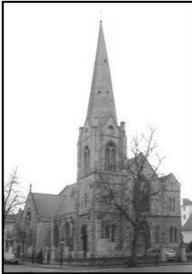
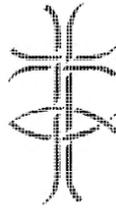


# Cheltenham United Reformed Church



# In Touch



May 2016



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

# CHELTENHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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**IN TOUCH**

## Welcome to 'In Touch' -

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

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

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

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

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

*Jesus said:*

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

## News of the Church Family

### We are invited to pray for:

Joyce Arnold, Vivian Bracey, Hilary Eato  
Ernest Marvin, Stuart Orr, Jean Bennett

### Our Congratulations go to:

Margaret and Geoffrey Harmsworth on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

## Congratulations to Prestbury

On Sunday 22nd May 2016 **Prestbury URC** Celebrates 150 Years of being a centre of non-conformist worship in the village. *(please see other articles –Ed)*

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

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

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

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

## **Our Minister Writes:**

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. We remember how the Holy Spirit came to the apostles, who were understood by people of many languages and cultures, and who heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Cheltenham Christian Arts Festival, in its own fashion, has also been spreading the Good News, through music, dance, art and more. Let us pray that this new initiative has also been successful in reaching people of different backgrounds and beliefs. I am delighted that all three of our churches were involved.

We are delighted, this month, to welcome Revd. David Grosch-Miller, the Moderator of General Assembly to our service on 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is our United Pastorate service when all three churches come together. Not only are we fortunate to have David with us, we will also be ordaining two new elders and receiving a new member, as well as inducting elders that are coming back on active duty! What blessings we have in Cheltenham URC, that we have those able and willing to serve the church with such commitment. I thank them all.

I am also delighted that the Anglican South Cheltenham Team have appointed a new vicar for St. Peter's and The Church in Warden Hill. His name is Rev. Gary Grady, currently serving in Cirencester. I will be working with him from September. Yet another cause for celebration.

**Happy Pentecost!!**

Yours in Christ,

*Maz*

## Report of West Midlands URC Synod meeting

Held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Ashcroft Church, Cirencester

Cheltenham was well represented at this meeting with six delegates. The Agenda was the usual mix of worship, business and presentations.

Worship focussed on Palm Sunday, as we were at the start of Holy Week.

The long running discussion over same-sex marriage has finally been resolved by General Assembly passing a rewritten resolution in June 2015. The full text can be seen on the URC website, or requested from the Synod Representatives.

Business relating to Synod Finances and the Roles of Retired Ministers and Area Ministers were considered. Ministerial movement across the Synod and the nominated Representatives for General Assembly were noted.

### Presentations

- The first presentation was about the '**Parish Nurse Ministry**', a new initiative in the West Midlands, though it is functioning well elsewhere. Sandra Anthony and her colleagues explained the background and functions. Volunteer qualified nurses are supporting the NHS by offering extra care in the form of surgeries and support in the community.
- Next was Rev Richard Alford on his work of **Waterways Chaplain**, working with users of the many canals and rivers within the West Midlands Synod geographical area. He is a keen narrow boater and has developed a significant ministry since retiring to the Midlands.
- Unfortunately Steve Tomkins, editor of '**Reform**' could not be present, but we were reminded of the benefits of the magazine and urged to read it. *(please see article on p15 of this magazine)*
- **Christian Aid** was the subject of a fourth presentation given by Noel Sharpe, where we were reminded of the extensive work of the charity, both in the UK and throughout the world.

*Janet Kemp*

## Wednesday Women

Fairtrade foods were sampled at the April meeting and compared to non-fairtrade products. It was a fun evening which promoted lively discussion.

On 4th May the topic will be '150 Years of Cheltenham Camera Club'. Wendy Outram LRPS, APAGB will be our guest speaker.

Meetings start with refreshments at 7.15 pm. All welcome.

*Elspet Carter*

## Afternoon Tea

I am planning an Afternoon Tea 'Open House' on Saturday **7<sup>th</sup> May** from 2.00 - 5.00pm at 242 Hatherley Road, Cheltenham. Please support with donations for a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Kenya Projects.

