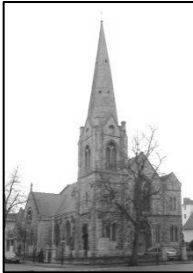


Cheltenham United Reformed Church



In Touch



February 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 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 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

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 are invited to pray for:

Tony Gledhill, Ernest Marvin, Geoff Harmsworth, Pat Brett, Jean Bennett, Olwen Sands

Our Congratulations go to:

Andrew Crosskey and his daughter Darcie on their Baptisms
Sienna Cleal-Ward who has been Dedicated at The Church in Warden Hill
Jean Danes on her 90th Birthday

Carole Pennington, Elder at The Church in Warden Hill



Carole has recently been appointed as the next Region Chief Commissioner for Girlguiding South-West England. Carole is currently a Leader with 16th Cheltenham Rainbows and 1st Gloucestershire Holiday Rainbows and has held the posts of District and Division Commissioner for Cheltenham before becoming Joint County Commissioner of Gloucestershire in May 2011. Carole's five year term of office as Chief Commissioner will commence on 28th May 2016

Rev. Nick Davies who becomes the new South Cheltenham Team Rector on 7th Feb.

Special Dates for your Diaries

The Moderator of West Midlands Synod of the URC, Rev Steve Faber will be speaking at St Andrew's Morning Service on Sunday 28 February 2016.

The Moderator of General Assembly, Rev David Grosch-Miller will be speaking at St Andrew's Morning Service on Sunday 8 May 2016.

Our Minister Writes:



Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible to be talking about Lent when we have only just celebrated Christmas. However, Ash Wednesday is on 10th Feb! If you forgot to make New Year resolutions, Lent is a time to try again. Most people give something up for Lent, for example, chocolate. For others, it is a time of taking on something extra, for example, a Lent course. We are asked to prepare ourselves in whatever way makes us more alert to who we are, so that we can embrace the coming Easter season with heightened awareness.

Originally, Lent was a time of spiritual preparation for those who were to be baptised on Easter Day, as well as those who were to be readmitted to the church after a time of penitence and reflection following some blatant sin.

Today we might not give a thought to why fish is eaten on Fridays (to 'give up' meat once a week) or why some churches refrain from decorating with flowers and take pictures off walls during this season. Indeed, as a society we do not 'do' penitence very well at all. As long as we are in our own comfortable, safe world we have little affinity with the needy and the suffering ones. Perhaps it is good that we have this season of Lent to jar us out of our complacency. As Christians, let us at least attempt to make amends for any wrongs we have done as individuals, but just as importantly, to work together as Church to show by our actions that we repent of our shallow views.

Living Lord, this Lent, help us make a bigger effort to be more loving and kind. Help us to show concern for the less fortunate and especially help us to speak to you more often. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Yours in Christ Maz

Christmas Events

Our Messy Church Christingle attracted children and parents, plus a few church members who were completely absorbed in playing with Lego!

Amazingly, Jesus did not suffer concussion in our two C4 productions of 'Behind the Stable Door' even though he hit his head every time he was placed in the manger.

Maz

Christmas 2015 Shoebox appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. In total we were able to deliver 40 completed shoeboxes to the collection centre and donations more than covered the costs of distributions. Cash donations have been Gift Aided to further increase their value.

While our contribution is only a tiny part of the Samaritan's Purse operation, every little bit helps. Schools, churches and other communities far and wide all combine to bring smiles and excitement to so many children's faces across the world.

Please continue to pray for all the on-going work with the poor and needy children who have received a shoebox.

For those who included a barcode in their box, Samaritan's Purse usually send an e-mail around February time saying to which country your box was delivered.

Thank you once again to everyone who has helped to fill a child's life with joy.

Kate Alger and Dorothy Odell

The Big Church Christmas Card raised £53.60 for Kenya UK project. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

Carol Drummond

Open Door at Christmas

Prestbury had a full church for their Carols by Candlelight and thanks to the generosity of the congregation gave £273 to the Open Door project.

