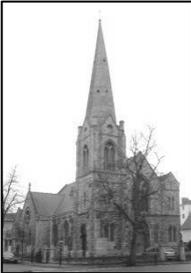


Cheltenham United Reformed Church



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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. 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. St Andrew's offers impressive facilities, meeting the needs of 21st 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 Up Hatherley and Warden Hill in the south of Cheltenham. Ministry is shared between the URC and Rev Gary Grady 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



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:

Harriet Wright



We are invited to pray for:

Anne, Joyce, John,
Barry, Edith, David, Geoff,
Joan, Pat.



Congratulations

to Alex Veal on being awarded an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship.

Thank you

Christian Aid Autumn Fair raised £1500 which is being donated to a fund for projects supporting Syrian refugees. Because all donations to the fund are matched 6:1, this means we generated £10,500.

Thanks and well done everyone.

Andrew Veal

For Younger members of the Family

Enjoy a Bible Story, Activities, Singing and FOOD.

Jump 4 Joy at St Andrew's Is on 3rd Sunday of the month,

the next session will be on 15th December (Nativity Service, 10.30am) and then 19th January at 9.30am, followed by breakfast.

Messy Church at the URC Centre, Warden Hill

is on 2nd Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

the next sessions will be on 8th December, 12th January

Children of all ages welcome.

**This month's Pastoral letter comes
from Rev Gary Grady of
The Church in Warden Hill**



Change is coming!

In just a few weeks time, our united kingdom will go to the polls.

As the Church, we have a particular responsibility at this time to speak out for the poorest in our communities and to make our voices heard. We have a responsibility to work for the peace and the common good, to offer in public, and in private, a voice of truth and a voice for hope in the future; and we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to pray for them.

Our nation continues to be divided about our future relationship in Europe, however, our calling as the Church in these times is not to take sides in this debate but to continue to be the Church for everyone. There are leavers and remainers in every congregation, but this can never be our primary identity as Christians.

In just a few weeks time, we will celebrate the moment in history when everything changed.

Not the government or our relationship with Europe, this time, instead we will be celebrating 'the moment' when God became incarnate and entered into our history and nothing was ever the same again. Immanuel, 'God with us'.

Incarnation means change, it means God coming into our space, into our time, and into our lives. Coming into our comfort zones and shaking things up, causing them to be re-created in a new way, challenging us to confront this change, and to be a part of God's plan for the world around us.

Change is not something that we should fear. Change is part of the natural evolution and cycle of life. It is part of the nature of our lives, our families, our places of work, and our churches. Christmas is a constant celebration, year after year, but no year is ever the same, and our lives never remain the same.

As you prepare for that great day (not the general election) try to find some quiet time to give thanks to God for the many blessings in your life, and then ask the Holy Spirit to go ahead of you because all things are possible, and nothing will ever be the same again.

Revd Gary Grady

Christmas is Coming.....

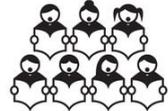


Christian Aid Christmas Music

Saturday 21st December

Brass Group playing Carols at Waitrose 1-2 pm

Carol Singing at Morrisons, Hatherley, 3-4pm



Everyone welcome

EMMANUEL FESTIVAL OF DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES 6th - 8th December 2019

A fabulous display of trees – the artistic, the ingenious, the thought-provoking and, of course, the beautiful – all designed and decorated by local people Entrance £2.50 (under 16's free)



Friday 6th December 6pm – 9pm (join us for Carol Singing, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies amongst the Trees)

Saturday 7th December 11am – 5pm

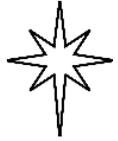
Cheltenham Children's Choir **11.15am**

Sunday 8th December 2pm – 6pm

Saturday 7th at 7pm: Carol Concert with Cotswold Male Voice Choir and Naunton Park Primary School. Tickets £6 (under 16's free)

Emmanuel Church, Fairfield Parade, Cheltenham, GL53 7PJ

Christmas Services



St Andrew's

1 st December	11.00am	St Andrew's Tide Service
8 th December	11.00am	Gift Service unwrapped gifts for 0-6yrs – will be distributed by the Salvation Army.
15 th December	10.30am	Children's Nativity with lessons and Carols, Both Conqueror Assembly and the Brazilian Church will be joining us.
22 nd December	11.00am	Service of 'Nine Lessons and Carols'
24 th December	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25 th December	10.00am	Family Worship

