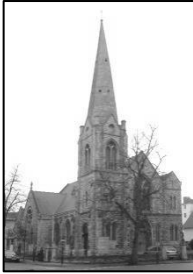


# Cheltenham United Reformed Church



# In Touch



April 2016



*'Through Faith,  
Fellowship and Care  
We Affirm that Jesus Is Lord'*

# CHELTENHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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## Welcome to 'In Touch' -

The magazine of **Cheltenham United Reformed Church**, a joint pastorate of the three United Reformed Churches in Cheltenham, sharing a Minister, Revd Maz Allen. The three churches work very closely together, sharing this magazine, the website and all activities.

**St Andrew's United Reformed Church** is in the Montpellier district of Cheltenham town centre. A former Presbyterian church founded in 1885, it became United Reformed on unification in 1972. Recent renovations now offer an impressive facility, meeting the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century Cheltenham.

**Prestbury United Reformed Church** is in the heart of Prestbury village on the northern edge of Cheltenham. A former Congregational chapel built in 1866, becoming United Reformed on unification in 1972.

**The Church in Warden Hill** is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between the Anglican (St Christopher's) and URC communities of Hatherley and Warden Hill in the south of Cheltenham. Ministry is shared between the URC Minister, Revd Maz Allen, and members of the Anglican South Cheltenham Team Ministry. Both the Anglican and URC buildings are regularly used for worship.

For other information about the Church in Warden Hill please see 'The Lantern' or visit [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk)

*Jesus said:*

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them." (Matthew 18 v20 NRSV)*

## **News of the Church Family**

### **We remember those who have departed:**

George Apps

### **We are invited to pray for:**

Elisabeth Apps, Mary Cummings, Ernest Marvin, Paulette Hyde, Jean Bennett, Olwen Sands.

### **Our Congratulations go to:**

Bailey Robert Harper and Leila Ella Harper-Lewis on their Dedications  
Lily Rose Alltoft on her Baptism  
Pat and David Barnett who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding

### **United Pastorate Service Sunday 8th May 11am St. Andrew's**

The Moderator of General Assembly, **Rev. David Grosch-Miller** will be preaching. We are very fortunate to have him with us as he has a very busy schedule. We will also be ordaining and inducting Elders. It's not every day we get the equivalent of the Archbishop joining us! Please support this service.

LUNCH (hot) will follow, in the hall. A £5 donation would be appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be in each church shortly. Please make every effort to attend this service.

Please note: there will be NO Morning Service at Prestbury or Warden Hill

## **Our Minister Writes:**



Dear Friends,

This month sees the closure of C4 Children's Choir, after nine years and more than twenty musicals. It was one of the first things I started when I arrived in Cheltenham in 2007. C4 stands for 'Cheltenham Churches Children's Choir' and included 5-10 year olds from all three URC's. Over the years, the vast majority of children came from St. Mary's Infant and Junior Schools in Prestbury, with the cast developing from 5 year olds who could hardly read to 10 year olds who took lead roles. Acting has never been a passion of mine, but the children wanted to do more than sing right from the start. So we attempted some ambitious scripts, the hardest being 'The Wind in the Willows'. Great fun has been had every Friday evening for an hour, even though I have been known to shout occasionally! Over the past two terms, a new school choir has started in the Junior School and I have lost most of my older children, leaving the 5-7 year olds to hold the fort. It is probably time to call it a day, sad though that is.

So, as you will read in this magazine, there will be a special performance of 'The Peace Child' just for the churches, on Saturday 23rd April, 3pm at Prestbury URC. I wanted to give you a chance to see these wonderful youngsters for the last time and also to thank you for all your support over the nine years. You will need a ticket (which is free) from me or Fiona Hall. Please come and applaud the hard work of the children and parents alike. Jesus said, 'let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'

Yours in Christ,

*Maz*

## **Obituary - GEORGE APPS**

**18 Jan 1917 – 25 Feb 2016**

Born in Lambeth, London, George's career was laid out for him; he followed his father and grandfather into the printing business, as a Print Compositor. Starting at the age of fourteen, he had a seven-year apprenticeship before being let loose on the 'Surrey Comet' newspaper.