Fiona Hall

Sheep and Donkeys

Congratulations to Prestbury knitters who raised £193 with our sheep-auction (buying 19 real sheep for Ethiopian families) and to St. Andrew's knitters who raised £230 from the donkey-auction (buying 23 care-kits for donkeys overseas).

Well done everyone!!



CURC Discussion Group

This is a **NEW** venture, welcoming anyone interested in meeting for discussion of assorted topics of religious and spiritual interest. This is not intended to be 'heavy' but of sufficient depth to keep us awake! Topics are likely to reflect the group member's interests.

Meetings will take place at Prestbury URC at approximately six weekly intervals, starting at 7.30pm.

Dates booked:

Tues 2nd February

Introduction to Islam

to be led by Janet Kemp

Tues 15th March

Religion in Art

to be led by Mary Cummings

See you there.

Contact Janet Kemp for any further information.

St Andrew's Lunch Club

St Andrew's URC, Montpellier Street

1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm

Soup, Bread Roll and Dessert £3.50

Working in Partnership with Star College, Cheltenham

Lent Course at St Andrew's

A Lent course using the York Course Psalms will take place on Thursday mornings, 10.30 – 12.00 at St Andrew's:

18 February, 25 February, 3 March, 10 March, 17 March.

If you would like to buy a course book please contact Maz.

Cosmetics Collection

Happy New Year to you all.

This is just a reminder that I am still collecting toiletries and cosmetics for women in domestic violence shelters. I now have found a shelter in Stroud so am able to give your gifts to them. If you do have any please contact me

Lyn Ricketts

St Andrew's Charity for February: CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE



Founded in Richmond on Thames in 1959 Cruse Bereavement Care was the brainchild of Margaret Torrie, a social worker and the wife of a consultant psychiatrist. She realised that there was no service that provided help to grieving widows, and advertised in the local newspaper to test out the possibility of setting up a group. Nearly thirty widows turned up at the first meeting and the service grew from there, altering its outreach in 1987 to

include all those going through a period of grief. Cruse Bereavement Care is now the largest charity of its kind in the world. The title was taken from the First Book of Kings chapter 17, which tells the story of the widow who gave her last oil to Elijah and then found that her cruse (jar) was always full. Today there are branches in all regions of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and there is a similar but autonomous organisation in Scotland. There are some 6,000 trained volunteers providing counselling and support for those trying to come to terms with bereavement, with special emphasis on children, Service families, suicides, deaths from alcohol and drug related diseases and victims of crime. Up to March 2013 some 40,000 people had been helped personally or in groups, including over 5,500 children, and over 300,000 people had visited the website including nearly 75,000 children.

Cruse has no political or religious affiliations and provides practical advice and counselling, by phone or face-to-face, irrespective of circumstances. Apart from a small central staff in Richmond, the Service relies entirely on volunteers, who are given initial training followed by annual top-up sessions. Training is also given to external organisations and individuals who may encounter bereavement in the normal course of their work. Cruse generates no funds of its own and relies on donations to continue its work. Annual running costs are in the order of £4 million, a figure that is likely to increase every year as more people seek help.

More information on Cruse's work is available on its website www.cruse.org.uk, phone 020 8939 9530, or locally on Cheltenham 252518.

Cheltenham Christian Festival 2016

Cheltenham, the festival town, will hold a Christian Arts Festival from 8th to 26th April 2016 in and around the town.

For full details go to: www.artgiftedbygod.co.uk

As part of this festival **The Church in Warden Hill** have agreed to hold a **Flower Festival** on the weekend of 16th and 17th. This will be a joint event with the CURC and SCTM with the theme "Spiritual Gifts". It will be open on Saturday 16th April 9.30 am to 5.30 pm with Coffee from 10.00 and Afternoon teas from 2.30 and on Sunday 17th April from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm with Afternoon Teas. Free Entry.

To complement the Flower festival there will be various musical entertainment including church bells (St Christopher's has the 'lightest ring of Church bells in the World').

There is still much to do with regard to arrangements. We need stewards, kitchen staff, entertainers, as well as flower arrangers so I'm sure we could find a 'job' for anyone who wants to be involved.

