroyed, the situation remains critical, and cholera often follows earthquakes. Aid agencies are providing cash assistance, which means people can buy the things they need the most. PLEASE PRAY for comfort and peace for those who are grieving and have lost everything and for provision to meet their emotional and practical needs. Read Acts 20:35.

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: 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.

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'.

THANK YOU

We have received a letter from National Star thanking us for the donation of £91.42 sent to them from the opening of the box put out at coffee following our morning services. Thank you all for contributing.



**LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH** All around us we see changing understandings of human identity,

changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes and activity. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today? The LLF course is a great opportunity to explore these subjects in a safe and encouraging environment, and will be running for 5 weeks on a Monday evenings, 7.30-9pm, at St Christopher's beginning on 3rd October. Please would you let Liz Johnson know if you would like to attend by emailing parishofficeleck@gmail.com or by calling/leaving a message on 01242 513647.

You can find out more about LLF by clicking [here](#) or copying the following link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/g7A3wt0jqZM>.

PRAYER WALK

Next Saturday the small band of prayer warriors hope to meet at Sardar's cafe at 10 am weather permitting for a drink and decision just where to walk round part of our community to cover it in prayer. Please join us if you can or at least pray for us as we pray on your behalf.

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

The monthly pattern of services is as follows:

Week 1 Wednesday 12pm at Pip and Jim's
Week 2: Wednesday 10.30am at St Stephen's
Week 3: Tuesday 10.30am at St. Christopher's
Week 4: Wednesday 10.30am at St Peter's
Week 5: No service!

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."

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

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ...

Is on Wed 27th July at 3pm at 'The Place to Eat' within John Lewis in Cheltenham for anyone living with dementia or caring for someone who has dementia. Call 01242 258800 or email virginia.peachey@careuk.com for details.

FAMILY FUN DAY at ST ANDREW'S

Thurs 11th Aug, 10.30-13.30, £2. Email fundays@urcic.org.uk to book (before 8th Aug). See poster for details.

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'.