Prestbury

1 st December	10.30am	Gift Service (see details on Page 15)
22 nd December	10.30am	Carol Service

The Church in Warden Hill at St Christopher's

1 st December	10.30am	Gift Service unwrapped gifts for 0-6 yrs – will be distributed by Salvation Army.
22 nd December	6.00pm	Carol Service
24 th December	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.00pm	Midnight Communion
25 th December	10.00 am	Family Communion
31 st December	11.40pm	Watchnight Service & Bellringing

(More detail of Services can be found on page 14)



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Footsloggers

16th November Cleeve Hill



Eighteen doughty Footsloggers gathered at the Cleeve Hill Golf Club on the day following nearly 24 hours of rain. We were sorely tempted to stay and enjoy the warmth and welcome in the Clubhouse as we chose from the lunch menu but resisted, and set off onto the hill which was shrouded in thick cloud. Being careful to lookout for each other in the poor visibility, we made our way around the eastern edge of the golf course following paths to the south which eventually brought us to the highest tree on Cleeve Common, a lonesome beech which is now surrounded with Cotswold stone walling carrying memorials to local people who had enjoyed the walks and views from the top. For us Cleeve Cloud lived up to its name and the views were very murky to say the least!

Undaunted, and reinvigorated by a 'banana break' we proceeded to the iron age fort on the edge of the escarpment and then headed back to the trig point at 313



meters above sea level (the second highest point in the Cotswolds). By this time the cloud had lifted and we were rewarded with views across the Severn valley. From there it was all downhill to the Clubhouse where we were joined by other friends for a hearty and well-earned lunch.

Footsloggers walks are highly recommended for gentle exercise and great social contact.

Bob Alger

The next walk will be on Monday December 9th

The Footsloggers AGM will be on Friday January 10th. This will take the form of a walk in the Cheltenham area followed at 12.30 by a soup and sweet lunch at St Andrew's. The lunch is open to all who would like to join us.

Jenny Evans

Prestbury Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December from 10.30 until Noon

Please support our annual Christmas Fair:-cards, wrapping paper, decorations, books & DVDs, tombola, cakes, raffle etc. Teas and coffees as usual (and the toasted teacakes!). Plenty of conversation guaranteed! Please join us.

Christmas at Prestbury URC

Gift Sunday – 1st December: we would really appreciate cash donations for the Salvation Army to enable them to buy gifts.

Carol Service – Sunday 22nd December at 10.30 : we will have a retiring collection for Cheltenham Open Door Christmas Shelter.

Our next monthly **Coffee Morning** will be on:

Saturday 4th January

From 10.30am until 12.00noon

There will be the usual raffle, books etc.

and of course, the toasted teacakes !

You can be sure of a warm welcome.



Prestbury Friday Circle

This group for the more mature citizen is well established, on Fridays from 10.00 to 12noon at Prestbury URC. There are quizzes and board games days as well as mini concerts, outings and visitors with useful information. Cost is £2 for unlimited refreshments and lively conversation – or just a quiet corner to read the paper.

Fiona Hall

Wednesday Women

The group will meet on 4th December 7.30pm at St Andrew's for a 'Bring and Share' Christmas supper. There will be no meeting in January.

Elspet Carter

St Andrew's Charity for December 2019

Behind the Oncology Department of Cheltenham hospital, in College Baths Road, is a remarkable institution, called simply '**Maggie's**'. There are 24 of these centres across the UK and abroad. They were inspired by Maggie, a cancer sufferer, who died in 1993. She was the wife of the architect Charles Jencks who designed the Cheltenham Maggie's. It is in stark contrast to the clinical environment of the hospital, providing a warm welcoming home from home for people living with cancer, to receive support and not to lose 'the joy of living in the fear of dying'.



To step through the door is immediately to experience its welcoming and intimate surroundings, a table with bowls of fruit for visitors to sit round, a coffee and tea bar, a nook where friends can relax and chat. Behind is a room where groups of patients and their families can hear talks from specialists about the many

questions that anxious cancer patients ask. There are always sympathetic volunteer staff who mingle and chat one to one, allowing sufferers to touch on personal subjects which they had previously avoided. Individual advice is available on medical problems related to different types of cancer, and such topics as benefits advice, will making and bereavement. Recreational groups are offered: the list includes yoga, reading, expressive writing, fitness, choral singing, art, Nordic walking and much more. A hairdresser attends, who will cut and style according to the patient's needs.

