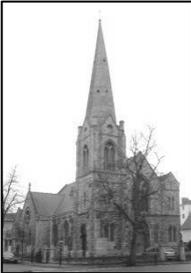


# Cheltenham United Reformed Church



# In Touch



February 2019



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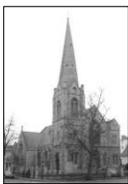
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## Welcome to 'In Touch'

The magazine of **Cheltenham United Reformed Church**, a joint pastorate of the three United Reformed Churches in Cheltenham. 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 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 are invited to pray for:**

John, Donna, Florence  
Brian, Doreen,  
Ann, Joyce, Fiona, Betty,  
Bob Alger and Family  
The Family of Joyce and Phil Arnold



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

Kate Alger, Philip Arnold  
Joy Coskery (aged 100)

## **Pastoral Visiting - St Andrew's**

If you are aware of any person who is unwell or anyone who requires a visit please contact Ann Lewis who will arrange for one of the pastoral team to visit. e-mail: [philann14@talktalk.net](mailto:philann14@talktalk.net)



**This month's Pastoral letter comes from  
David Black, Elder at St Andrew's**



Dear Friends

We started the year with a very full church at the Thanksgiving Service for Kate Alger with all her grandchildren contributing within the service as we celebrated the joy she had brought to everybody. The retiring offering for Sue Ryder resulted in my sending a cheque to them for £1,160.

Comments in the prayer handbook for February:

**“The Church is like a swimming pool: all the noise is at the shallow end. When I am safe in the shallow end with my feet firmly on the floor, when I am surrounded by the familiar and content with what I know.**

**May I hear your voice saying - Don't be afraid.”**

That is very apt for us at this time after 18 months in vacancy. How much longer we might have to wait I do not know but I do know that we will get someone who is right for us. Our prayers have to be for our many members who are now too infirm to come to church or who have suffered health problems or bereavements in their family recently. They have all contributed to our community over many years and they appreciate the thoughts about them that come from being part of a wider community rather than being left isolated as happens to some who have little social contact or activity.

Did you hear about the chap who got introduced to doing sports activities in care homes? He was interviewed on radio recently and told the story of an ex professional footballer with dementia who for 30 minutes a week showed everyone else in the home how to dribble, control the ball and do throw ins. They were activities that his children had not seen him doing for many years and they were delighted to see him so alive and alert.

The skills are still there but they are suppressed so the question I raise is - what skills or interests do you have that you have suppressed and where your health might benefit from a change of approach?

*David Black*

## **Prestbury News**

### **Christmas Carol Service Collection**

A collection was made at the Christmas Carol Service on the 23rd December in aid of Cheltenham Open Door. A total of £120 was raised, many thanks to all who contributed.

### **Prestbury Coffee Morning**

Our next monthly coffee morning will be on:

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

From 10.30am until 12.00noon

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

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

Plenty of conversation guaranteed!



### **Prestbury Friday Circle**

This Social Group has been running at the URC for a couple of years now from 10 am till Noon every Friday morning. Conversation and refreshments guaranteed every week, but sometimes there will be games, quizzes, bingo and live music.

All Welcome – just drop by and see what’s happening!

*Fiona Hall*

## **SUE RYDER LECKHAMPTON COURT HOSPICE**

**NEW FOR 2019**

### **‘Coffee at the Court’**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**10:30am – 12 noon**

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## OBITUARY:

### Joyce & Philip Arnold

Here at Prestbury we have all been saddened by the recent deaths of two of our members; Joyce and Phil. Joyce died at home the end of September and Phil in Cheltenham General Hospital at New Year. This comes less than a year from the sudden death of their brother-in-law David Butcher in the Spring.

The arrival of 'that rowdy lot on the back row' which was the Butcher and Arnold families was a blessing to our church. Ever cheerful, kind and supportive the two families fitted in immediately. Phil and Joyce became members and all were regular attenders. Joyce and Betty ran the toy stall at our sales and Phil, a lay preacher, took services and was a reader. All shared a deep faith but were not above joshing the minister when asked and even the church secretary when not asked! Phil could be very cheeky and was able to deliver a riposte with a very straight face.

Although Joyce died in September she had not been in church with us for a while as the dementia took its course. Phil was devoted in caring for her and we did not realise that he too was ill.

Phil and Joyce are now re-united with David in a heavenly 'back row'.

