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The Pulpit at Prestbury

All Sunday Services begin at 10.30am

26th September Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones (Communion)

3rd 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>

26th September Mrs Julie Jefferies

3rd October Rev Iain McLaren (Communion)

10th October Mr Bob Alger

17th October Rev Iain McLaren

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>

10th October Rev Iain McLaren (Communion)



Prayer Requests this week:

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

Lectionary Readings for this week.

Numbers 11 v4-6, 10-16,24-29

Psalm 19 v7-14

Mark 9 v38-50

James 5 v13-20

Our Minister, Rev Iain McLaren has been granted Compassionate leave till the end of September, 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
Day off on FRIDAYS.

Congratulations to Fred and Mary Cummings on their 'Emerald' anniversary (55 Years)

What's on this week

Sat 25 Sept	11.00 – 3.00	Safeguarding Training	Warden Hill URCC
Mon 27 Sept	10:00 - 11:30	Prestbury URChins Baby & Toddlers	Prestbury URC
Mon 27 Sept	7.30 - 9.30	Study/Discussion Group	Zoom
		https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86817591596?pwd=MkkzSzRWdzFPUTViUnZjNitLZStKUT09	
	Meeting ID: 868 1759 1596	Passcode: 368163	
Tues 28 Sept	11:00 - 12:00	Prayer Time	St Andrew's URC
Fri 1 Oct	10:00 - 12:00	Coffee, Chat ++	Prestbury URC

Tuesday Teas

"At this week's Zoom Afternoon Tea chat the participants agreed that we should take a break from these meetings until the end of October, so that people could get the benefit of any good autumn weather, resuming in November.

So the next Zoom Afternoon Tea meeting will be on Tuesday 02 November at 3pm."

June Macpherson-Rait

Qi Gong

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

October 7th and 14th, November 4th and 18th, December 2nd and 16th.

Tony Jeans



Community Film Show

The Community Film Shows at Warden Hill URCC are restarting on 9th October. The film will be 'Downton Abbey', starting at 2.00pm.

ECO News

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the **Toilet Twinning** project. So far we have collected enough to twin with 13 Toilets in Malawi.



We submitted the Repair Café to the Green Showcase launched by the Church Times, in collaboration with members of both the Church of England and Roman Catholic environmental working groups. We are delighted that it has been shortlisted. A film is being made of the shortlisted projects and filming will take place at the next Repair Café on 2 October. It would be great if you are able to join us and bring along any items you have for repair.

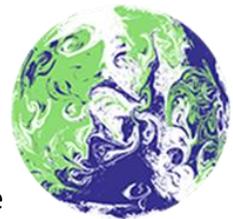
St Andrew's September Charity of the month is 'Commitment for Life'

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.



Next instalment from Ali in Haiti, working with Samaritans Purse Disaster Team.

As I write I have less than 48 hours in Haiti. The field hospital is coming to the end of its time here with the last patients expected to be discharged on Monday.



The operating room closed its doors finally at 12.00 on Friday as we began to pack up. An incredible four weeks with over 120 surgeries completed. We have operated on over 100 patients and seen over 3000 patients in the out-patients department. Surgeries have been limited by the resources and the need. Mostly, as one would expect after an earthquake, they are orthopaedic in nature with a few general cases to break the flow.

The arrival of new surgeons brought different skills plus the arrival of a dermatome. This meant that the surgeons were able to take skin grafts to cover some of the bigger wounds for patients and speed up the healing process.

We have had our share of small babies who have come because their mothers were injured but still breastfeeding. The youngest was just 6 weeks old when he came. There were plenty of arms to carry him around when mum was asleep or having procedures carried out on the ward. As is usual here, the patients were allowed a care giver to stay with them if needed. At one point we had three generations of the same family, mum, daughter and grandson!

We know we were the first NGO to be able to establish a field hospital and the effect for the local population has been huge. But we have continued with the water project which has delivered over 1.2 million litres of clean water for the two communities where they were established and literally thousands of yards of tarp have been given out to provide

temporary shelter. With the shelters a small solar light has also been given which will be sufficient to provide some light in the shelters.

The chaplains both from the Billy Graham Evangelical association and local churches, have spoken with and prayed alongside the patients and relatives as requested. Many of the local churches have been active in providing places of safety for those whose homes have been destroyed.

On Friday I visited a local hospital which normally provides ENT and ophthalmic services. The ENT service has been unable to carry surgeries because of the damage to their buildings and so we have been able to pass on the OR and two of the ward tents to them. Along with some of the furniture that goes in them. The Ministry of Health is also receiving useful gifts from us and local mission hospitals are benefitting from supplies that we are leaving here.

We had worked in partnership with both the mission hospital and MoH. The benefit of having Samaritan's Purse will continue. The water and shelter projects will continue and will be run from the national office once we leave and longer term projects will be established.

Thanks for being with me on this journey. Ali Herbert

From Mary Cummings:



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