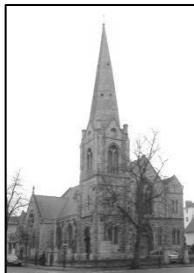


# Cheltenham United Reformed Church



## In Touch



February 2017



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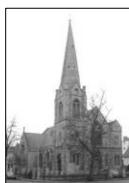
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## Welcome to 'In Touch'

The magazine of **Cheltenham United Reformed Church**, a joint pastorate of the three United Reformed Churches in Cheltenham, sharing a Minister, Rev 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. St Andrew's offers impressive facilities, 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 Up Hatherley and Warden Hill in the south of Cheltenham. Ministry is shared between the URC Minister, Rev Maz Allen, 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](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:**

Rosie Pearson, Pat Gregory.

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

Elvina Norcott, Mike Wilson, Vivian Bracey, John Mears.

The families of Rosie Pearson and Pat Gregory.

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## **Thank you**

### **Kenya Projects (UK)**

Thanks to all who helped raise the grand sum of £27,000. A report on how this was used will be in the next issue. *Maz*

### **Jump4Joy at St Andrew's**

Half Hour Family Service held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
at 9.30am followed by breakfast

Sunday 19 February                                  'Love'

Sunday 19 March    'Trust'

Sunday 16 April    'Easter'

**All are welcome. Come and join the fun**

## Our Minister Writes:



Dear Friends,

As I write, I have been home from Kenya for only 15 hours, so please forgive me for leaving my report of our trip until the next issue. Suffice it to say, the team worked very well together and we achieved a great deal.

I would like to thank all of you who supported Kenya Projects UK in any way. The money raised has gone a remarkably long way! Also, the children were thrilled with their new shoes!

I will share with you here one story from the trip: we visited an old friend, John Muchiri one day. He and his wife had invited us to his homestead. He is a retired headmaster and he has a simple one-storey house with 3 acres of land. He grows coffee and many varieties of fruit, all of which he can sell. Whilst touring the 'farm', he was insistent that we went beyond his boundary, to visit his neighbours. We naturally agreed, only to find that his neighbours had not met white people before. At first, they were reluctant to come forward, but as we greeted one with a warm handshake and a smile and the inevitable 'Happy New Year', everyone else followed suit. In the end, there was a crowd of neighbours laughing and smiling with us.

When we got back to John's house he was so happy. "You have demystified my relationship with white people. They used to think something strange and suspicious was going on if my white friends stayed in my house for more than a minute!" We felt privileged to have been part of this breaking down of barriers.

God continues to teach us through simple means!

Love Maz



## Just for Today



Just for today I will live through the next twelve hours  
and not tackle my entire life's problems at once.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read  
something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will be agreeable, I will look my best, I will speak in a well-  
modulated voice and I will be courteous and considerate.

Just for today I will not find fault with friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to  
change or improve anyone but myself.

Just for today I will have a programme. I might not follow it exactly but I will have  
it. I will save myself from two enemies – hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will exercise my character in three ways. I will do a good turn and  
keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just for today I will do two things I don't want to do, just for the discipline.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially will I be unafraid to enjoy what is  
beautiful and believe that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

*Source unknown*

*(Sent by Elspet Carter, following her discovery of this poem amongst her step-mother's papers.)*



## **Reading Group**

The next Reading Group will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 to be held at 'Karinya', Swindon Lane, Cheltenham.

The book to be discussed is 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr. It concerns two young people, one in France, one in Germany, in the years leading up to and during the Second World War. Marie-Laure, blind since the age of 6, lives with her father in Paris. He is a locksmith at the Museum of Natural History. Forced to flee when the Germans arrive, he takes refuge in St Malo at the house of a relative. Werner, a German orphan with a genius for electronics, comes to the notice of the Nazi regime to work on radio communication.

Contact Mary Cummings if you have any questions.

## **St Andrew's Lunch Club**

Have you tried the St Andrew's Lunch Club yet? A very friendly group meets for lunch on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month**. For the small cost of £3, a substantial meal of soup with a roll, a pudding and coffee is served. A good time is

had by all, meeting at about 12.45 to eat at 1.00pm in the Garden Room at St Andrew's. Please remember to sign up so we know how many to cater for.

Each session is manned by different volunteers who all offer their own 'take' on the basic menu.

The Christmas meal on 21<sup>st</sup> December, served by Kate Alger and Alison Stagg, which took the form of a Christmas celebration with 14 people attending – Christmas pudding with Christmas crackers and some flaming brandy!