*Fiona Hall*

## The Bible Book Club **NEWish**

The first meeting was an excellent discussion of Jonah. We appreciated reading through the whole book. Several people had taken the discussion questions home to 'have a go' privately instead of coming to the meeting. We appreciate that not everyone is able to get out in the evening, but might want to take part.

The next book to read is **AMOS**, an Old Testament prophet/shepherd. The discussion questions can be found on [biblesociety.org.uk/biblebookclub](http://biblesociety.org.uk/biblebookclub), and paper copies are available in each Church.

The next meeting for discussion will be on **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm** at 242 Hatherley Road, GL51 6HB – plenty of time to read!  
Happy reading the next book of the Bible.



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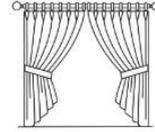
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***\*\*Copied from a Gloucestershire Hospitals poster\*\****

## St Andrew's Charity for February 2019



### **Will you please support this year's SMILE Appeal by the Amos Trust?**

*What's the Amos Trust?* In the early 1980s a young pop singer, Garth Hewitt, who had performed with the likes of Cliff Richard, was ordained as an Anglican priest and became curate at St Saviour's, Guildford. He looked for ways of responding to the challenge of Amos 5.24 'Let justice roll down like a river', through his music.

With the help of his wife Gill, and friends he founded the Amos Trust with the slogan 'Justice and hope for the forgotten'. In a world where the poor are neglected, he stirred audiences to the Amos cause with his songs such as 'No injustice will last for ever', and 'a World of difference, a world of need'. He channelled the money he raised to work for the poor in South Africa (the Street Children), and in India (the outcast Dalits). In Nicaragua which we visited with an Amos group in 2013 we saw the impressive training of poor people in healthcare and agricultural skills.

In the Holy Land the Trust supports the Palestinian Christians who pursue the difficult path of peace with justice. The Reconciliation Centre in Bethlehem which works for peace between Israelis and Palestinians is an Amos partner. Garth is now an honorary canon of St George's Cathedral in East Jerusalem.

Garth is well known in Cheltenham. In 2018 he gave a concert in St Matthew's Church, and in December the Trust brought a group of Palestinian singers to sing carols and songs, thrillingly, in English and Arabic to the large audience in Christ Church.

***What's this SMILE appeal for?*** It supports the children in the two refugee camps in Bethlehem in the shadow of the Wall, to provide food and educational support, when they would otherwise have little. It also empowers the women on whom so much of the burden of family life in the camps falls, giving them skills and confidence to create their own small businesses, sewing and embroidery to earn money for their families. Truly an appeal for the poor and the forgotten.

*Margaret and Robin Derbyshire*

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## Scottish Society



A Big " **Thankyou**" to those who attended the Scottish Society's St Andrew's tide Lunch on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The generous donations totalled £160.00, which has been sent to the National Trust for Scotland's Appeal for Hill House, the Charles Rennie Mackintosh House in Helensburgh which has severe problems with damp due to the wall coating, and its beautiful interiors are threatened.

The Cheltenham Scottish Society is celebrating its 90th year in 2019. It was founded in 1929, by exiled Scots on the 30th of November 1929, under the presidency of The Earl of Wemyss and March who was also involved with the forming of the National Trust for Scotland. The present Lord Wemyss is the Society's Patron, and regularly attends our Burns Supper.

*Barbara MacGregor*

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm and bring a friend.**

All for ONLY £3.00

## **The Daily Round...And Round...And....**

Ever the optimist I made this New Year Resolution (NYR) - to help us all lead more orderly lives. We all know don't we, someone who "doesn't know what day of the week it is"? Well my NYR might be a solution here. Just think how much better off we'd be if the days of the week were in alphabetical order. Much tidier don't you think? Just ask yourself, who could object to having Friday on a Monday? For one thing Friday's payday and pension day for millions. So that'd be a welcome bonus straightaway, wouldn't it? Can't see anything wrong in having the dosh at the beginning of the week rather than the end. Monday following Tuesday banishes that back-to-work feeling that follows the weekend. Then having Saturday on a Wednesday allows us all those sports we like to play or watch – and that we can afford now; after all, we've still got all that money from Friday that used to be Monday. Alphabetically Sunday still follows Saturday, which is handy for recovering after all that sport on the Saturday that is where Wednesday was.

