



## Cheltenham United Reformed Church

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### **The Pulpit at Prestbury**

All Sunday Services begin at 10.30am

26<sup>th</sup> September      Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones    (Communion)

3<sup>rd</sup> October            Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones    (Harvest)

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

All Sunday Services are 11.00am, also broadcast on YouTube:

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

19th September      Dr Tony Jeans and Friends    Climate Sunday/Harvest

**\*\*\*\*\*Climate Sunday** will be held in conjunction with Harvest, when all the Offertory/Donations will specifically be in aid of our new **'Toilet Twinning'** Project with Malawi. Please give generously and we will see how many of our church toilets we can twin with Malawian ones. Thank you.



26<sup>th</sup> September      Mrs Julie Jefferies  
3<sup>rd</sup> October            Rev Iain McLaren    (Communion)  
10<sup>th</sup> October          Mr Bob Alger

### **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>

10<sup>th</sup> October          Rev Iain McLaren    (Communion)

**Our Minister, Rev Iain McLaren has been granted Compassionate Leave till the end of the month, due to his daughter suffering a serious mental breakdown.**



#### **Please Note:**

Rev Iain McLaren can usually be contacted at:

01242-231602, or 07483118427      [revdiain@urcic.org.uk](mailto:revdiain@urcic.org.uk)

Day off on FRIDAYS.



### Prayer Requests this week:

Rev Iain and his family, Bill and Sheila Cowie, Sue W.  
Andrew Sutherland, Eileen Attwood, Geoff Harmsworth,  
Douglas MacGregor, Charlotte Cummings, Margaret Derbyshire.

### Lectionary Readings for this week.

Wisdom of Solomon 1 v16 – 2 v1,12-22      OR      Jeremiah 11 v18-20  
Psalm 54      Mark 9 v30-37      James 3 v13 – 4 v3,7-8a

### What's on this week

Mon 20 Sept	10:00 - 11:30	Prestbury URChins Baby & Toddlers	Prestbury URC
Tues 21 Sept	11:00 - 12:00 15:00 - 16:00	Prayer Time Zoom Afternoon Tea	St Andrew's URC
<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86813681583?pwd=N1hGRUx6Y0FFYkZocVBzTXAwRII3UT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86813681583?pwd=N1hGRUx6Y0FFYkZocVBzTXAwRII3UT09</a> Meeting ID: 868 1368 1583      Passcode: 642768			
Wed 22 Sept	1400 – 1600	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
The speaker is Chris Witts, talking about 'Life on the River Severn'			
Fri 24 Sept	10:00 - 12:00	<b><u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u></b>	Prestbury URC
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.20 – 3.00	Safeguarding Training	Warden Hill URCC

### Study/Discussion Group

This Group will continue weekly meetings on Mondays from **27<sup>th</sup> September (NOT 20<sup>th</sup>)** at 7.30pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in.      The link for the Zoom meeting is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86817591596?pwd=MkkzSzRWdzFPUTViUnZjNitLZStKUT09>  
Meeting ID: 868 1759 1596      Passcode: 368163      *Bob Alger*

### Safeguarding Training

**Saturday 25 September 2021 at the Warden Hill URC Centre, Salisbury Avenue.**

Just a reminder that we are having safeguarding training face to face with Donna Gordon our West Midlands Safeguarding Officer. Donna has recently recovered from COVID and has asked that we start the training at the **new start time of 11.00** aiming to finish at 2.30.

Please can you **bring your own lunch, notebook and pen**. Tea, coffee and wrapped biscuits will be provided from 10.45.

Looking forward to seeing the Elders and others who have booked in, and if you would like to join us, please contact me via e-mail [juliejefferies@googlemail.com](mailto:juliejefferies@googlemail.com).