We look forward to welcoming **you** one Wednesday.

*The Lunch Club Team*



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**Tuesdays**, 12.30 – 1.30pm, Term time, Weekly, £2.50, First class Free!  
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**The Cheltenham Trust**

## **St. Andrew's Charity for February 2017**

**GARAS**

### **Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

This month's charity is a local one with international dimensions.

In 2016 we heard much about refugees from Syria, but there are also many from other war-torn countries. Councils in all parts of Gloucestershire are helping to resettle refugees and migrants, in close liaison with GARAS, the charity that works directly with the refugees themselves. In fact, much of the help is provided by GARAS, the stated mission of which is to support those seeking asylum in Gloucestershire: welcoming them on arrival, representing them whenever necessary, helping them to adjust to a new life in this country, and providing legal assistance in deportation cases. GARAS works with other local bodies and agencies, like local councils, schools, benefits agencies, medical services, etc.

The drop-in centre in Gloucester is a friendly, uncomplicated meeting place, where refugees and other migrants can find advice and help in every aspect of daily life in the community. There are particular problems for those who have gone through harrowing experiences in war-torn countries like Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Unaccompanied children are especially vulnerable and need special care.

The major areas of concern for GARAS are accommodation and access to medical and benefits services. To date GARAS has had to deal with people from 100 different countries, and that can cause language difficulties, so GARAS can also arrange English teaching where needed.

In sum, GARAS is firmly established as the central reference point for all refugees and migrants coming to Gloucestershire. More information is available on 01452 550528, website [www.GARAS.org.uk](http://www.GARAS.org.uk).

#### **Would you be interested in being part of a Sponsorship Group for a Refugee Family?**

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## **Prestbury Christmas Round-up**

As always, Prestbury URC was full for our annual Carol Service. It was lovely to see so many friends and families of our congregation. It was also a pleasure to welcome the Prestbury Handbell Ringers, led by David & Diana Lyle and including our own Rose West.

As a result of the generosity of the congregation we were able to donate £257 to the Open Door project. The Donkey Auction was great fun and raised £122 for Riding for the Disabled. Our thanks go to all the local places that hosted the donkeys for the Donkey Trail and to the schools for handing out entry forms.

Thank you also to all who made donations to the Salvation Army on Gift Day.

## **Prestbury Friday Circle**

The weekly Friday Circle at the URC starts at 10 am. If you are at a loose end on a Friday morning why not drop in for a cup of tea or coffee? If you want more than just a chat, there are board and card games to play, quiz', bingo and beetle sessions and if you fancy a spot of pampering there are visits from 'The Nail Lady' (Revd. Dee) who will send you out well manicured.

*Fiona Hall*

## **Prestbury Coffee Mornings**

Our next monthly coffee morning will be on:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

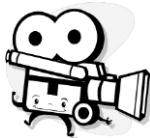
From 10.30am until 12.00noon

As ever, the legendary toasted teacakes will be on offer!

There will also be a raffle and cakes and books for sale.



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** will also be a Bric-a-Brac Sale. Good quality donations are always welcome – please contact Sylvia Turfrey for information



## Classic Film

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)

Future Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May

*NB there will be no Classic Film in February.*

This will be the last season I shall be organizing Classic Film shows. I would be very pleased if someone would take over and I would be willing to offer advice.  
Blessings and Peace.

Tony Jeans

## **Qi Gong**

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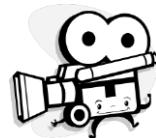
Cost £5.00 per session.

**New members welcome.**

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

### Community Film

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)



Future Dates: 25<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April

### **Book Exchange**

Do you like borrowing books?

Do you have books of any sort, cluttering up the place that you would be happy to exchange , or give, to the Book Exchange?

St Andrew's have started a Book Exchange, situated in the Link Gallery. Available whenever the building is open.

*Marcus Dann*

### **From Maz**

Age UK are offering a free service of regular telephone 'chats' to over-60's who are perhaps alone or not able to see people regularly.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from regular phone calls, you must get their permission to register them on the scheme. Either you or I can then do so, on the Age UK website.

*Maz*



## Focus on .....Footsloggers 'The' Walking Group!

### Keep Fit AND Have Fun!!

Footsloggers meet every month, alternating Mondays and Fridays for a morning walk, rarely more than 5 miles. Members take turns to organise the walk and find a suitable lunch venue. We have enjoyed a wide variety of country pubs as well as the occasional unlicensed establishment.