Patients say 'No one should go through cancer alone, especially when there's somewhere like Maggie's that's here for everyone', and 'there are always people there who understand what you're going through'. Somebody said of one of Maggie's buildings: 'Calm, beautiful and relaxed spaces, in green surroundings, where you can truly feel at home. A place of safety.'

'**Maggie's**' is a charity, entirely free to those who go there, and funded by the kindness of donors and gifts in wills. It also has a vigorous programme of fundraising by supportive wellwishers. It appeals on behalf of the many cancer sufferers in our community who need support beyond their medical needs.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Film</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">at Warden Hill URC Centre 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 14th December 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 25th January 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free entry – Family and Friends welcome Refreshments available</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Future Dates: 29th February, 21st March</p>	
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DVDs for Loan

Please contact Brian Miles if you would like to borrow any of the Films shown at the Community Film events. Donations of £2 appreciated.

Pastoral (Tuesday) Teas at St Andrew's

Come and join us for a good chat over a cup of tea and excellent cake.

In the Garden Room at St Andrew's

10th December, 14th January

2.30pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month

Ann Lewis



More thoughts about Synod

'Renewing Hope - 'we will walk and not be faint'



Twice a year the West Midlands Synod, made up of over 100 churches meets together. Every two years a residential Synod is held with workshops, opportunities to chat with people from other churches and of course there is business that needs to be done!

At the end of a conference or course you receive an evaluation form, which asks you things like

What was most useful and why?

What was least useful and how could it be improved?

What are you going to take away and put into practice?

Ahh now here is the “killer” question!

So rather than give you a report of Synod here is what I took away:

God continues to do amazing things in and through the congregations of our URC churches – things that take my breath away and fill me with joy.

The wider church is doing amazing things – if you don't know about **The Wall** - to be built to share answered prayers in Coleshill for the Commonwealth games – look it up and if you have received an answer to prayer share it, to be considered to make up one of the bricks in the Wall. Pray for the project, support it financially.



Throughout history the church and God's people have had to adapt and change. In the evening the key note speaker was Martin Robinson from 'For Mission' a theological College based in Birmingham. Martin had previously held a senior role at Bible Society leading on Mission and Theology. He shared stories which clearly demonstrated how the culture and society, the church it is working in has changed. He pointed out that working in a changing environment is nothing new for the church, it has historically changed, for example the Reformation. The church set up structures to support its work at the time but are these still supporting the churches needs now? Change brings fears and concerns.

We like things the way they are and yet Society and Culture have changed. Most people aged 20-40 don't really know what church is. Yet we cry out – “there are no young people” what changes do we need to make to encourage them on their faith journey.

There were lots of workshops on offer covering a wide range of subjects. The first one I attended was **'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'** by Stefan McNally from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity. Stefan is a Pastor in a church in Banbury. He started by showing a slide of all the places his congregation work or volunteer. He talked about the challenges of speaking about our faith at work and his own desire at 17 to bring Jesus in to every conversation and how it frightened some of his friends away! 95% of the congregation's lives are at work or with their families or in school or college.

He then showed a diagram of 100 dots, 6 red dots represented the Christian Church communities the grey dots everyone else. Did you know that the church provides 80% of the UK's youth work? The support for Food Banks reaching the poorest people in the country – those 6 dots “punch way above their size”!

If you look at the diagram the dots are all together and as a church we need to be together to pray, support, worship and serve our God. To be able to ask questions, share concerns to help us grow our faith and stay Christian.

However he then showed a diagram with the 6 red dots scattered amongst the grey dots each surrounded by 9 grey dots. We spend a bigger amount of time at work with our families, and volunteering.

The grey dots represent our frontline – **so what is your frontline – what do you do outside church and who do you come into contact with?**

This is my frontline:-My husband, Dave, my daughter Emma – away at Uni, my Mum, my sisters – in Australia and Milton Keynes, my wider family, my friends, my work Colleagues, Open the Book volunteers, Church Leaders, denominational staff, The Rainbows and the other Guiders, The Ukaladies, Dog walkers and other walkers, My neighbours, My Mum's neighbours, Hospital staff
I'm sure you get the idea. Who are your frontline?