With me so far? That puts Sunday in the middle of the week. There are two bonuses here you see: firstly a day of rest and church-going in the middle of the week, and secondly Sunday isn't followed by that Monday morning feeling. So the existing midweek days become the weekend, with Thursday, Tuesday and Wednesday moving to Friday Saturday and Sunday. Need I say more? From that brief simple explanation it's obvious that putting the days of the week in alphabetical order would be both physically beneficial and much tidier for diaries and calendars, and knowing which day of the week it is.

That's sorted then. Future NYR project? The months of the year? Better still, discuss this, or your own NYR, at the next joint **Afternoon Tea and Forum meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. But the Forum doesn't just talk about absorbing matters like days of the week, as you will discover on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Daniel Brookes is coming back to tell us more about the Gloucestershire Special Olympics, "Building Circles", this time with assistance from Lisa.**

The Forum meetings and Afternoon Teas are at 2.30 pm in the Garden Room at St Andrew's URC. **ALL WELCOME**

*Keith Norcott*

## Letter from Bob Alger

The family and I would just like to thank you for all the loving support we have received from so many friends during the period of Kate's illness and most recently at her Thanksgiving Service. Your prayers, cards, letters, visits, flowers, food delivered and meals out have all been greatly appreciated. It is good to know that so many people care when things get difficult and that is surely a sign of Christ's love working through our Church community.



Our friends in Oggersheim have kindly sent this note which I wish to share with you all. They have taken the trouble to write in English which is not easy for them, but I am sure you will understand their meaning:

*Dear Bob and family,*

*Dear friends of the URC Cheltenham,*

*In violent sorrow we have to say "good bye" to Kate Alger.*

*A lot of people in Oggersheim remember our partnership beginning in 1993 with your first visit to Oggersheim. One of the leaders for five visits to Oggersheim and also five visits to Cheltenham were Kate and Bob together with Reverend Joan Winterbottom and Reverend Glyn Jenkins.*

*Birgit and myself should be lucky for being hosts to Kate and Bob in Oggersheim and to be hosted by them in Cheltenham.*

*A very important member of your parish, but also a very important person for the partnership between URC Cheltenham (St. Andrews, Prestbury and Warden Hill) and the parish of Oggersheim (Markuskirche, Comeniuskirche und Jakobuskirche), and last but not least, a very good friend has died.*

*But now it's time so say 'good bye' to a great lady, a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, a busy member of your parish and a fantastic friend of us.*

*Dear Kate, our marvelous friend*

*Rest in peace!*

*Günter und Birgit Kirsch*

This is another reminder of times enjoyed together with the two Church communities. Some of us remember Günter trying to play the bagpipes at a reception evening for the first Oggersheim visit – an attempt that left everyone in stitches of laughter as the pipes got the better of him!

*Bob Alger*

## **'Kate is great' by Andrew Wise**

Kate is great.  
On this there can be no debate.  
An amazing lady who walked tall,  
Was loved and respected by all.  
Mother of two and Grandma to five,  
Wife to Bob for longer than I've been alive!  
A teacher to many, both young and old  
Fluent in four languages all told  
With more friends than I could ever say  
Just look how many are here today.

She buzzed about and lived life to the max  
Never an idle minute, no time to relax!  
A hive of activity, all hustle and bustle,  
More energy than a springy Jack Russell  
Meeting up for lunch with the ladies,  
Zipping about in her shiny Mercedes  
Off to church to arrange the flowers  
Some teaching perhaps to kill a few hours  
Teeing off at a quarter to three  
Then back home to start on the tea

She was a lady of courage and conviction  
Who always knew the right thing to do.  
"Grandma knows best" was a family tradition  
"Don't mess with Grandma" was sometimes said too!



Her wisdom helped us with the day to day  
When the path wasn't clear she would know the way  
Positivity underpinned her advice  
"Go for it!" she'd say, "don't think twice!"  
Kindness too, and playing fair,  
And always doing more than your allotted share



We remember Kate's distinctive style  
The quirky things that made us smile  
Like giving pet names to her car  
And other possessions no less bizarre!  
Her fondness for little dogs will not be forgotten  
Fluffy friends to scold and spoil rotten  
Ferrying them around in enormous estates  
With room for her golf clubs and 4 of her mates  
Happiest of all at her home in Moorend Glade  
Where family gathered and memories were made  
And the other place she loved to be  
At her magical cottage at Felpham-on-sea.

But now is not the time to mourn and cry  
When Kate's just arrived at the golf course in the sky!  
Where it's never rainy or windy or cold  
And irons aren't made of iron but gold  
Where golf carts have wings and angels fill the crowds  
And perfect greens float on shimmering clouds  
Just look at her drive on hole seven!  
Right down the middle on the fairway to heaven...