A separate e-mail will be issued to those who are unable to attend with Zoom training details. *Julie Jefferies*



## The Big Prestbury Coffee Morning

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am - Noon at  
Prestbury URC



Please do join us at Prestbury URC to be part of the annual Macmillan Cancer Support Appeal. **Coffee and Cakes guaranteed!**

## Qi Gong

The group meets at St Andrew's on Thursdays, 12.45 to 1.45 every two weeks:

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>,                      November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>,                      December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Tony Jeans*



## Community Film Show

The Community Film Shows at Warden Hill URCC are restarting on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The film starts at 2.00pm. For legal reasons we cannot name the film online. Please contact [Prestbury@urcic.org.uk](mailto:Prestbury@urcic.org.uk) for further information.

## An Invitation from Rev Dee Brierley Jones

Rev Dee hosts a Bible Study/Discussion Group at her home once a month on Tuesday mornings. She invites anyone interested in joining to contact Janet Kemp, 012342 222350 who is already a member

## Footsloggers                      Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September                      Frampton-on-Severn

We started off at The Bell and made our way to the canal where we walked along the tow path until we got to Splatt Bridge. Here we were lucky enough to watch as the bridge keeper wound the bridge to the side to allow the barge from The Willow Trust to go through on their journey. We then visited St. Mary's, the parish church. It was consecrated in 1315. The oak door is original with the imprint of the skins that used to cover it and an enormous lock. After walking through the large church yard to the lych-gate we continued through the village admiring the different architectural styles, with many houses dating from the Tudor period.



On the return to lunching at The Bell, we walked past the ponds that had been created from the old gravel pits which had a lovely display of water lilies.

Our next walk will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.

## ECO News

The '**Great Big Green Week**' takes place from 18-26 September and is a nationwide celebration of action on climate change across the UK. As part of this and to support our Eco church activities, we'd like to ask you to calculate your carbon footprint using the WWF calculator below. This looks at 4 areas – **Stuff, Food, Home and Travel** and gives you a score in each area as well as telling you whether you are on target overall. When you've done this,

please would you e-mail your results – overall and for the individual sections to me by the end of this month so we can see how we're doing and learn from each other on how to cut our carbon footprints. <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

If you don't have access to the internet, please contact me and we can sort something out.

Kate, one of the sewing ladies at the **Repair Café** is moving on to pastures new and October will be her last time at the café. I have a card for her. If you have had any alterations done by Kate and would like to sign the card, please see me after the service on Sunday.

*Carol Drummond*

### **St Andrew's September Charity of the month is 'Commitment for Life'**

*Our giving to CfL supports Christian Aid's work in Central America to help overcome climate problems, support agriculture and alleviate poverty. Please support Commitment for Life this month.*



### **Amparo advances reproductive health and women's rights in Honduras**

*Health services are poor in the rural areas of Honduras, and women need an advocate for their rights as mothers, and for their civil rights.*

Amparo is 53 and has lived all her life in a small community in Honduras. She works with a partner organisation of Christian Aid as a midwife in a Sexual Health Project, providing women with information on family planning, HIV and gender-based violence. Many of Honduras' vulnerable women live in impoverished and remote areas with no basic services or government presence. Women from indigenous communities also face huge barriers to secure their reproductive and sexual health, and mortality in this group is disproportionately high. They are unlikely to use state-run health centres, which are not equipped for indigenous cultures, and so face much higher risks in childbirth. Amparo and her team go into local schools teaching young women about sexual and reproductive health, information they are unlikely to get anywhere else. Thanks to their work it was recently reported that there were no known teenage pregnancies in any of the local towns.

#### **Courage to speak out**

Amparo is a strong advocate for policies and actions which will advance women's rights, in



matters of health, of domestic violence, and of ethnic discrimination. In her work she learns about the negative conditions many women experience as they go through maternity, and her Christian faith has given her the strength and determination to take her findings to the local municipality, to get pledges from the officials to deliver improvements, and to ensure that all commitments they make are delivered to these

vulnerable women. *'Serving the Community is my God-given gift', she says 'My dream is to train up more young people in my local community so that we can continue this vital work.'*

Amparo's much needed work is supported by Christian Aid.

Please give this month to Commitment for Life's fund for people in Central America.

*Robin Derbyshire*