John 15 v8 *My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit.*

Each of us has been chosen by God, we are where we are and in touch with.

Julie Jefferies

The Pulpit in December/January

Worship Leaders/Preachers at Prestbury, St Andrew’s, and on URC Sundays at The Church in Warden Hill. **See Page 5 for details of Christmas Services.**

At St Andrew’s

1 st December	Deacon Jennifer Wood/ Mr Bob Alger (Communion)
8 th December	Rev Canon Richard Atkins
15 th December	Service led by Mr David Black
22 nd December	Service led by Mrs Jenny Evans
29 th December	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones
5 th January	Rev Canon Richard Atkins (Communion)
12 th January	Mr Bob Alger
19 th January	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones
26 th January	Dr Tony Jeans



At Prestbury

1 st December	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones
8 th December	No Service
15 th December	Rev Canon Richard Atkins
22 nd December	Mrs Julie Jefferies (Communion)
29 th December	No Service
5 th January	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones
12 th January	No Service
19 th January	TBA
26 th January	Rev Canon Richard Atkins

At The Church in Warden Hill

8 th December	Rev Roy Lowes
12 th January	Rev Canon Richard Atkins

(For all other Services at The Church in Warden Hill, please refer to ‘The Lantern’, www.tciwh.org.uk)

St Andrew's Charity for January

WINSTON'S WISH

Winston's Wish was the brainchild of local clinical psychologist Julie Stokes. In 1992 she visited the USA on a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship and was inspired by the services for children that she saw there. The result on her return was the establishment in Gloucestershire of Winston's Wish. The Churchill connection dropped away but the name Winston was adopted and Winston the Bear became the charity's mascot.

“Every bereaved child should receive the help they need to cope with the death of someone important in their lives.”

Every day in the UK over 100 children suffer the bereavement of a parent. Currently every year the charity supports some 40,000 children and young people up to the age of 18, supporting parents and carers too.

A combination of professionals and volunteers provide an array of services including: residential weekends where young people can share their stories and their grief with others;

- home assessments,
- short courses and groups specifically for families and carers,
- special help for bereavement through murder or suicide,
- outward bound weekends to build confidence and share experiences,
- training and consultancy for professionals,
- a national helpline (08088 020021),
- and various publications and educational films.

Winton's Wish has extended its work across the UK and has a number of regional centres. In many areas there are also now drop-in centres. It has links with other charities and organisations, such as MacMillan Cancer Support and Childline, and special attention is paid to young people affected by bereavements in the Armed Forces.

More information is available from the website or from its head office in Cheltenham at Spa House, 17 Royal Crescent, phone (01242) 515157.

ECO Events

In October, St Andrew's was the venue for the **Climate Emergency Q&A** for 6th form students hosted by Vision 21, a chance for students to challenge politicians.

This is the report from Vision 21's Peter Clegg

"With a general election looming that looks likely to be all about Brexit, rather than about the urgent climate crisis, young people under 18 will have no say in the election, even though it is their future that is at stake."

All local secondary schools were invited with eight schools sending a total of 90 students along with associated staff and invited members of the public. We estimated about 110 to 120 in the audience.

Chair was Professor Janet Dwyer - Professor of Rural Policy and the Director of the Countryside and Community Research Institute at the University of Gloucestershire.

Molly Scott Cato -Green MEP SW

Martin Horwood -LibDem MEP SW

Max Wilkinson -LibDem Councillor and prospective parliamentary candidate

George Penny -Labour and now prospective parliamentary candidate

Alex Chalk – Conservative MP

Tony Jeans had kindly offered to manage the sounds and with two roving mics for the students asking questions while the panel and chair were also mic'd we met our aim that everyone was heard.

With two University journalism students providing a live blog, with photos and comments, using the #QT Cheltenham and another student tweeting we achieved quite a lot of social media coverage on the day but also a few days before and after the event. Most of the politicians retweeted and commented how good the event was.

The questions were of a very high calibre and covered much of the environmental as well as the political issues of Climate Emergency. Hands were raised the whole time to ask questions and we could easily have gone on for another 90 minutes after the allotted 90 had ended.

Two students criticised the panel for party-political bickering. Now you don't get that on TV Question Time, do you?"