*(Andrew is Bob and Kate's son-in-law. This eulogy was given at Kate's Memorial Service at St Andrew's on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 when about 200 friends were present.)*

## **Discussion Group**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March      **RELIGION IN ART** (Part 2)  
7.30pm at St Andrew's

If you have a favourite religious 'art' picture, bring a copy and tell us about it.

**ALL WELCOME.**

## **Wednesday Women**

The group will meet for coffee and conversation at St Andrew's on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Meetings start at 7.15. **ALL WELCOME.**

*Elspet Carter*

## **Wisdom**

What would have happened  
If there had been Three Wise Women  
Instead of Three Wise Men?  
They would have asked directions,  
Arrived in Bethlehem on time,  
Cleaned the stable from floor to rafters,  
Helped deliver the baby,  
Brought practical gifts,  
And there would have been peace on earth.

*Anon*

## **Qi Gong at St Andrew's**

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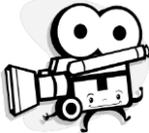
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at Warden Hill URC Centre  
2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April



## Reading Group

“The next meeting of the Reading Group will take place on Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm. It will be held at the home of Wendy Outram.

The book to be discussed is ‘Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine’ winner of the Costa Book Award 2017. Eleanor is thirty years old and has been in the same job for nine years and follows a simple existence which is more or less predictable. She doesn’t think she is lonely but the reader discovers that she is, as are many people these days. It is not a sad book but has funny episodes and shows the kindness of people.

New members are welcome and if interested please contact Mary Cummings

## Footsloggers

The **Walking Group** for all ages, abilities and dogs.  
All are welcome to join us both young and not so young. Just get in touch with Jenny Evans at [jenny21evans@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenny21evans@hotmail.co.uk)



## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

On a cold but dry Monday morning a hardy band of Footsloggers visited the Forest of Dean for their December Red Hat walk. Starting off at The Speech House in the centre of the forest (Charles the Second's hunting lodge), they undertook a three-mile walk visiting the Cyril Hart arboretum near Speech House, the Speech House Lake and Trafalgar Avenue. Apparently, Admiral Nelson visited this area in 1805 in search of mature oak trees for the navy. During lunch at The Speech House we had an interesting talk from the owner who described the long history of the building and the role of the Verderers in the forest.

*Jenny and Dai Evans*



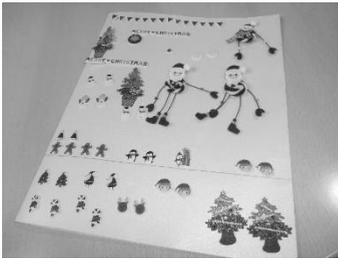
### Future Dates 2019:

18 <sup>th</sup> February,	22 <sup>nd</sup> March,	15 <sup>th</sup> April,	17 <sup>th</sup> May,
17 <sup>th</sup> June,	19 <sup>th</sup> July,	19 <sup>th</sup> August,	13 <sup>th</sup> September,
14 <sup>th</sup> October,	15 <sup>th</sup> November,	9 <sup>th</sup> December.	

## ECO

The **Big Church Card** made by the Ndekha children raised £65 which was donated to the charity Open Door. Thanks to everyone who supported this initiative.

Did you see our **Knitted Nativity** made by Carol, Donna and Elspet using leftover wool where we could.



**Christmas cards** have been recycled in aid of the Cobalt Unit. Thanks to Lyn and Peter Ricketts for organising this.

A **new Calendar** for 2019 has been added to The Eco Church noticeboard where we can mark days and events which raise awareness of environmental issues. If you are aware of any such days/event, please add these to the calendar. In February. **National Nestbox Week** takes place from 14 to 21 February – a chance to contribute to conservation effort in the UK and help our birdlife. For more information, see <https://www.bto.org/about-birds/nbnw>

A copy of **Vision 21's** end of year round up is available from the Eco Church noticeboard.

If you're looking to reduce your use of plastic, why not try **Food Loose**, the new loose feeds and refills shop at the Global Footsteps café , Portland Street. Food Loose gives you the opportunity to buy food and cleaning products using your own containers Opening 10-2pm on Thursdays and Fridays and 11am-4pm on Saturdays. For more information, see [www.foodloose.co.uk](http://www.foodloose.co.uk).