George was a dispatch-rider during the war, and also served with the East Surreys in Dunkirk, North Africa, Italy and Palestine. Whilst his squad were re-grouping in Scotland, he met a young WRAF girl who was on leave. George and Elisabeth married after a short courtship before he went off to N. Africa and Elisabeth went back to Bletchley Park.

After the war, they set up house in Surrey and George worked for the Daily Mirror in Fleet Street, where he remained until his retirement. Their daughter Janet brought them great joy and mum and daughter gradually got dad involved in their church. He became the King of the Jumble Sale!!

George and Elisabeth loved sequence dancing, bowls and tennis and he was also a superb cook. When they moved to Cheltenham to be near to Janet and her family, they continued the dancing and bowls and they also became members of St. Andrew's in 1984, and endeared themselves to our hearts.

George had a stroke ten years ago which robbed him of much of his speech and hearing. He became dependent upon Elisabeth, who has been a rock. More than seventy years of marriage forged a partnership which has been humbling to those of us who have seen George and Elisabeth together. We pour out our love to Elisabeth and to Janet and give thanks to God for the witness and love of George. He was a wonderful man.

*Maz*

## **Songs of Praise**



David Black will be leading a Songs of Praise service on Sunday 22 May. As is normal with this service he is interested in receiving suggestions for hymns to include so that he can plan the service well in advance. Please speak to David if you have any suggestions.



## Cheltenham Christian Arts Festival 2016

**8th to 26th April 2016 in and around the town.**

For full details go to: [www.artgiftedbygod.co.uk](http://www.artgiftedbygod.co.uk)


9<sup>th</sup> April **Big Sing** at the **Town Hall**. Tickets still available.

16th and 17th April **Flower Festival** at **The Church in Warden Hill** entitled 'Spiritual Gifts'. Coffee and Afternoon teas. Free entry. Bell Ringing.

22nd April **C4 Children's Choir** 7pm. **Prestbury URC**

23rd April **Lyrical Dance & Drama workshops** 10am-12noon. **St. Andrew's**.

### **C4 Children's Choir - 'The Peace Child'**

 The C4 children's choir run by the Revd Maz Allen will be performing as part of the Festival at Prestbury URC on Friday 22nd April at 7pm. Tickets (free) are available from Maz and Fiona Hall. This is expected to be popular and so there will be a repeat performance on Saturday 23rd April at 3pm, specifically for church friends. Tickets again free, donations appreciated.

This choir, mostly made up of Prestbury children aged 4-11, has delighted us with wonderful performances over the years and this will be their final offering. The choir has performed many musicals over the past nine years, but having lost our older children to a school choir, our little ones struggle a bit! It's time to call it a day and end with a beautiful story where Christmas and Easter are rolled into one. **GET YOUR FREE TICKET. ONLY 60 SEATS!**

*Maz and Fiona*

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## **St Andrew's Charity for April:**

### **SUE RYDER**

From small beginnings in 1953 as the Sue Ryder Foundation, then Sue Ryder Care, what is now simply Sue Ryder has grown to be a partner in international health and social care projects in Europe and Africa. It is a charity that is so well known that it hardly needs an introduction. Sadly, there are few among us who have not known or do not know someone who has “gone into the Sue Ryder.”

The Sue Ryder mission, in their own words, is to “provide compassionate care services to people with long term and end-of-life needs.” Palliative care is provided in hospices and care centres, and increasingly now in people’s own homes, embracing family, friends and carers as well. Cancer, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Parkinson’s disease and stroke are just some of the conditions covered by Sue Ryder.

There are over 9,000 volunteers engaged in this work and specialist medical and psychological help is provided where needed.