ECO Events

At our **Service on October 27th**, I showed 2 films from the September Repair Café where we celebrated Vison 21^s 25th birthday. If you missed them here are the links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOD0aUgtbCY&feature=youtu.be>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cgf1SJBmSY

At **October's Wednesday Women** we had a very interesting talk by Trudi Price, one of the Repair Café's volunteers on recycling and upcycling clothes. Trudi runs community sewing workshops and showed us some examples of re-purposed clothing.

Following the talk, one of our Wednesday women has remodelled a half-finished hand knitted jumper into a beautiful baby blanket. The blanket will be sold in aid of the Pied Piper appeal.

Regeneration/Repair Café

Is it broken? We can help you fix it.

Regeneration Café volunteers have a go at repairing electrical and electronic items, textiles, small household items and do knife sharpening

First Saturday of every Month

St Andrew's 10.00am—2.00pm

No charge but donations welcomed.

We had 27 visitors to the **November Repair Café** where we were initially competing with the rugby. Despite this we had 36 repairs including clothing, a strimmer, 14 knives and lawnmower sharpened. There were also many electricals including a surround speaker, vacuum cleaner and disco lights.

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Wednesday Social Group at Warden Hill URCC

We have been so fortunate in the range of interesting and stimulating speakers we have found to lift our Wednesday afternoon meetings.

On **9th October** Fiona Warin gave us “Dig for Victory”. We were transformed into the Warden Hill Gardening Club with instructions to dig up our lawns and flowerbeds, even our tennis courts – or any Polo Ground we might have! Food priority was the first need to be met to help us win the war. We saw Government instructions to get our spades going and instructions on basic vegiculture. We smiled at memories of birthday cakes fashioned from our newly lifted King Edwards. Fiona certainly created the feeling of the times which led to our surviving the U Boat blockade.

13th November saw **fiftytwo** people enjoyed a talk on the Playhouse by Allen Miller. He is truly a thespian in “the show must go on” school of drama. Despite a projector which refused to show a clear picture he soldiered on and gave us a detailed history of the building including fascinating snippets of social history. From little acorns do mighty oaks grow – two pigeons pecking at a damp patch of ground; a well is sunk; a bath is built; Cheltenham Spa is born. There came a mill, a bakery, more, bigger baths, a swimming pool. Local families became developers, fortunes were made and lost. The social fabric was mirrored as the upper crust entered for their ablutions thro' the front door, mere mortals down a passageway. Early on men bathed on some days, ladies on other days. Eventually came mixed bathing – mercifully the local papers were discreet about any goings on!

In these increasingly fractured days we so need to cherish our shared humanity. Supporting each other in the basis of our club where friendship and love are so freely shared. More joys are prepared for our forthcoming meetings.

Why not give us a trial run, the tea and biscuits are at the ready!
Don't be shy, a warm welcome awaits you.

We meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons in the month at 2.00pm, at the URCC Centre.**

Please spread the word.



John Howe

St Andrew's Lunch Club

St Andrew's URC, Montpellier Street

OPEN to ALL

Does a lovely bowl of thick, homemade soup with a fresh bread roll, followed by a homemade pudding interest you??

Then join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm and bring a friend.

Qi Gong at St Andrew's

Gentle exercises especially geared to the needs of older people based on Chinese traditional practice, promoting self-healing and self-regulation of the body.

Thursdays at 12.15 pm. £5.00 per session.

Future dates: Dec 12th.

New Members are always welcome.

Contact Lida 01242 233949 lida@blueyonder.co.uk

Freecycle

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.



OFFERED

Queen sized bed with storage in both sections of the base.

Contact David Black

A Work of Ministry in Progress

As a church fellowship, we are currently facing a ‘Vacancy’, without a minister. Does ‘vacant’ mean empty, while we wait for the next stage, when somehow the ‘real work of the church’ will begin? We don’t believe so. The life of a Christian community does not lie fallow. It is an opportunity to see whether God is pointing us to open new doors, to look for new ways of sharing the Gospel with one another and the world.

Perhaps we need to think more about the role of a ‘minister’ and what that means. Our English word comes originally from Latin and means a ‘servant’. As so often, Jesus showed his followers what it meant to be a minister by a personal and practical example, washing his disciples’ feet in John 13.1-17. In a climate, where the roads or paths were dry and dusty, it was the practice for the lowliest person of the household, to wash the feet of the guests. He commends to his disciples the loving ministry to one another and to others. That is the essential Gospel.