Reg Hitchings

C4 Children's Choir

Rehearsals for 'The Peace Child' will begin on Friday 15th January, 6pm at Prestbury URC. We will be performing at the Cheltenham Christian Arts Festival on 22nd April, 7pm in church. Get the date in your diaries!

Maz

St Andrew's URC Montpellier Street

'Christian Gift Shop'

Every Thursday and Saturday 10.00am – 12.00noon

Please note: The Gift Shop will be moving to
Cheltenham Minster after Easter



Classic Film

Saturday 12th March 2016
in Warden Hill URC Centre
at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)
(Cert PG)

For more information please contact classic.films1@urcic.org.uk

We cannot give details due to copyright reasons
Free entry – Family and Friends welcome
Refreshments available

Please note: there is no Classic Film in February.

Christian Aid

I'd like to pass on thanks from the Cheltenham Christian Aid Committee who were very grateful for all the help St Andrews gave to host the Autumn Fair. It was a particularly busy Saturday so special thanks to Edith for accommodating the Fair and the various extras.

The total raised was about £1500 which will be augmented by EU grants to make a huge difference to the projects in South America being sponsored through the monies raised.

Andrew Veal

Carol Singing at Waitrose in aid of Christian Aid raised £162.01. Many thanks to all.

Bob Alger

Community Film

Saturday 13th February 2016
in Warden Hill URC Centre
at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)



For information please contact community.films@urcic.org.uk

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Future Dates: 5th March, 30th April

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group that meets at Cleeve Hill Care Home on Friday mornings continues to thrive. Discussion during 2015 was based on study books of the Acts and Elijah. Each term a different Charity is supported so we were able to donate £111.40 to 'Emmaus' at Christmas.

Further information from Maz

Wednesday Women

On 3 February, Wednesday Women will be making green hearts in support of Christian Aid's Show the Love Climate campaign 'Make, Share and Wear a Green Heart this Valentine's day, protect the world we love from Climate Change'
See the link: <http://fortheloveof.org.uk/show-the-love-green-hearts/>
Meet at St Andrew's, 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start.

Contact Carol Drummond for more information.

Focus on St Andrew's

Gift Day

Sunday 7th February will be Gift Day in order to raise funds for the refurbishment of the **Dormer Windows** and of the **Organ**.

If you feel able to contribute in any way to the Window or Organ funds, you will find offering envelopes with this issue of 'In Touch'.

Please indicate which fund you are supporting on the envelope.



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Dormer Windows

As you will have noticed, scaffolding has been in place for several weeks with the Dormer windows having been removed for conservation away from the site. They are now back in place. Photos of the stages of work can be seen in the Link Gallery.

The estimated cost of the whole project was £52,473 of which £46,700 has been found through the Roof Repair Fund and a grant from the URC West Midlands Trust. Therefore, nearly £6,000 is needed to complete the project.

Repairs to the Pipe Organ at St Andrew's

The organ was overhauled by Nicholson's in 2002 and moved to its present position. At the same time, underfloor heating in the sanctuary was installed causing a much drier environment. A routine tuning visit in January 2012 found that the humidity level in the sanctuary had been significantly reduced and that some soundboard slides (stops) had become tight causing some timbers to split. The cause of the problem is undoubtedly the dry environment (the Willis organ we have was designed and built for a colder church).

Unless work is done the organ could deteriorate to a situation that the range of sounds is restricted and other damage arises as organists try to use stops that are no longer working. A humidifier installation has helped protect other parts of the organ but it cannot assist with the soundboards.

The Remedy for a Long Term Solution

The recommendation is to remove the mahogany soundboards to the Nicholson factory in Malvern for overhaul and replace same with a composite marine grade plywood (now used in modern pipe organ building but which was not around in 1886 when the organ was originally built) that Nicholson's can guarantee will not split.

Quotation

Nicholson's gave us a quote for repairing the organ in 2015 of £13,850 plus VAT. We might be able to reclaim the VAT on this project if the rules for Listed Places of Worship do not change before the work is undertaken. The price is likely to be higher in 2017. A motion was put forward at the last St Andrew's church meeting proposing repairs to the organ and the motion was carried with the repairs to go ahead when possible.

