



## Cheltenham United Reformed Church

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### The Pulpit at Prestbury

All Sunday Services begin at 10.30am

31 <sup>st</sup> July	No Service	
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Rev Dee Brierley-Jones	All-age Worship
21 <sup>st</sup> August	The Elders	

### The Pulpit at St Andrew's

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

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

31 <sup>st</sup> July	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones	
<i>HYMNS</i>	<i>Rejoice+ Sing 45,117, 96, Songs of Fellowship 59</i>	
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Rev David Lawrence	Communion
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Mr Geoff Tizzard-King	Songs of Praise

***"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Ps66v1)***

Come and bolster the congregation at St Andrew's on 14<sup>th</sup> August for a  
**'Summer Songs of Praise'**  
And have a good sing.



21<sup>st</sup> August 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>

14<sup>th</sup> August Rev Iain McLaren Communion

***This will be the final URC led service as part of the LEP***

There will be a service of **CELEBRATION** to recognise our time spent together as an LEP on **Sunday 3rd September**, 3pm at St. Christopher's, followed by a reception with tea/cake at the URC Centre afterwards. **ALL WELCOME**

### Lectionary Readings

Ecclesiastes 1v2,12-14, 2 v18-23  
Luke 12 v13-21

Psalm 49 v1-12  
Colossians 3 v1-11



Keith Norcott's funeral will be at WARDEN HILL United Reformed Church, Salisbury Ave on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm.

### Prayer Requests this week:

Elvina Norcott and Family, Eileen Ferguson and Family, Geoff and Margaret Harmsworth, Lyn Ricketts, Jean Danes, Pauline Aldridge, The people of Ukraine



**Congratulations** to Emma Franklin and Geoff Hall on their wedding at St Andrew's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

We pray for them as they start their married life.

The Hall Family would like to thank all those at St Andrew's who helped make our day so special: Revd Iain, Carol Drummond. John Standing, and Geoff and Sarah Tizzard-King.

*Photo: J Davison*

Rev Iain McLaren, our Minister is on leave:

**30<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August**

He can normally be contacted at:

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

Day off on FRIDAYS.



**For emergencies, please contact either your Church Secretary or one of the Elders.**

### Charity Coffee, Chat ++

The organisers would like to thank all those who supported the Charity Coffee Morning last Friday at Prestbury in aid of the CT Gamma Scanner Appeal. A total of £180 was raised.

### St Andrew's Charity for July

Your Charity giving this month will go to the Cheltenham Food Bank. Please place your donation in the offertory plates available at both doors, ticking the envelope **Retiring Offering.** *Robin Derbyshire*



### Please Note:

**The Parking meters in Montpellier Street and Fauconberg Road are now card only.**

## What's on across CURC`

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 – 12.00	Coffee, Chat++	Prestbury
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 – 13.00	Repair Café	St Andrew's
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	14.00 – 16.00	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
		<b>'Never a Dull Moment'</b> <i>Cliff Kirby Tibbits</i>	
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.30 – 1.30	Family Fun Day	St Andrew's
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug		Footsloggers	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 – 12.00	Coffee and Chat ++	Prestbury
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	14.00	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URCC
		<b>'The Duke'</b> <i>starring: Helen Mirren, Jim Broadbent</i>	

**There will be NO Mid-week worship in August. We shall resume on 7th September.**

Come and join us at St. Andrew's URC  
for a



**Craft**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

on

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

10.30am - 1.30pm

includes **LUNCH**

Price £2 per adult

To book your place email [fundays@urcic.org.uk](mailto:fundays@urcic.org.uk)

Closing date Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August



**Music**



**Games**



**Stories**

## COP 26 Quilt

We are delighted to be hosting the COP26 quilt during August in the link gallery, St Andrew's, at the request of Miriam our friend at 'Foodloose'. She says "the quilt came about when a group of friends from the town felt they needed to do something to mark COP26 which was happening in Glasgow in November 2021. So we decided to keep a quiet vigil every day for the duration of the Conference on the Prom, outside the Borough Council Offices. We invited one and all to join us for however long they wanted and also to write (or stitch/embroider) a message to the Council for their vision, dream or suggestion of the kind of green town they would like Cheltenham to be - whether it was traffic reduction, cycle lanes, green spaces, trees, etc. Whatever they could imagine! We provided fabric cut-out footprints in adult or child size for the messages. We wanted also to encourage the Council to meet their target of a carbon neutral town by 2030. (The Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019). These were then appliquéd to a backcloth and we will present it to the Council on the anniversary of COP26 in November."



We hope you will take the opportunity to look at the quilt and tell your friends.

<https://m.facebook.com/pointswest/videos/cop26-quilt/1574864846247320/>

## Wildflower meadows and flowering lawns Are these different?

Yes, a **wildflower meadow**, such as that being created as a Psalm 23 Garden, is managed to allow the grasses and flowers to grow tall. It is not cut until the end of summer. A **flowering lawn** means that by careful cutting at a high cut you can create a springy healthy lawn of grasses and low growing wildflowers, enhancing wildlife habitat and benefiting more pollinators. The lawn area at St. Andrew's has been surveyed for its nectar production again this year and has yielded an impressive July score supporting bees and other insects. It's important to create meaningful wildlife habitat with vegetation which is at different heights. That way you increase the range of wildflowers and support a greater number of species. **Biodiversity needs diverse habitats.**



The longer grass provides winter shelter for all kinds of things, helps amphibians to breed and most important provides protective wildlife corridors. The meadows should be strimmed to avoid compacting, and cuttings removed to minimise any enrichment of the grass to the detriment of the flowers.

The shorter lawns do not have to remain uncut, but should be mown less often. They attract clover, self-heal, bird's-foot trefoil, buttercups, speedwells and daisies. The Church lawns have been well populated with these this year. Their seeds, and those of plantain, provide food for birds such as blackbirds, pied wagtails and robins.

A pair of blackbirds were frequently present whilst working on the Psalm 23 garden, and it was with gentle exasperation that on visits we found Yellow rattle plugs we had planted pulled out – presumably seeking the insect life in the rooting systems as well as the seed sacks! This is a plant which is hemiparasitic as it acquires much of its nutrient from another plant – in this case grasses. It's a standard way of stopping dominance of grasses and encouraging varieties of wildflowers.

The RSPB has published an informative article drawing attention to the key issues of creating flowering meadows and lawns. It recommends *wait and see* approaches, and other methods to accelerate diversity of plants by use of seeding, introduction of plugs and small plants.

<https://community.rspb.org.uk/nature-on-your-doorstep/b/nature-on-your-doorstep-blog>

Article called **"What's living in your lawn?"** – 10 July, 2022 Copy link to your browser  
Sandra & Tony Jeans for ECO committee

### Details coming soon



CURC will be celebrating the URC's Jubilee on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September with a Social Event at Warden Hill and on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September with celebratory Worship at St Andrew's.

**URC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.**

Please talk to Janet if you would like to attend.