Walks have taken us all over the county, though steep 'ups' and too many stiles are discouraged! Weather we cannot control – so that is pot luck. We'd love to have your company, and your dog's company.

Just get in touch with Tim Odell 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)

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Staverton

The Footsloggers met in November at the Aviator Pub, Staverton Airport to walk round the perimeter of the airfield before crossing the Old Gloucester Road onto Brickhampton Golf Course. Although it was a dull day some autumn colours were

still in evidence as the group made their way to Down Hatherley. The return trip via Brickhampton was by a different route before we once again joined the footpath around the airport. By this time we were all slightly "damp" but eighteen people enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Aviator.

*Tim and Dorothy Odell*



## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Cowley

December 9<sup>th</sup> saw a group of fourteen footsloggers meeting at the Green Dragon car park at Cowley to start our three mile walk. We left wearing Christmas hats with a first stop at the Cowley Manor Hotel to pay a visit to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin situated in the hotel grounds. Built in the early 13th century and added too since. We then walked up the escarpment stopping for our warm mulled wine and taking in the views.



We continued on for a second stop with a sherry donated by Brian Ashworth returning to the Green Dragon where fifteen friends joined up for midday lunch in front of a log fire. It was enjoyed by all.



*Marcus and Florence Dann*

## Generous Gifts Succeeded By Stable Relationships.

One of the first things anyone does at the opening of a new year is to stick up one of those calendars in the kitchen with columns for mum, dad and the kids, the dog, and uncle Tom Cobleigh if he's still living with you. Significant dates are already preprinted, but you have to fill in the birthdays and anniversaries, and of course important dates like the Forum meetings.

Look carefully at your Forum entry for 14th February and you'll find the preprinted note says "St Valentines's Day". But, I always wonder, who was this Valentine? Which one of the numerous historical figures was he? That West Indian cricketer who was half of the Ramadin and Valentine duo? Rudy Valentine who went into films and became Rudolf Valentino? Don't think so. But whoever he really was his day is one for love and remembrance of people near and far. And you can't get farther away than Africa can you, Kenya to be precise? St. Andrew's and a number of CURC members have an affectionate connection there through the Kenya Project, so it's entirely appropriate that **on Tuesday 14th February we shall have an update on the Kenya project from Revd Maz Allen**, telling us about the latest and final visit out there, and what the future holds for the project.



Another Valentine has just popped into my brain, and hasn't popped straight out again which is a nice change. What about that chap who had a jump named after him in the Grand National? you know, that Valentine Brooks. Must have had something to do with horses. Now, there's a coincidence, as it just so happens

**RDA**  that we shall be having a canter through "**Cotswold Riding for the Disabled" on 28th February with Claire Jenkins in the saddle.** Amazing creatures horses, still working for us today in so many ways: pulling carts and machines, rounding up steers, racing at Cheltenham, show jumping and so on, even providing that stuff you put on your rhubarb. No not custard, that other stuff. We shall hear how therapeutic they can be.

We meet at 2.30 pm in the Garden Room at St Andrew's, so we'll see you there.

Keith Norcott

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

My ipod is my guide and mentor. It is all I need. It keeps me within my comfort Zone, so that I do not have to think. When I do not use it I get nervous.

My worries disappear. I find it very easy just to follow instructions, follow what all my friends do. That is what it is for.

Even if I have to go out, into the wide world, and come up against people, face to face, I feel confident, for I always have it by me, to have recourse to.

It provides me with all sorts of facilities, secure, so that I have as little to do with other people I do not particularly want to have anything to do with. In fact, it has so many facilities, I have a little difficulty in keeping up with all it has to offer.

Surely, I feel blessed, and an even rosier life will be mine for the future, with new versions promising ever more refinements.

*Bill Cowie (St Andrew's)*

## Toddlers Club at St Andrew's

Toddlers' Club finished the year with a Nativity Service followed by a shared lunch including a visit from Father Christmas. Some youngsters loved dressing up, whilst others would not get involved, but they were all happy to get in the picture whatever they were wearing. Also Father Christmas was welcomed by some whilst others would not go near him. Thank you to Maz and Iain for their help at the party. Also to the helpers in the kitchen, Alison, Margaret, Wendy and Elspet who have come once a month to serve the tea and coffee. We have started the New Year welcoming some new babies so that augers well for the rest of the year.