It is envisaged that Nicholsons could go ahead with the project in 2017. This allows us time to fund raise including applying for grants.

It is anticipated that the organ repair could be finished before Maz retires in 2017.

John Standing

(This is an abridged version of John's report, please ask if you would like to see the full version - Ed)

Romantic Poetry with a Rover's Confessions

Have you noticed how everything has to have its own special name these days? If a wind is stronger than a breeze we call it Wilbur or Phyllis; drivers give their Satnavs names; physical activities are given smart descriptions like carpet-bagging creative movements are classified by clever titles, like 'Postmodern' or 'The Enlightenment'. Try this one: is the 'Romantic Revival'

a) rereading 'Fifty Shades of Grey', b) meeting up with an old flame, c) divorce, d) Joan Collins marrying again, or e) something you've heard of but can't quite place?

If you answered e) full marks for honesty. If your answer was any of the others, oh dear! OK, here's the thing, in 1789 a group of poets published a volume of poetry that popularised a new style of creative work - the Romantic Revival where mysticism, deeply imaginative reflection and sensuous imagery were all the rage. At the height of this movement came John Keats, who I think should be better known. So at **the Forum on February 9th "the Poetry of John Keats" will be my theme:** a little homage to another of those creative geniuses who died so young. Let's have a little bit of Romantic Revival in a cold winter month.

Cold winter months can be a bit depressing can't they, so a bit of cheerful warmth is always welcome. I can't think of a better way of doing that than spending half an hour or so in the company of **John Beardsley, who will come clean about "Confessions of a Rover" on 23rd February.** What sort of Rover I hear you ask. Dunno! Could it be:-

a) a dog, b) a car, c) a pirate, d) a Boy Scout, e) a football fan from Bristol, or f) something only John can confess about. Only one way to find out!

We meet in the Garden Room at St Andrew's at 2.30pm, for all the answers to the above oddities. Details of our June outing on the Severn can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Keith Norcott

PS. I think the Met Office is missing a trick on this naming of storms. They could offer each storm for sale and let the buyer give it a name of their choice, like buying a car registration. Just a thought!

The Forum Takes To The Water.

Do you remember Toad in the 'Wind in the Willows' saying "there's nothing half so worth doing as simply messing about in boats"? It's a lovely thought that isn't it and well worth following up? So the Forum is going to do just that for our

Summer outing on 14th June 2016

A boat trip upstream from Upton, with a cream tea thrown in. What better way to relax than gliding gently on the river on a June afternoon, having a delicious tea and letting someone else do all the work? Suitable for the young and not so young, the able and not so able. And all for a nominal sum of £19 per head. Yes, Toad definitely had something there. Lists are now up in the churches, so please sign up if you want to be sure of a place.

Keith Norcott

Footsloggers' Christmas Walk

Friday 11 December 2015 Wainlode

It should have been a bright and sunny day, with a crisp morning frost to firm up the sodden ground – that was the Christmas wish of a group of ten Santas and an elf that set out on the circular Christmas walk from the Red Lion at Wainlode. Instead, it was a very dull, grey day, with further rain expected. The December walk is traditionally when Footsloggers let their hair down, or rather, tuck it up under their bright red Christmas hats, and enjoy a tippie of sherry and a few mince pies en route, to keep out the winter weather. In places, the River Severn had burst its banks but the walkers were well out of the way as they made their way up to the top of Sandhurst Hill. Here, on a good day, can be seen the distant Welsh mountains to the west, the Cotswolds to the east, the Malverns to the north, and nearby, Gloucester city and the Severn plain to the south. But today, only the Cathedral stood out in the mist, the hills in all directions being barely visible through the grey curtain surround. There was some luck with the rain, only light showers fell, but they made the going very 'claggy' over the ploughed field at the bottom of the hill. The rest of the five mile route was easier, and mainly on level road or track. The sun broke through finally as the pub was reached at the end of the walk, a portent for the very enjoyable lunch that followed.

Roger Little



Freecycle

Have you 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.