This month we ask you to remember those known to you who have been helped or are being helped by Sue Ryder, and make a communion offering for the work of a charity that does so much for sufferers and their families.

Since 2007 Sue Ryder has also been running its Prisoner Volunteer Programme, which has so far placed 400 prisoners in Sue Ryder shops, which are an important part of the fund raising programme, a programme that needs to raise over £13 million a year at today’s costs to keep the organisation going.

More information can be obtained from the website [www.sueryder.org](http://www.sueryder.org) or from the Sue Ryder itself in Leckhampton.

### **Creative Cards**

**On sale at Prestbury, St Andrew's  
Warden Hill URC Centre and St Christopher's**



## **CURC Discussion Group**

We welcome anyone interested in meeting for discussion of assorted topics of religious and spiritual interest. This is not 'heavy' but of sufficient depth to keep us awake!

We have a very eclectic programme planned for 2016:

Meetings will take place at Prestbury URC, except where noted, on Tuesdays starting at 7.30pm.

Future dates:

Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Debate on European Referendum	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	The Importance of Chaplaincies in the Workplace to be led by Ken Martin from Broadway	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept (at St Andrew's)	Spirituality in Verdi's music	to be led by Tony Jeans
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Screwtape Letters	to be led by Bob Alger

*Janet Kemp*

<p><b>St Andrew's Lunch Club</b>  St Andrew's URC, Montpellier Street</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm</b>  <i>Soup, Bread Roll and Dessert £3.50</i></p> <p><i>Working in Partnership with Star College, Cheltenham</i></p>
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## **Notice of AGM's**

**The Church in Warden Hill** AGM will take place in St. Christopher's after the morning service on Sunday April 10th.

**St Andrew's** AGM will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April after the Morning Service.

## **A Special date for Prestbury**

On Sunday 22nd May 2016 **Prestbury URC** Celebrates 150 Years of being a centre of non-conformist worship in the village.



## **Coffee Morning at Prestbury**

Our regular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.30. Good books, raffle, cakes as well as teas, coffees and the famous toasted teacakes.

## **Spring Fair at Prestbury**

The Prestbury URC Spring Fair will take place at the Church on Saturday 7th May from 10 till 12noon. The theme is Gardens, but in addition to plants and equipment there will also be the usual books, cakes, refreshments, tombola and jewellery etc. If anyone has an excess of plants or other gardening items and would like to pass them on, please contact Sylvia Turfrey

## **Maintenance Work at Prestbury St Mary's**

St Mary's Church in Prestbury will be out of action for asbestos removal from the end of March for a few weeks. Prestbury URC is very pleased to be the venue for their 8.00am Sunday and 10.30am Thursday Eucharist services over this period.

*Fiona Hall*

**Community Film**

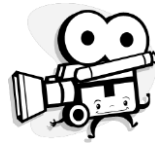
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

community.films@urcic.org.uk

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Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June



**Classic Film**

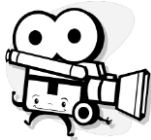
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)

Classic.films1@urcic.org.uk

**(Cert U)**

Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June



## Being an Eco Church

Five years ago St Andrew's took the decision to become an **Eco Church**. This means we're part of an ecumenical programme to help churches make the link between environmental issues and Christian Faith, and to respond with practical action. So here are some reminders of what we've done so far to play our part in caring for our world:

### RECYCLING

We already **recycled** many items like batteries, paper and glasses but we've also expanded our recycling to include cable, greeting cards and teabags.

We have encouraged folk to reuse items by setting up a '**Freecycle**' service where things no longer wanted could be offered to others. Many things have found good, new homes in this way.



If you have any useful items you no longer need that might be of use to someone else please let Ann Lewis know with full details of the item and please leave your telephone number so we can get back to you.

Each Christmas, the Big Church Card enables us as a church to share festive greetings and raises money for Kenya UK.

We planted the herb garden by the north door using plants donated by the congregation.

### WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES

In 2013, we invited the congregation to think about their carbon footprint by completing an online survey. This showed how the way we live, travel, and the food we eat has an impact on the world's resources and hopefully helped us to think about how we might live more sustainably.

We've also developed links with other environmental groups such as **Vision 21** and Gloucestershire's **Waste Minimization** team, and worked with **Cheltenham Green Doors** and **Gloucester Village Community Agents**.

## SHARING INFORMATION

In 2013 we held our first **Green Fair** where we had a number of groups providing information on how to live more sustainably.

Last year (2015), we built on those links by inviting groups to have information stalls when the Bistro was open.

Last month, (February 2016) Alison Crane gave a very interesting talk to Wednesday Women on '**Global Footsteps Cookstoves for Kenya**' project.

Currently, we have been contacted about holding a **Repair Cafe** at St Andrew's which sounds an exciting opportunity to reduce waste and transfer skills.

The 'Team'



## CHURCH SERVICES

St Andrew's has held several Church Services with an environmental theme, most recently on Valentine's Day with our **Green Hearts** event, part of the '**Show the Love Campaign**' to raise awareness on Climate Change. Donations raised a grand total of £78 which we used to buy gifts from **Present Aid**:

- 1. Help to build a granary to help farmers keep their crops rot-free. Being able to store their harvest gives farmers the freedom to decide when to sell crops in order to get the best price.
- 2. Seed and training to help farmers create a floating garden for areas which are frequently flooded
- 3. Purchase a set of hand tools to help farmers in Mali where 75% of people make their living from farming. The change in climate is having a devastating effect on these small-scale farmers' lives.

*Carol Drummond*

## **Messy Church at The Church in Warden Hill**

Messy Church now takes place on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the URC Centre from 3.30 until 5.30 pm.

Spread the good news to all the families you know, they are all warmly invited. We cannot have a Messy Church without Families.

**TELL EVERYONE** you know it is for **ALL THE FAMILY WHATEVER AGE THEY ARE**, there will be something for all.

If you want any more info please contact us.

*The Messy Church Team (Debbie Cypher & Jean Bennett)*



## **Saturday Mornings at St Andrew's**

Do you have contacts with any Charities that might like to hire St Andrew's Garden Room and Kitchen at a flat fee of £35 on Saturday mornings for their own Charity Coffee Mornings?

If you know of any charity that would be interested please pass the message on.

Church contact: Janet Kemp - [janet@urcic.org.uk](mailto:janet@urcic.org.uk)

## **Wednesday Women**

'Cookstoves for Kenya' was the topic for March Wednesday Women. After a very informative talk, the group donated a stove to Global Footsteps.

The next meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> April when a variety of Fairtrade products will be sampled.

Meetings start with refreshments at 7.15pm. All are welcome.

*Elspet Carter*

## **For Sale**

Reconditioned Franke Evolution **Coffee Machine**

Good Condition. £1,500 ono (bought new in 2014 for £3000)

Contact Maz 01242 238273. Buyer to collect from St Andrew's, Church



## Musical Magic, and not just for Adults

What style of garage do you prefer? Perhaps you favour some kind of metal? Certainly, if you're like me, you're probably wary of too much of that grunge or red dirt that comes up sometimes. What am I babbling about you ask? Well, music of course. Come, come: you surely didn't think I meant a tin shed where you keep your car and all that junk you've collected over the years? No, no, we're groovin' this month folks, you know, into all that hippy-hoppy be-boppy stuff - except I'm finding it a bit wearing now my energetic teenage swing has swung. Pop music isn't my scene any more, though there is a big but. BUT (told you it was a big but) Cole Porter, Stefan Grappelli, George Gershwin are different. G. Gershwin is certainly different, a sort of pop but not really pop. Figured it out yet? Well, someone has!



So, **on Tuesday 12th April the Forum welcomes back Tony Jeans with "The Music of George Gershwin"**. Definitely no metal grunge or sludge. Actually I think I'll give up trying to be groovy and settle for the gravy, preferably on a train.. You're never too old to change you know, never too young either come to that.