*Carol Drummond*

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## Wednesday Social Group at Warden Hill URCC

### 28<sup>th</sup> November

We all hope and pray we will never have to use the Air Ambulance Service. However, we were delighted to welcome Jason in November, to give us a talk about their irreplaceable work. We learnt, in great and interesting detail, how they are organised and set up and that they are funded by charitable giving. At the end of the afternoon we were delighted to send them £168 to support their work.

**5<sup>th</sup> December** saw our Christmas lunch at Brickhampton Golf Club which was a huge success with good food, good wine and excellent company. The ambience and service were first rate. Many made new or reinforced old friendships.

### 12<sup>th</sup> December

We are true party people even inviting Father Christmas to our tea on 12th December. What an enjoyable afternoon with 50 people attending and what a programme. The Doris Choir sang to us like angels and the Committee provided a bounteous tea. We Christmas quizzed and drew our raffle. The present exchange (secret Santa) was a fine fore-taste of the delights to come on December 25th.

Come and join the Group, for fun and friendship in 2019 and beyond. Don't be shy, a warm welcome awaits you. Our next meetings are 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>rd</sup> February.

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

Please spread the word.



*John Howe*

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## Collection of Used Stamps

Unfortunately when I tried to deliver two large bags of used stamps to the Hearing Dogs Charity I was told that they were no longer accepting them. I, therefore have hundreds of stamps and am still collecting them.

If anyone has a suggestion of a charity which would accept these stamps I would be happy to arrange delivery.

Many thanks

Joan Thompson

### Musica Vera

Saturday 23 March 2019 - 7.30 pm.  
St Andrew's Church, Cheltenham



**Enjoy an opportunity to revel in some sumptuous music**

Conducted by our Director of Music, *David Dewar*,  
*Evelyne Beech* will be our soprano soloist,  
*Fiona Brown* will accompany on organ and piano.

From Tallis and Palestrina to Mascagni and Elgar we celebrate the achievement of Western music across the European continent. Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn are, naturally, also represented in the programme - with their particular styles informing the historical thread.

This concert is in aid of the St Andrew's Church Spire Appeal.

## 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.



## The Pulpit in February

Worship Leaders/Preachers at Prestbury, St Andrew's  
and on URC Sundays at The Church in Warden Hill

### At St Andrew's

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rev Penny West
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Ken Martin
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Dr Tony Jeans and Mrs Jenny Evans
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Canon Richard Atkins

### At Prestbury

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones
10 <sup>th</sup> February	No Service
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev John Marsh (past Moderator of URC)
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Mr Geoff Tizzard-King

### At The Church in Warden Hill

10<sup>th</sup> February Rev Canon Richard Atkins

(For all other Services at The Church in Warden Hill, please refer to 'The Lantern',  
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## 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.

## From The Editor

*“Friendship begins with meeting someone along the path of life. Someone you get to know, and gradually get to know even better. You discover what a joy it is to spend your moments with this person... It’s nice the way the good feelings of friendship always remain. The happiness lasts, and the memories you make start to turn into some of your favourite treasures. Friendship is two paths converging on the way to the same beautiful view. Friendship is walking the way together.”*

I found this piece in a Church Magazine many years ago. The writer clearly had the view of friendship that most people can acknowledge. Some of us are still in contact with friends we first met at Infant school, or even before. The connections have lasted a lifetime, and whenever we meet it is as if no time has elapsed. Families have grown, times have changed, but our friendships are firm. Christmas is always a good time to update these friendships – I hope you, like me have updated the important ones again this year.

With all good wishes  
*Janet Kemp*

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

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## **Diary for February 2019**

Sat	2	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	2	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
Wed	6	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	6	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Tue	12	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea	St Andrew's
Wed	13	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Wed	13	7.30pm	Reading Group	Cleevemont
Thu	14	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	14	2.00pm	Prayer group	St Christopher's
SUN	17	3.15pm	Deaf Community Church	St Christopher's
Wed	20	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Sat	23	2.30pm	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URCC
Tue	26	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Wed	27	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Wed	27	7.30pm	Bible Book Club	242 Hatherley Rd
Thu	28	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	28	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's

## **Diary for March 2019**

Sat	2	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	2	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury



## Regular Weekly Events 2019

\*\* Term Time Only

### 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
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> <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>Morning Worship</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3.30pm	<i>Messy Church at <b>URC Centre</b></i>

Evening services are at St Christopher's **except** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at URCC

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

Weekdays

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