



Cheltenham United Reformed Church

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Bulletin 17th January 2021

Dear Friends

Due to the current lockdown all three churches have on-line arrangements for Sunday worship. Church buildings will be closed.

Rev. Iain McLaren

It is our great pleasure to welcome Rev Iain McLaren to the Cheltenham pastorate of the United Reformed Church.

The Induction Service will be by **ZOOM** from St Andrew's on 16th January at 3pm. Everyone is invited to link in. **Please have your device muted and set on speaker view for best reception.**

This will be a much reduced Act of Worship, due to the current lockdown but we hope to arrange a full celebration later in the year.



IAIN – WELCOME TO CHELTENHAM and we all look forward to meeting you very soon.



You are invited to attend the
Induction of Revd Iain McLaren BA, B.Th
at St Andrew's on Saturday 16 January at 3pm.



The Zoom link will be open from 2.45 - 3pm to give everyone time to join

<https://zoom.us/j/97094457672?pwd=SlI4aWN5UHpQUmRoakpaa3hqEVIzd09>

Meeting ID: 970 9445 7672

Passcode: 999449

Our grateful thanks to Bob Alger and friends for all the work put into getting the technology up and running in time for this service.

Prayer Requests this week:

Duncan Westerman (organist at TCiWH) and family following the death of
Geraldine Westerman

Joan and Ian Thomson

All those with Covid 19

If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the prayer list, please
let us know and they will be included in the next bulletin.



Our apologies to Bill Cowie – this is a painted copy of a window at St Andrew's, not a photo.

Prayers on Mondays at 8.30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/96204565714?pwd=Rm1iZ01ZWkpYNmVvbXZScFJISWgyUT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0456 5714 Passcode: 108557

Lectionary Readings

1 Samuel 3 v1-10,11-20

Psalm 139 v1-6,13-18

John 1 v43-51

1 Corinthians 6 v12-20

The Pulpit at St Andrew's

All Sunday Services are 11.00am, broadcast on YouTube:

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

17 th January	Rev Iain McLaren	
24 th January	Rev Alison Evans	
31 st January	Rev Iain McLaren	
7 th February	Rev Iain McLaren	(Communion)

One World Week service will be available on Sunday 24th January from 6.30pm on YouTube.

The Pulpit at Prestbury

All Sunday Services are 10.30am. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.

24 th January	Rev Iain McLaren	Communion
7 th February	Rev Dee Brierley-Jones	TBC

The Pulpit at The Church in Warden Hill

Details of Services can be found in 'Lantern' which is available at <http://www.tciwh.org.uk>

14 th February	URC Sunday	Rev Iain McLaren
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Tea Time on Tuesdays Zoom meetings are continuing. **EVERYONE** is invited to enjoy
friendly conversation at 3pm. Bring your own cup of tea and join the party.

ID 955 7054 4462, Passcode 686988

<https://zoom.us/j/95570544462?pwd=Q0VHQVVuWHB1QmpBd2ZDcEZJNlIXUT09>

ECO News

On Tuesday 12th January, I joined a virtual conference organised by Vision 21 and Cheltenham Borough Council. The conference is the very first step towards the formation of 'Cheltenham Zero' - a cross-sector collaborative partnership between local government, businesses and community organisations across the borough, all working to achieve a net zero carbon Cheltenham by 2030. In the morning there had been a business session and the afternoon session which I attended was for community/environmental groups. In all, there were 100+ people at both events. It was an interesting afternoon which featured a keynote speech from Rebecca Willis who is an expert lead for [Climate Assembly UK](#), the Citizens' Assembly established by the UK Parliament and an adviser to the [National Lottery's Climate Action Fund](#). There were a number of breakout sessions looking at Transport, Biodiversity and Communication.

If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, why not check out the suggestions on the [RSPB's website](#). One of these is to take part in the **Big Garden Bird Watch** which takes place on 29, 30 and 31 January 2021. This asks you to spend just one hour watching and recording the birds in your garden, balcony or local park and to send in your results. These give the RSPB valuable information on how our wildlife is doing. I've done this for a number of years and am looking forward to taking part again.

Carol Drummond

Christian Aid Fundraising

Royal Oak Brass - the brass quintet based at St Andrews URC Montpellier - had three playing engagements in December.

In early December we recorded Christmas Carols at St Nicolas for North Cheltenham Churches Christmas video. The video can be seen on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/OwnTbCHh8Fg> On the Saturday before Christmas we played outside Smith and Mann in Charlton Kings, raising £175. On Christmas Eve we played in the Bandstand in Montpellier Park, raising £86. **PLUS** we invited donations for Christian Aid on Royal Oak Brass's Facebook page and raised a further £95.



The grand total raised for Christian Aid Christmas Appeal was £356 and the players really enjoyed the opportunity to play - socially distanced outside - together.

Andrew Veal



St Andrew's Charity for January/February

Save the Children

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Bulletin in the last year – we couldn't have produced such an interesting and varied news-sheet without you.

Janet, Fiona and Brian