Now there's a coincidence: our speaker **on Tuesday 26th April, Lucia Gomez Garcia, will be explaining why "You Are Never Too Young."** Too young for what? It's one of those mysterious but inviting titles that usually disguises something really interesting. Only one way to find out.

**The Forum meets at 2.30 pm in the Garden Room at St Andrew's** and a warm welcome awaits you.

PS.

After my words about coffee in March's issue I was jokingly (yes, honest) taken to task by a St Andrew's Elder, who asked me to assure everyone that St. Andrew's had plenty of spoons - practically awash with them. However they hadn't been counted lately, and there might be some plastic thingies about too. That's cleared that up then. Might be wise though to stock a few plastic whatsits. Just a thought.

*Keith Norcott*

## Footsloggers in February

### Avening

The February walk took place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> on what was ,for this year, a comparatively dry morning!! Cars were parked in Avening, a village that had not been visited by a number of our walkers.

The walk incorporated Cherington where the Queen's great grandchildren were christened and eventually took us through the Gatcombe Estate. By that time boots were very muddy and it was raining but we were rewarded with good views of 'the house' ( home of Princess Anne.)

Everyone enjoyed the hospitality at Egypt Mill in Nailsworth where we all met for lunch.

*Tim & Dorothy Odell*



All are welcome to join us both young and not so young. Just get in touch with Tim Odell on Cheltenham 243398 or by e-mail at [t\\_odell@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:t_odell@blueyonder.co.uk), or Jenny Evans at [jenny21evans@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenny21evans@hotmail.co.uk)

*Jenny Evans*

## Concerts at St Andrew's



- **English Touring Opera:** 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12noon
- **Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert)**  
Saturday 14 May 2016 7.30 pm  
Mendelssohn: Hebrides Overture  
Vaughan Williams: Concerto Accademico for Violin and Strings  
Mendelssohn: Symphony No 3, 'Scottish'  
Tickets £17 with concessions, available from The Wilson, Peter Kerr or on the door.

## **Support for Kenya Projects**

The Kenya Project is collecting second-hand **WEDDING DRESSES** to take to Embu in December 2016. We are hoping to assist St. Stephen's Children's Home to start a wedding dress hire service, the revenue of which will help sustain their education programme. Western-style wedding dresses are very popular in Africa and much money is spent on them. A hiring facility will help poorer families. All sizes of dresses are needed, though young Kenyan women can be quite slim. Long dress-bags would also be appreciated.

## **Afternoon Tea**

I am planning an Afternoon Tea 'Open House' on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 3.00 - 5.00pm at 242 Hatherley Road, Cheltenham. Please support with donations for a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Kenya Projects.

*Janet Kemp*

## **Warden Hill Family Fun Day**

The next family Fun day, again a joint venture with Cheltenham Network Church, will take place on the green space and in the URC Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Action For Children**

Friends at St Andrew's have been supporting 'Action for Children' for many years. Since 1990 £3920 has been donated, £174.80 in 2015. We have received a letter of thanks: "I know for many members this represents only the most recent years of support, which often started in their own childhoods and became a lifelong partnership. We are hugely grateful to you all."

After 2017 continued support should be on an individual basis as Tim is relinquishing his role as co-ordinator.

More information can be found on the website: [actionforchildren.org.uk](http://actionforchildren.org.uk)

*Tim Odell*



## Senior Club at The Church in Warden Hill

We welcomed Steve Fisher on 10<sup>th</sup> February, from 'The Spring Centre', Olympus Park, Gloucester. Hardly anyone had heard of this amazing place and the wonderful group of people who help mentally and physically disabled young people. In 1982 three ladies with disabled children started the group. By 1985 the group had moved to GRH, till 2000 when they moved to their present location in Quedgeley. 'The Spring Centre' is a Charity registered with Ofsted.