*Janet Kemp*

## Songs of Praise



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



## Prestbury URC Celebrates 150 years - Sunday 22nd May

On Sunday 22 May we are holding our special 150th anniversary service at 10.30am. All friends of the church are welcome to come along to the service and join us for lunch afterwards. Space for lunch is limited, so please book early by contacting Fiona Hall or via [Prestbury@urcic.org.uk](mailto:Prestbury@urcic.org.uk)  
No charge for lunch but donations to our Anniversary

Appeal will be appreciated.

This year in lieu of a Gift Day we are holding an **Anniversary Appeal** during May. We are hoping for a good response so that we can use the proceeds to fund some of the outstanding maintenance on the building in readiness for the next 150 years.

## Warden Hill Family Fun Day

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

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## **St Andrew's Charity for May: GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUNG CARERS**

There are nearly 4,000 children in Gloucestershire who are unable to enjoy a normal childhood because they have responsibilities beyond their years in terms of helping others. They are the Gloucestershire Young Carers, young people, some as young as five years old, who have to take on the care of other family members, looking after a chronically ill parent or sibling, a family member with a drug or alcohol problem, or siblings neglected by their parents. This is time-consuming, exhausting and sometimes even frightening. There is little time for school, meeting others, joining in childhood fun and games. Young carers are themselves children in need of care.

The local charity 'Gloucestershire Young Carers' has a remarkable record in providing support with opportunities to meet other young carers, discuss problems with and get help from professionals, get proper schooling, look after their own wellbeing and enjoy outings and group activities.

The "My Time" project provides one-to-one contacts that help with personal problems and bolster confidence. The "Us Too" groups bring together young people of similar ages to share experiences, enjoy each other's company, take part in occasional outings, and generally boost morale.

'Gloucestershire Young Carers' has established relationships with a wide range of professional organisations that provide advice, practical help and encouragement to young carers, also giving feedback to these organisations on how to direct and improve support, advising schools in particular on how best to further the education of the young people.

'Gloucestershire Young Carers' is providing practical, everyday support to a dedicated and remarkably resilient group of young people, improving not only their young years but also their life chances. It is a voluntary organisation that needs donations to continue its work, and volunteers to help with befriending carers, providing transport when needed or generally helping with group activities.

More information, including some heart-warming video, is available on [www.glosyoungcarers.org.uk](http://www.glosyoungcarers.org.uk) or from the Gloucester office on 01452 733060.

## Regeneration/Repair Café

**May 7<sup>th</sup> sees a new venture for St Andrew's.** The first Regeneration/Repair Café will be held from 10 am to 1 pm, and then on the first Saturday of each month

Dave Entwistle from Vision 21 explains what it's all about:

Vision 21 is teaming up with the Product Design students at University of Gloucestershire and the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Team to create a Regeneration/Repair Café. Together, we have recruited several expert volunteers to help and we are very pleased to begin our inaugural operations at St Andrew's.

Our Regeneration/Repair café aims to:

- Bring back the desire in people to repair things.
- Maintain repair expertise and to spread knowledge.
- Connect people from different backgrounds to each other.

Vision 21 was established in 1994 and it is a sustainability charity based in Cheltenham. It works to make our communities more resilient to the effects of climate change by encouraging people to participate in environmental projects aimed at improving the environment and people's quality of life.

Our Regeneration/Repair café is a similar concept to that of the Repair Cafés developed in Amsterdam in 2009. Since then the movement has expanded and there are now over 750 registered cafés in 18 different countries across the globe.

The Regeneration/Repair café will help to prolong the life span of equipment, which means the rate at which things sent to landfill is slowed and people get to use treasured pieces of equipment that last longer. If people want to, they will be able to watch and sometimes help with the repair-

Please do come along and support this worthwhile venture.

*Carol Drummond*

## Walk, Talk and Get Creative

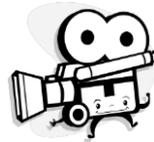
This is a series of NEW activity sessions specifically for people aged 60+ living in Cheltenham.

**'Move it or Lose it'** is a seated exercise class which takes place at St Andrew's on Tuesdays from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

More details contact 01242-775202, or see leaflet available at St. Andrew's.

**Community Film**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)



Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July



**Classic Film**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)

Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 18<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## **Focus on Prestbury United Reformed Church** **150 years young**



The building which we now know as Prestbury URC was built during a period of Victorian religious upheaval. At a time when the Congregational Church was ‘seeding’ new churches, the Vicar of Prestbury disaffected many in the parish with the introduction of Ritualistic Worship and would not have been happy with the new chapel being built right opposite his vicarage! The church is now officially a ‘Building of Local Interest’ and is included because it “has considerable local architectural interest, strong community importance and makes a positive contribution to the street scene”.