*Ann Lewis*

## **Senior Club at the Church in Warden Hill**

During September Sam and Robin told us some of the History of Tewkesbury mustard. The Romans introduced mustard to Europe. Legend has it that Tewkesbury Mustard Balls covered in gold leaf were presented to Henry VIII when he visited Tewkesbury in 1535. The local women used to gather the ingredients, horseradish and mustard seeds from the fields and river banks around the town. The mustard grains were crushed in an iron mortar using a cannon ball, until it was like fine flour, then sieved to produce a fineness much sought after throughout England. Horseradish, a common weed around Tewkesbury was used to make the condiment hotter. Balls of this concoction were then left to dry on a wooden board. The customer would cut off as much as required then steep it in water, milk or cider, until it was workable. The resultant mustard was "thick and pungent". This was the form of mustard referred to in Shakespeare's Henry IV "a wit as thick as Tewkesbury mustard". In 1662, this mustard was referred to as the best in all England and in 1712, Sir Robert Atkins in his History of Gloucestershire says, "Tewkesbury is remarkable for making balls of the best mustard".

We then tried some samples, weird and wonderful flavours such as dark chocolate plus mustard, balsamic mustard, some with cider and horseradish and a wonderful chutney made with blackberries and mustard. A fascinating afternoon.

*Sheila Parry*

We are sorry to hear that the Senior Club at The Church in Warden Hill has disbanded, having had their last meeting at their Christmas Dinner. We shall miss the reports of some very interesting speakers and topics.

Our best wishes go to everyone involved with the club.

*Janet Kemp*

## **Street Pastors**

Please pray for the Street Pastor Team in Cheltenham.

There is a monthly Prayer meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at St Matthew's Church at 10.30am. All are welcome.

## **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**

Two seater settee with Manual reclining mechanism on both seats. 140cm wide.  
Good condition.  
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## **WANTED**

If anyone has any wool (any colour) and buttons, I would welcome them. I am collecting them on behalf of a relative and friend who are knitting squares and sewing buttons on them to help people suffering from Alzheimers. These squares are used for occupational therapy as they act as comforters.Thank you.

*Lyn Ricketts*

## **Wednesday Women**

The sale of knitted stockings and Christmas treats produced by Wednesday Women raised £100 which the ladies agreed to donate to Cheltenham Open Door the charity that supports vulnerable, disadvantaged and lonely people and offers them hospitality, warmth and food. <http://www.cheltenhamopendoor.org.uk>



Thanks to everyone for their support. We were thrilled to raise this much for such a good cause.

The group will meet on **Wednesday 1st February**. Kate and Bob Alger will give an illustrated talk on their recent visit to the Holy Land.

Meetings start with refreshments at 7.15. All welcome.

*Carol Drummond and Elspet Carter*

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*(Information from website. Ed.  
Tony has some publicity material)*

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*Fiona Hall*

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

## From the Editor



### **"Here I stand, I can do no other"**

the words used by Martin Luther when being tried by the Holy Roman Emperor for having opened up debate about the church. Luther had pinned his '95 Theses' (ie points for discussion) to the door of Wittenberg Church on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1517. This started a tumultuous period for the church across Europe, eventually leading to the formation of both the Lutheran and Reformed Churches.

2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event

Look out for events this year commemorating 1517 and Martin Luther.

*Janet Kemp*

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## Diary for February 2017

Wed	1	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	1	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	2	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
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
Sat	4	2.30pm	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URC Centre
Tue	14	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Wed	15	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	15	7.30pm	Reading Group	Karinya, Swindon Lane
Thu	16	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	16	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
SUN	19	3.15pm	Deaf Community Church	St Christopher's
Tue	28	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's

## Diary for March 2017

Wed	1	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Wed	1	1.00pm	Lunch Club
Wed	1	7.15pm	Wednesday Women
Thu	2	12.15pm	Qi Gong
Thu	2	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Sat	4	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café
Sat	4	10.00am	Bric-a-Brac Sale
Sat	4	2.15pm	Classic Film Show

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

## Regular Weekly Events 2016/17

### Monday

10.00am	Prestbury Urchins	Prestbury URC**
5.15pm	Rainbows	Warden Hill URC Centre**

### Tuesday

10.00am	St Andrew's Parents & Toddlers	St Andrew's
10.30am	Tuesday Prayers & Communion	Warden Hill URC Centre
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	Prestbury Friday Circle	Prestbury URC
10.30am	Bible Study House Group	Cleeve Hill Home**
6.15pm	TCiWH Choir Practice	St Christopher's

\*\* 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 URC Centre</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 URC Centre</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 URC Centre</i>