A hundred people attend every week, aged from birth to eighteen, some autistic; many have Downs Syndrome, some deaf and blind. We saw pictures of a soft play area and a ball pit, a sensory room, football pitch, even a wheelchair swing and roundabout. We saw excited youngsters at the Zoo and at an educational farm. The days out help to build up their self-esteem and their life-skills through teaching and play. Steve explained that he and his wife got involved as their daughter, now aged 26, desperately needed help. She was born with cerebral palsy, epilepsy plus behavioural issues. An after school club takes place where children from local schools help out. Everyone has a freshly cooked meal and then they help with organised events. This was an interesting and informative afternoon.

We welcome new members, any Wednesday at 2.15pm, for fun, friendship entertainment and refreshments.

*Sheila Parry*

*(This is an abridged version of the full report to be found in the March edition of The Lantern, the magazine of The Church in Warden Hill. Ed)*

### **QI GONG**

At St Andrew's With **LIDA VLČEK**

**NEXT SESSIONS: 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 at 12.15 pm**

**Cost £5.00 per session**

**New members welcome**

**call Lida 01242 233949 lida@blueyonder.co.uk**





## Cheltenham Foodbank

The foodbank has been open four years now and in that time has provided food for over 7,000 folk in need. We have given out over 68,000 Kg food, all of which has been donated. So thank you all.

These are the items we are short of:

Long Life Fruit juice	Tomato Ketchup	Brown Sauce	Mayonnaise
Tins of Curry	Tinned Mince	Tinned Chicken	Tinned Pies
Long life Milk	Mashed Potato Packets	Tinned fruit	Tinned Ham
500gm bags of Sugar	Tinned Corned Beef	Tinned Spam	
Savoury snacks	Sweet Treats for Children and Adults.		

Cheltenham Foodbank works within the Trussell Trust and is based at The Elim Church on St George's Road. It is one of a nationwide network of 400 Foodbanks, based in all the large centres of population. Last year over one million emergency food parcels were donated across the UK. The Trussell Trust works in partnership with some major businesses to raise awareness and finance for the work of the Foodbanks. A recent new initiative has been the 'Eat Well, Spend Less' campaign. Courses are being run in 45 Foodbanks across the UK to teach how to make simple, cheap, nutritious meals.

More information about the Trussell Trust can be found on their website: [trusselltrust.org](http://trusselltrust.org) or from their newsletter via Tony Jeans.

**“The Trussell Trust is a charity founded on Christian principles that partners with local communities to combat poverty in the UK.”**







## Can you Help?

**1st Warden Hill Scout Group** is seeking one new volunteer Scout Leader and five new volunteer Assistant Leaders to work across the Scout (ages 10 to 14) and Beaver (ages 6 to 8) Groups.

This local group started in 2010 with only five Cubs and four Beavers. By 2013 they had expanded to include Scout membership and have continued to grow as a lively and vibrant Scouting Group with a current membership of 46 children and young people across all three groups.

Scouting helps children and young people reach their full potential. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.

We are looking for people who have a positive, enthusiastic attitude, are reliable with a good sense of humour and can work well with adults and young people alike. You will need good organisational skills, maturity, be a good team player, and possess good communication skills.

This is a great opportunity for the right applicants to utilise existing skills and develop new ones. You will receive full training and on-going support. All roles are subject to satisfactory DBS.

For more information, a role description and application form please contact **Rob Aldridge via email at [1stwhscoutinggs@gmail.com](mailto:1stwhscoutinggs@gmail.com)**

Scouting offers fun, challenge and everyday adventure to 400,000 girls and boys across the UK. Offering over 200 different activities from abseiling and archery to drama, street sports and water zorbing. Scouting helps young people grow in confidence, achieve their full potential and become active members of their communities. This is only possible through the efforts of 100,000 volunteers who also enjoy the fun and friendship of Scouting.