QI GONG

At St Andrew's With **LIDA VLČEK**

NEXT SESSIONS: 4th February 2016 at 12.15 pm

Cost £5.00 per session

New members welcome

call Lida 01242 233949 lida@blueyonder.co.uk

Wedding Dresses for Kenya

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.

Please ask your relatives if they have a wedding dress hidden in the wardrobe! Also, keep a lookout in second-hand shops. If you can't buy the dress yourself, let me know where it is! Many thanks,

Maz

Prestbury Events

Prestbury URC Coffee Morning

Please join us for our monthly coffee morning on Saturday 6th February from 10.30 am -12 noon. As well as the legendary toasted teacakes there are books, cakes and a raffle. All are most welcome.

Bric-a-Brac and Coffee Morning

Advance notice for our Spring Bric-a-Brac on Saturday 5th March at 10.00. Donations of good quality goods only please are welcomed. There will be a cake stall, raffle, books and CD/DVDs as well. Further information is available from Sylvia Turfrey

Happiness Course! ☺

An alternative Lent Course

The Happiness Course will be running in Fullwood at the Park Campus of the university:

Week 1: The Happy Life, 18th February

Week 2: The Successful Life 25th February

Week 3: The Relational Life 3rd March

Week 4: The Meaningful life 10th March

The evening will start promptly at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7.17pm).

All welcome.

Concerts at St Andrew's

Lilliput, for the under 5's: 18th January, 15th February 21st March.

Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra: 6th February

Musica Vera: 19th March.

Eco Church

Fareshare: On 4 December, I volunteered to do a couple of hours collecting donations of food and money at the Tesco superstore in Bishop's Cleeve for Fareshare. Fareshare takes surplus food, redistributes it round the country where it is used by Partner Charities to feed those who need it. Enough food for nearly 3.7 million meals was donated nationwide over the course of three days (3-5 December 2015). For more information, see <http://www.fareshare.org.uk>

Cookstoves for Kenya

During December, we mentioned in the notices the Cookstoves for Kenya project run by Global Footsteps. The project helps to provide energy efficient cookstoves which help safeguard the local economy. The stoves are made from local materials in Kisumu by women who have been trained to manufacture them. The stoves use up to 3 times less wood than an open fire so the women do not need to spend as much time gathering wood. The stoves mean less smoke and fewer particulates are released because the combustion is more complete which means the women suffer fewer respiratory health complaints. In addition, reducing the amount of wood needed, helps conserve local forests and means there is less CO₂ released into the atmosphere. There are a number of ways you can help support the cookstove project:

1. Offset your carbon emissions – use the link on the Global Footsteps web site – www.global-footsteps.org - to calculate your carbon emissions then donate the offset price to the cookstove project.
2. Give a cookstove in lieu of a present for a friend or family member. Gift cards are available from Carol Drummond or Alison Kerr. £20 will provide a cookstove.
3. Make a donation online or by cheque to Global Footsteps.

National Nest Box Week organized by the British Trust for Ornithology, or BTO takes places from 14-21 February 2016 This is a chance to encourage birds in your garden to come home to roost!

If you have internet access, you can find out more at <http://www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw>

Carol Drummond

Senior Club at The Church in Warden Hill

(Full reports of all Senior Club meetings can be found in The Lantern, the magazine of The Church in Warden Hill. Ed)

John Beardsley talked on 21st October about '**Lost in Translation**'. He told us about the story in Genesis of the Tower of Babel. The people wanted to build it high enough to reach God, to help them make a name for themselves. God knew this would lead them away from him. He confused their language, so they all ended up speaking different dialects, not being able to understand each other.

John spoke about the different issues of the Bible; starting with the Hebrew Scrolls of which he had a miniature copy in a jar from Jerusalem. We heard of the Greek manuscripts written on papyrus and how Jesus himself spoke Aramaic; the one word surviving being 'Abba' meaning 'Father'.

We heard about The Venerable Bede, King Alfred, John Wycliffe and William Tyndale of Gloucestershire who all translated some parts of the Bible. Henry VIII put a chained Bible in all churches for people to see. In 1611 the King James Authorised Version was published. Now there are the Revised, New English, Good News and many more versions.