The Foundation stone was laid by H O Wills on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865 during a short service led by the Revd Morton Brown of Highbury. The trowel used by Mr Wills was eventually returned to the Church after a chance encounter at the Cricket Festival in 1950 between the Mayoress and his grandson. It was returned “in the hope that it symbolises the foundation of another era of prosperity for the Church”.

Prestbury always maintained a strong link with Highbury until joining the newly-instituted URC in the 1970’s. Before 1881 Prestbury did not even have its own minister and in the early years if you were a member at Prestbury then you were also a member of Highbury.

The chapel grew and prospered, the schoolroom was added sometime before 1900 and the vestry was extended in 1903 into what is now the kitchen. Around this time it began to be known as ‘Prestbury Union Church’ which might reflect on the number of Baptist Ministers who led the congregation. The ‘*First Hundred Years*’ written by Joseph Hewinson in 1966 depicts a rich church life of three services a week, lantern lectures, socials, film shows, outings, women’s groups, scout groups and bible study.

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## **150 years at Prestbury URC (2)**

There was always recognition of the prevailing social conditions; in the 1870's the Church donated both to overseas mission societies and to those in distress in the UK. In the grim 1930's donations were made to the General Hospital, Soup Kitchens, Homes for Motherless Children, St Dunstan's and to the Miners.

Sometimes the church was in financial difficulties. In the early 1900's, after several months of the treasurer paying the salary from his own pocket, the church had to let the minister go. Fundraising has always been important. In the 1960's the annual fetes were held at Prestbury House and were so popular that coachloads of visitors would attend from other churches. One year they even managed to get Miss Gloucestershire to open it – a move which would have been popular with the local lads!

### *URC Stall at the 2012 Prestbury Diamond Jubilee Fete*



In 1910 the church was registered for weddings, at which time, it was rather embarrassingly discovered that the church was not actually registered as a place of worship.

WWII naturally affected the life of the Church. In 1940 teams of volunteers were formed to fire-watch in the church and were provided with a stirrup pump. In 1942 a service was cancelled because of Invasion Practice and it was agreed that the schoolroom could be used as a treatment area if there was a gas attack. With the Peace came plans for a new war memorial – in the form of a house for the village nurse to be built next door, to which naturally we contributed. To protect the modesty of the nurse and her patients the screening of the gents' latrine had to be improved!

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## **150 years at Prestbury URC (3)**

In the 1960's there were major renovations both inside and out. The pews were removed and 100 chairs bought instead. This was a far-sighted decision which allows us to use the church much more flexibly today. In 1991 friends and members of the congregation sewed over 100 tapestry seat cushions depicting birds, animals and flowers. Many were dedicated to the memory of a loved one.



*1960's Renovations*

In 2013 the Bishop of Gloucester stopped by to bless the shared Parish Cross that we host every Easter and in recent times St Mary's has used our building for services whilst their church is out of use; both of which would have been unthinkable in 1866.

We have a significant presence in the heart of village life; the Toddler Group is extremely busy and our coffee mornings very well attended. Several of our members have made an important contribution to the life of the URC, both in Cheltenham and Nationally.

*Fiona Hall*

## **Spring Fair at Prestbury**

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

## **Footsloggers on Cleeve Hill Common**

Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> was a glorious morning for a walk! Starting in the “Rising Sun” car park, we first walked parallel to the limestone ridge and then climbed up on to Cleeve Hill Common. The views of Cheltenham Race course, just a couple of days after the 2016 Festival, were truly splendid. Photos from this month’s walk leader show folk deep in conversation and later still chatting around the tree on the top of Cleeve Hill eating BANANAS! Obviously the healthy option. They will all be available to see later in the year at the Group Social.

Mungo, Jill’s retriever, won the prize for covering the greatest distance and Jill herself for providing the “dog” bag for our banana skins! Sixteen people walked the route and eighteen sat down for lunch at a splendid long table in the conservatory of the Rising Sun with Fellowship, Fun and Food.

*Kate Alger*



Always eating!

What about the walking?