More general information about the modern scouting movement can be found at; <http://scouts.org.uk/home/>

## **From the Editor**

During Lent there have been two groups following the York Lent Course on the Psalms. Over the five weeks we have read, considered, and discussed some key Psalms in much more detail than we often do during Church Services. It has been an enlightening process.

Psalm 100 Know that the Lord is good

Psalm 130 Out of the depths have I cried

Psalm 13 How long, O Lord?

Psalm 23 You spread a table before me

Psalm 127 Unless the Lord builds the house...

It is always good to sit down and talk – whatever the subject. Why not try a Lent course next year if you have not done so before?

*Janet Kemp*

Please ensure that all items for the next edition of 'In Touch' are with the Editor by midnight on  
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(See inside front cover of 'In Touch' for relevant email addresses)

**Diary for April 2016**

Sat	2	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
Wed	6	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	6	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	7	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
SUN	10	12.00noon	AGM (TCiWH)	St Christopher's
SUN	10	3.30pm	Messy Church	Warden Hill URC Centre
Tue	12	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Fri	15		Footsloggers	
Sat	16		Flower Festival	St Christopher's
SUN	17		Flower Festival	St Christopher's
SUN	17	12.00noon	AGM	St Andrew's
Wed	20	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Thu	21	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Fri	22	7.00pm	C4 Choir performance	Prestbury
Sat	23	3.00pm	C4 Choir performance	Prestbury
Sat	23	2.15pm	Classic Film	Warden Hill URC Centre
SUN	24	11.30am	AGM	Prestbury
Tue	26	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Sat	30	2.30pm	Community Film	Warden Hill URC Centre

**Diary for May 2016**

Wed	4	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	4	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	5	7.45pm	ASCENSION DAY	Leckhampton Hill
Sat	7	10.00am	Spring Fair	Prestbury
Sat	7	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea for Kenya Projects	
Sun	8	11.00am	United Pastorate Service	St Andrew's

# Regular Weekly Events 2016

## Monday

10.00am	Prestbury Urchins	Prestbury URC**
4.15pm	Rainbows	Warden Hill URC Centre**
5.30pm	Brownies	Warden Hill URC Centre**

## Tuesday

10.00am	St Andrew's Parents & Toddlers	St Andrew's
10.30am	Tuesday Prayers & Communion	Warden Hill URC Centre
8.00pm	Bible Study House Group	St Christopher's**

## Wednesday

9.15am	Little Shepherds	St Christopher's**
2.15pm	Senior Club	St Christopher's
7.00pm	Bellringing	St Christopher's

## Thursday

10.00am-12.00noon	Coffee Morning	St Andrew's
5.30pm	Beavers	St Christopher's**
6.00pm	Brownies	St Christopher's**
6.45pm	Cubs	St Christopher's**
7.45pm	Scouts	St Christopher's**

## Friday

10.30am	Bible Study House Group	Cleeve Hill Home**
6.15pm	TCiWH Choir Practice	St Christopher's

## Saturday

10.00am-12.00noon	Coffee Morning	St Andrew's
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\*\* Term time only

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# Church Services

## St Andrew's URC

Every Sunday	11.00am	<i>Morning Worship</i> <i>(Communion Service on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30am	<i>Jump4Joy</i> <i>(an informal short service for all the family)</i>

## Prestbury URC

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>All-age Worship</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		<i>No service</i>

## The Church in Warden Hill

Sunday morning services are **all** held at **St Christopher's**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Family Worship</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion in the URC tradition</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion in the Anglican tradition</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion or Morning Worship</i>

During term time New Shoots for younger members (2-14) takes place during the morning service

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3.30pm	<i>Messy Church at <b>URC Centre</b></i>
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Evening services are at St Christopher's **except** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at URCC

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Communion</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Evening Worship at <b>URC Centre</b></i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Communion or Evensong</i>

Weekdays

Monday-Friday	8.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Christopher's</i>
Tuesday	10.30am	<i>Communion at <b>URC Centre</b></i>