No, we don’t suggest putting foot-washing on our Church Meeting Agenda! But a period of vacancy is one where we find ways of strengthening our church community. An incoming minister will then hope to find our prayer life and our enthusiasm for the Gospel something s/he can build on. We are all ministers, though people may have special roles, as St. Paul pointed out. We can’t all be preachers and some of us perhaps find it harder now to physically play an active role, but we can reach out to one another in love and in prayer as we draw closer to each other in witness to our Lord. St. Paul knew all about small Christian communities and the challenges they faced. The beginnings and endings of his Epistles showed how much he cared for them. They took their strength from Christ, the head of the church, working through the Spirit, to guide them forward into an uncertain future.

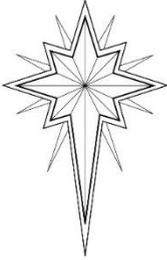
Robin and Margaret Derbysire

Creative Cards

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

From The Editor

A **BIG THANKYOU** to everyone who has contributed to 'In Touch' this year. The magazine tells the story of Cheltenham United Reformed Church as little else does at the moment. We know about the 'green book' written as a history of St Andrew's for the centenary, and St Christopher's has detailed information about their Tom Denny windows. Does anyone know of a written record of Prestbury Union Chapel/United Reformed Church? Or Warden Hill URC? Snippets of our past story are always welcome for publication.



**Wishing everyone a
Very Happy Christmas
and
Prosperous 2020**

Janet Kemp

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(See inside front cover of 'In Touch' for relevant email addresses)

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Diary for December 2019

SUN	1	10.30am	Gift Service	Prestbury
SUN	1	10.30am	Gift Service	St Christopher's
SUN	1	11.00am	St Andrew's Tide Service	St Andrew's
SUN	1		Montpellier Street Fair	
Wed	4	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	4	7.30pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	5	2.00pm	Prayer group	St Christopher's
Sat	7	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	7	10.00am	Christmas Fair	St Christopher's
Sat	7	10.30am	Christmas Fair	Prestbury
SUN	8	11.00am	Gift Service	St Andrew's
Tue	10	2.30pm	Pastoral Tea	St Andrew's
Wed	11	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Thu	12	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Sat	14	2.30pm	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URCC
SUN	15	3.00pm	Deaf Community Church	St Christopher's
Wed	18	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Thu	19	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's

Please see page 5 for all Christmas Services

Diary for January 2020

Thu	2	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
Sat	4	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
Wed	8	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	8	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Tue	14	2.30pm	Pastoral Tea	St Andrew's
Wed	15	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Thu	16	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
SUN	19	3.00pm	Deaf Community Church	St Christopher's
Wed	22	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Thu	30	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's

Regular Weekly Events 2019

** Term Time Only

Monday

10.00am	Prestbury Urchins	Prestbury URC**
4.00pm	Rainbows	Warden Hill URC Centre**
7.30pm	Rock Solid	Warden Hill URC Centre**

Tuesday

10.00am	St Andrew's Parents & Toddlers	St Andrew's
5.15pm	Brownies	Warden Hill URC Centre**
7.30pm	Bible Study House Group	St Christopher's**

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

10.00am	Friday Circle	Prestbury URC
10.30am	Bible Study House Group	51 Bournside Road**
6.15pm	TCiWH Choir Practice	St Christopher's

(Please see 'The Lantern', Magazine for the Church in Warden Hill for other activities. Ed.)

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Church Services

St Andrew's URC

Every Sunday	11.00am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
1 st Sunday		<i>Communion Service</i>
2 nd Sunday	10.15am	<i>Prayer Time</i>
3 rd Sunday	9.30am	<i>Jump4Joy (for all the family)</i>

Prestbury URC

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

The Church in Warden Hill

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

1 st Sunday	10.30am	<i>Family Worship</i>
2 nd Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion in the URC tradition</i>
3 rd Sunday	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
4 th Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion in the Anglican tradition</i>
5 th Sunday	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
2 nd Sunday	3.30pm	<i>Messy Church at URC Centre</i>

Evening services are at St Christopher's **except** 4th Sunday at URCC

1 st Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Communion in the Anglican tradition</i>
2 nd Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
3 rd Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
4 th Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Evening Worship at URC Centre</i>
5 th Sunday	6.00pm	<i>Choral Evensong</i>

Weekdays

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