



## Cheltenham United Reformed Church

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*Bulletin 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021,*

### **The Pulpit at Prestbury**

All Sunday Services begin at 10.30am

4<sup>th</sup> July            Rev Dee Brierley-Jones            (Communion)

**On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm there will be an Extraordinary Church Meeting at the Church to discuss the way ahead**

### **The Pulpit at St Andrew's**

All Sunday Services are 11.00am, broadcast on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0qso0uzwPJq-Onhf6fN2TA>

13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Bob Alger
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Iain McLaren
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Steve Faber/Rev Iain McLaren
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev Iain McLaren            (Communion)

- If you wish to attend St Andrew's services please reserve your seat with Janet before noon on Saturday.
- St Andrew's Charity/Retiring Collections for May and June will be for Christian Aid.

### **The Pulpit at The Church in Warden Hill**

Details of all Services can be found in 'Lantern', and 'Grapevine' both available at

<http://www.tciwh.org.uk>

13<sup>th</sup> June            Rev Iain McLaren            (URC Communion)

### **27<sup>th</sup> June will be the United Pastorate Service **starting at 10.30** at St Andrew's and CURC AGM.**

The service will include celebrations for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CURC, the Re-Induction of Elders. and will be led by Rev Iain. Rev Steve Faber, Moderator of West Midlands Synod will be preaching. Neither Prestbury nor Warden Hill/St Christopher's will have morning services. **ALL SERVING ELDERS** from each church are requested to attend.

Government restrictions permitting, a Buffet lunch will be held after the service with the AGM between courses. Final details nearer the time.

If you wish to attend. Please let Janet, Fiona or Brian know as appropriate.

## Invitation

The Elders and Congregations of Cheltenham United Reformed Church  
cordially invite you to a Garden Party  
to celebrate the arrival of our new Minister, Revd Iain McLaren BA, B.Th  
to be held at St Andrew's Church, Montpellier St, Cheltenham GL51 1SP  
on **Saturday 10 July 2021 from 3pm –6pm.**  
RSVP to Janet at St Andrew's or [events@urcic.org.uk](mailto:events@urcic.org.uk) by 30th June

*Government restrictions permitting*

### From our Minister: Rev Iain McLaren

Jesus was presumably trained as a carpenter, but it is not for his carpentry skills that he is remembered. He was an ancestor of King David, yet, unlike David, he did not gain respect through military prowess. What attracted people to Jesus during his time on earth was his healing ministry. Through his many acts of healing Jesus was demonstrating the high value attached to caring in the kingdom of God. The caring ministry has continued to be important throughout the history of the Church, finding expression, for example, in the medical care for the sick and hospitality for pilgrims offered by medieval monasteries. Last week (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June) was National Carers' Week, an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and highlight the contribution made by unpaid carers. Because the formula for calculating Gross Domestic Product does not include unpaid work, there is a tendency for policymakers to take the contribution of unpaid carers for granted and so pay insufficient attention to the challenges they face. National Carers' Week seeks to challenge this. There are many people within our church fellowship who care for others. They might not recognise themselves as carers but, without asking for any payment in return, they happily give lifts to medical appointments, collect prescriptions, accompany family members during stays in hospital, amongst many other acts of caring. The money saved by the welfare state is incalculable. Within the wider church community, we value these acts of caring and seek to support carers where we can. In so doing, we are honouring the example set by Jesus.



Yours in Christ, *Iain*

Rev Iain McLaren can be contacted at:  
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Day off on Mondays.

### Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 17 v22-24

Mark 4 v26-34

Psalms 92 v1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5 v6-17



### Prayer Requests this week:

Donna Sutherland and Family,  
Hanne Lambley  
Rev Iain and his family: Diana, Gift, Kimberley and Keke



### What's on this week?

#### Prayer Time on Tuesdays

St Andrew's will be open for Prayer on Tuesday from 11.00 till 12.00

**WE WELCOME ALL**

#### Teatime on Tuesday

Come and join us for an hour of excellent conversation, 3pm on Zoom.

Bring your own cup of tea and join the party.

<https://zoom.us/j/95570544462?pwd=QOVHQVVuWHB1QmpBd2ZDcEZJNlIXUT09>

ID 955 7054 4462,

Passcode 686988

Zoom Host: June



#### Study discussions on Wednesday's

We have embarked on a series of discussions based on the Emmaus Course. 8pm on zoom.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

<https://zoom.us/j/96204565714?pwd=Rm1iZ01ZWkpYNmVvbXZScFJlSWgyUT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0456 5714

Passcode: 108557

Zoom Host: Alison

### Coming soon

**Footsloggers** aim to restart in July – contact Jenny Evans for details nearer the time.

**Qi Gong** aims to reopen at St Andrew's on 15<sup>th</sup> July

### ECO

*From Sandra and Tony Jeans*

I attach a couple of images of our 'Eco garden' with its delicate early summer flowers. This year we have really had to let the garden decide what it wanted to do, but it's been doing well without much help from us! Our garden is always a mixture of the wild flowers with the cultivated, since much that is cultivated originates from the wild anyway.....