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

*Jenny Evans*

**A NIGHT AT THE PICTURES 2016**  
at St Andrew's  
on Saturday 3rd September at 6.30pm

**A chance to wear Victorian costume.**  
**Bring and share supper.**

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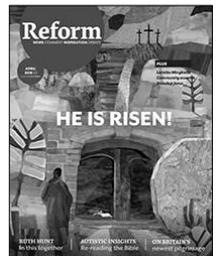
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## Reading Group

The next meeting of the Reading Group will be on Wednesday **25 May** at 7.30pm. We will meet at Prestbury URC.

The book is: **'The Princess of Siberia'** by Christine Sutherland.

Daughter of a hero of the Napoleonic Wars, Maria Volkonsky, aged 24, had been married only one year when in 1825 the Tsar sentenced her husband to life imprisonment in Siberia. Despite opposition from family, and the Tsar, Maria was determined to join her husband in exile. She was more than halfway there when the Tsar decreed that she could never return from Siberia.

Her husband was a member of a group called the Decembrists who were a group of intellectual Russian Aristocrats who wanted to banish serfdom. It was called the first Russian Revolution.

Any queries please ring Mary Cummings.

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

Meetings take place at Prestbury URC, except where noted, on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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

## **Tales of Puddleducks, Sitting Ducks and other Dumb Creatures**

Have you given your car a name? Or your Satnav? We called our first car Jemima. It was a pretty ancient car and Jemima sounded like an apt old-fashioned name, Victorian perhaps. I know of someone who calls his Satnav Ethel, after an old girl friend who dumped him, so he can yell abuse at her by proxy as it were. Then there was that chap who had a glass eye called Fred Williams, and you wondered what his other eye was called. It's all a case of getting the right sort of name in the right sort of place isn't it? Someone who could do that supremely well was Beatrix Potter, who always found exactly the right sort of name for her animals. She should have been with us in March, but sadly had to be put into a kind of forensic limbo until **Tuesday 10th May when Ann Grant will be back at the Forum with "Beatrix Potter London Life, part 2"**.

Our thanks to Bill Cowie for bringing forward his talk about "Childhood Memories" to stand in for Ann in March. See how versatile we are, ever someone or something in reserve, especially if it's folding money. That was a lifelong pursuit for my father, having a reserve of folding money. He wasn't actually a gambler, more of an optimistic chancer, an embryonic Del Boy Trotter. Whereas D B Trotter did become a "miwyonaire next year" my father certainly didn't, no matter which promising schemes he tried. So our meeting **on Tuesday 24th May will be my revelations of "My Father - Failed Millionaire."** 76 years of optimism, regularly punctuated by comedy. And, to round off the season, we'll have a Bring and Share Tea, and a final chance to catch up on the latest gossip going the rounds.

We meet on **Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Garden Room at St Andrew's URC.**

That will be it then for now. We're taking summer hols till September, so watch this space, or failing that, find another space, preferably a sunny one, and watch it till we get back.

*Keith Norcott*

### **Creative Cards**

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

## Clean for the Queen



On Saturday 19th March a small group of volunteers met to pick up rubbish around the church grounds and surrounding area. As the races had just finished there was quite a lot to clean up! We collected five bags of rubbish which was very satisfying. Clean for The Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th

birthday.

### QI GONG

At St Andrew's With **LIDA VLČEK**

NEXT SESSIONS: 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 12.15 pm

Cost £5.00 per session

**New members welcome**

call Lida 01242 233949 [lida@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lida@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Concerts at St Andrew's



- **Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert)**

Saturday 14 May 2016 7.30 pm

Mendelssohn: Hebrides Overture

Vaughan Williams: Concerto Accademico for Violin and Strings

Mendelssohn: Symphony No 3, 'Scottish'

Tickets £17 with concessions, available from The Wilson, Peter Kerr or on the door.

## Senior Club at The Church in Warden Hill

Bob Price visited us on 9<sup>th</sup> March with his presentation of a holiday he and his wife took to Vietnam. Horrendous pictures at the beginning of the talk referred back to the time of the Vietnam War, to show us the contrasting scenery. People these days say peace and tranquillity is at the centre of their lives.

Bob's journey started in the north of the country, where mystical mountains provide a wonderful backdrop to a fascinating countryside. About 50 different tribes live in this area where the ladies wear elaborate national dress all the time, not just on festival days. These are woven by the ladies themselves, the headdresses are magnificent. Religion plays a large part in the people's daily lives. We saw inside a Catholic cathedral where every pew was full and hundreds of people were standing outside to hear the service.