We followed a passage through all these bibles showing how simple words were given different and often amusing meanings. John then showed us photos of signs from foreign places; the peculiar translations had us in stitches. As John said, "The tower of Babel" had a lot to answer for.

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

Sheila Parry

Notice of AGM

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

New Gospel Choir

There is an exciting new Gospel choir starting up in Cheltenham in the New Year! **Pamoja Gospel Choir** welcomes all new members. Rehearsals are on Thursday's from 7:30pm at The Salvation Army Community Church on Bath Road. We'll be doing performances and concerts throughout the year with the aim of raising money for local charities and fundraising events.

We'll be singing anything from traditional Negro Spirituals to contemporary Gospel classics and even Tina Turner!

Everybody is welcome to sing and have fun so feel free to come along!

Learn more at www.pamojachoir.co.uk

Luc Bailey

Creative Cards

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

Charlton Kings Players present

'Murdered to Death' by Peter Gordon

17th, 18th & 19th February 2016

7.30pm

Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings,

(by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.)

This is a spoof murder mystery based on the classic 1930's country manor house location.

Tony Jeans

From the Editor

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Frances Murton who has now resigned from the position of Assistant Editor, for all the technical support she has given to the production of 'In Touch' during 2015. I will continue to do my best, and endeavour to use the skills Frances has shown me.

You will have noticed that during 2015 there has been a double page spread on the centre pages of the magazine. This month there is a focus on St Andrews. Both Prestbury and The Church in Warden Hill will be featured during 2016. If you have suggestions of other topics I would be pleased to hear from you.

Although it has been so wet recently, many of us have turned our thoughts to the garden, hopeful of dry days to do some spring preparation.

Do you ever grow these plants in your garden?

- Matthew 6v28 Song of Solomon 4v13
- 1Kings 7v22 Numbers 11v5
- Job 31v40 Isaiah 5v1

With all good wishes for 2016

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

Diary for February 2016

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| Tue | 2 | 7.30pm | Discussion Group | Prestbury |
| Wed | 3 | 1.00pm | Lunch Club | St Andrew's |
| Wed | 3 | 7.15pm | Wednesday Women | St Andrew's |
| Thu | 4 | 12.15pm | Qi Gong | St Andrew's |
| Thu | 4 | 2.00pm | Prayer group | St Christopher's |
| Sat | 6 | 10.30am | Coffee Morning | Prestbury |
| SUN | 7 | 11.00am | Gift Day | St Andrew's |
| Tue | 9 | 2.30pm | Tuesday Forum | St Andrew's |
| Sat | 13 | 2.30pm | Community Film Show | Warden Hill URC Centre |
| Wed | 17 | 1.00pm | Lunch Club | St Andrew's |
| Thu | 18 | 2.00pm | Prayer Group | St Christopher's |
| Fri | 19 | | Footsloggers | |
| Tue | 23 | 2.30pm | Tuesday Forum | St Andrew's |
| Thu | 25 | 7.30pm | Gardening Club | St Christopher's |
| SUN | 28 | 11.00am | West Midlands Moderator | St Andrew's |

Diary for March 2016

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| Wed | 2 | 1.00pm | Lunch Club | St Andrew's |
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| Thu | 3 | 2.00pm | Prayer Group | St Christopher's |
| Sat | 5 | 10.00am | Bric-a-Brac/Coffee Morning | Prestbury |
| Sat | 5 | 2.30pm | Community Film Show | Warden Hill URC Centre |

Regular Weekly Events 2016

Monday

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

Tuesday

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| 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

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

Thursday

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| 10.00am-12.00noon | Coffee Morning | St Andrew's |
| 10.00am-12.00noon | Gift Shop | 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

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| 10.30am | Bible Study House Group | Cleeve Hill Home** |
| 6.00pm | C4 Children's Choir | Prestbury |
| 6.15pm | TCiWH Choir Practice | St Christopher's |

Saturday

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| 10.00am-12.00noon | Coffee Morning | St Andrew's |
| 10.00am-12.00noon | Gift Shop | St Andrew's |

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St Andrew's URC

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

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| 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**

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| 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>Communion or Morning Worship</i> |

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

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

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

Weekdays

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