



Cheltenham United Reformed Church

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Bulletin 3rd October 2021

The Pulpit at Prestbury

All Sunday Services begin at 10.30am

3rd October Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones (Harvest)

Cash donations for *Cheltenham Food Bank* please

24th October Rev Iain McLaren (Communion)

The Pulpit at St Andrew's

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

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

3rd October Rev Iain McLaren (Communion)

10th October Mr Bob Alger

17th October Rev Iain McLaren

24th October Mr Geoff Tizzard-King

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)

Our Minister, Rev Iain McLaren

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Day off on FRIDAYS.



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,
Fiona's Auntie Thelma

Lectionary Readings for this week.

Genesis 2 v18-24

Psalm 8

Mark 10 v2-16

Hebrews 1 v1-4, 2 v5-12

What's on this week

Sat 2 nd Oct	10.00 – 1.00	Repair Café	St Andrew's
Mon 4 th Oct	10:00 - 11:30	Prestbury URChins Baby & Toddlers	Prestbury URC
Mon 4 th Oct	7.30 - 9.30	Study/Discussion Group	Zoom
		https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86817591596?pwd=MkkzSzRWdzFPUTViUnZjNitLZStKUT09	
		Meeting ID: 868 1759 1596	Passcode: 368163
The second session of the Pete Greig Prayer Course will be considered on Monday at 7.30pm via Zoom see Link above. This is a very accessible course designed for all and so do join us if you wish. Each session is independent so it does not matter if you miss a week! <i>Bob</i>			
Tues 5 th Oct	11:00 - 12:00	Prayer Time	St Andrew's URC
Thur 7 th Oct	12.45 – 1.45	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Fri 8 th Oct	10:00 - 12:00	Coffee, Chat ++	Prestbury URC
Sat 9 th Oct	2.00	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URCC

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.



Carbon Footprints

Thank you to everyone who has sent me the details of their carbon footprint. If you haven't yet done so, here is the link. We're using WWF's calculator for a consistent view.

Please send me your results % score, tonnes overall and the % breakdown of the individual sections eg travel.

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Carol Drummond

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported *The Big Prestbury Coffee Morning* last Friday. The total raised was £240.

St Andrew's October 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.



Reminder: if you would like a copy of the **CURC Directory**, please contact Fiona.

The Autumn edition of **'In Touch'**, now the quarterly guide to Cheltenham URC, will be sent out with this Bulletin. You will find details of all church activities in the centre spread.

The Wednesday Social Group at Warden Hill

Your Group is on the road again – so we are happy. On **8th September** we had our first meeting since lockdown. After John had welcomed old faces and some newcomers he outlined what the Group is for and briefly our plans for the next months. To set his message he told a slightly risqué but true story. His theme was that we must not think of our mature years as ones of inevitable decline to the seventh of Shakespeare's 'Ages of Men'. With the right approach we can make these ages of growth and care. We can become the best people we can be and this means loving happy people with developing interests.

On **22nd September** Chris Witts gave us his talk "Life on the River Severn". We expected a gentle story of pleasure boating or even "gin palace" luxury. What we got was an adventure story of many years sailing by working ships from Gloucester via the Sharpness Canal to Swansea. The accommodation at first was Spartan but improved with time. Chris recounted the day barges crashed into an early Severn Bridge with men dying. Years later he almost drowned trapped in the dock between two boats. We were glad he was saved to give us this informative, interesting and well-illustrated talk.

Ollie is well underway with getting together a wide range of programme for next year.

Plan to come – we love your company.

(2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Warden Hill URC Centre)

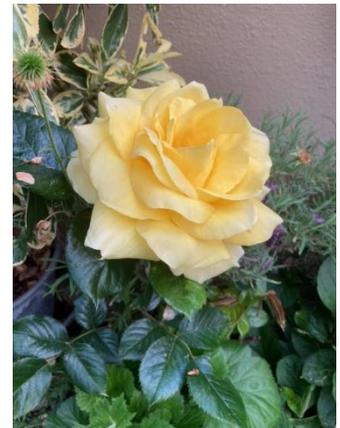
John Howe (Chairman)

Some thoughts on St. Christopher's Garden at Warden Hill

A garden is never 'finished' - as in life, the only constant element is that of change. Comings and goings, changes and renewals.

The plants have mostly been donated over the years and those in the raised beds at the front of church were specifically 'sponsored' by members of the congregation. However, any excuse to acquire plants means that I am always on the look out for specimens with 'appropriate' names or 'themes'. So, look out for the '**Musical Tulips**' in spring (Jazz, Doll's Minuet, Johann Strauss, Giuseppe Verdi etc.).

Also the '**Royals**' (Clematis 'Princess Diana' and 'Queen Mother'); **Roses** 'Blessings', 'Madonna', 'Genesis', 'Remembrance' and 'The Pilgrim'; Solomon's Seal, Jacob's Ladder, Trinity plant and even a member of the 'Judas Tree' family.



Other plants remind us of church friends present and past: Clematis 'Pauline', Abelia 'Charlotte' Tree Heather, 'Albert's Gold' and Clematis 'Little Joe', and Clematis 'Freda'.

Comings and goings, changes and renewals.....

Adapted from an article in 'Lantern', Sept 2021 by Maureen McBane

To all our contributors:

Thank you for all the copy that you send. Send to: magazine@urcic.org.uk, then it will be sure to reach both Janet and Fiona. Thankyou