Traffic is horrendous in towns and cities. All modes of traffic overloaded with every imaginable item. Sacred cows lie in the centre of the highway adding to the chaos. Bob visited a house built in 1750 with carved painted wooden panels which were fascinating. He and his wife also went to see the tomb of Ho Chi Minh. Bob said this was a holiday never to be forgotten.

We meet every Wednesday at 2-15 pm and it would be nice to see some new faces, you would be made very welcome.

*Sheila Parry*

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

## Free cycle

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.



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Contact: Ann Tait

## **Gift Aid donations – tax year 2016-7 and thereafter**

Many of our regular Gift Aid donors will have recently received a tax code notice from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of salaries, other earned income, pensions and investment income. As you will probably be aware, personal allowances have increased this year and the amount of tax payable on investment income and capital gains has also been reduced.

As a result of these changes, HMRC want us to remind Gift Aid donors that they should check their tax position to ensure that the amount of their current Gift Aid donations (on which we reclaim tax paid) will be covered by tax paid by the donor during the tax year. We do not need to obtain new declarations from donors at this stage, but you should be aware of the new wording which now appears on declarations completed by new donors, which is:

*I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.*

We do not expect that many people will be affected by these changes, but if you feel that you are likely to be 'on the margin' in respect of your tax position and Gift Aid donations please ask for clarification from your Gift Aid Secretary:

- St Andrew's donors: Anne Strathie [astrathie@waitrose.com](mailto:astrathie@waitrose.com).
- Prestbury donors: Brian Hall
- TCiWH donors: Brian Miles

As before, if there is a significant change in your tax position (e.g. you have retired and your pension will not be more than the tax personal allowance) you should advise your Gift Aid Secretary as soon as possible.

Over the past year we have reclaimed £8,000 through the Gift Aid scheme, so it is something that is very important to us. Thank you again for donating through the scheme and for reading this additional information.

*Anne Strathie, Donna Sutherland and David Black.*

## From the Editor

Do you hoard 'useful things' forget what you've got and then, years later 'discover' treasures? I have done a lot of this sort of discovery in recent months. Having moved house, then had a lot of building work done, many items have lain quiet for a long time. This week I have started sorting some of my collection and found some interesting cuttings. This is one of them:

### A Buddhist Prayer

May all beings live in safety with hearts full of joy!  
Whether weak or strong, great or small,  
Seen or unseen, far or near,  
Born or to be born,  
May all beings be full of joy!  
Let none deceive another or despise any being whatsoever;  
Let none by anger or ill-will wish harm to another.  
Just as mother protects with her life her only child,  
So cherish with an unbounded mind of love spreading throughout the world,  
Above, below, in all directions,  
Live untroubled by hatred and enmity.

*From 'Praying Their Faith', CEM*

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**Diary for May 2016**

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Wed	4	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	5	7.45pm	ASCENSION DAY	Leckhampton Hill
Sat	7	10.00am	Spring Fair	Prestbury
Sat	7	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	7	3.00pm	Tea for Kenya Projects	242 Hatherley Rd
SUN	8	11.00am	United Pastorate Service	St Andrew's
Tue	10	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Thu	12	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	12	2.00pm	Prayer group	St Christopher's
Sat	14	2.30pm	Community Film	Warden Hill URC Centre
SUN	15		PENTECOST/WHITSUN	
Tue	17	7.30pm	Discussion Group	Prestbury
Tue	17	7.30pm	CURC Open Meeting	Warden Hill URC Centre
Wed	18	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Thu	19	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Sat	21	2.15pm	Classic Film	Warden Hill URC Centre
SUN	22	10.30am	Anniversary Service & Lunch	Prestbury
Mon	23		Footsloggers	
Tue	24	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Wed	25	7.30pm	Reading Group	Prestbury
Thu	26	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's

**Diary for June 2016**

Wed	1	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	1	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Sat	4	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
Sat	4	2.30pm	Community Film	Warden Hill URC Centre

# Regular Weekly Events 2016

## Monday

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

## Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

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

## Friday

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

## Saturday

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

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# Church Services

## St Andrew's URC

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

## Prestbury URC

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

## The Church in Warden Hill

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

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

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

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

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

Weekdays

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