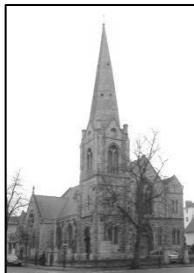


# Cheltenham United Reformed Church



# In Touch



September 2016



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

# **CHELTONHAM 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, 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. 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, Rev 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 remember those who have departed:**

Ernest Marvin, Iris Loveridge

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

Joyce Arnold, Jean Bennett, Eileen Ferguson, Doreen Steele,  
Tony Gledhill, John Mears, Barbara Russell-Smith, Olwen Sands.

The family and friends of Ernest Marvin and of Iris Loveridge a former member  
and Deacon at Prestbury.

### **Our Congratulations go to:**

Samuel Lloyd, Oliver Lloyd, Dylan McCall-Gibbs, Elsie Risbey,  
Finley Gillespie, Callum Gillespie and Shannon Burford on being Baptised.

Simon Ward & Susie Foley on their Marriage

Our young people who have graduated this summer: Katherine Stagg, Laura Stagg,  
Robert Stagg, Kayleigh Sutherland, Ed Garner, Lauren Cox

### **We Welcome**

Revd. Gary Grady and family, moving from Cirencester to the South Cheltenham Team (St. Peter's, Leckhampton and The Church in Warden Hill) and being inducted on 20th September.

### **Directory Update**

David Black has asked that his new email be advised as a Directory update through the Magazine.

His corrected email is [davidblack9@btinternet.com](mailto:davidblack9@btinternet.com)

## **Our Minister Writes:**



Dear Friends,

As I write this, the Olympics have not yet started, but I expect they will be exciting and challenging, despite one or two scandals. Four years ago, this country was full of pride for the achievements of sportspersons, organizers and welcomers. Did it leave a legacy of co-operation and fairness? Yes, in some ways, I think it did. I pray that Brazil benefits from the broader aspects of hosting the games. The huge divide between rich and poor in that country certainly needs to be rectified.

In church, we are not always keen to be challenged! We are quite comfortable in our own seat, worshipping in our own way, talking to the same friends and absorbing just enough to get us through the week. Isn't that so?! The danger is, of course, that we take our faith for granted and don't expand our vision.

I invite you to think about joining the new TLS Lite course in Brockworth URC or our Friday Housegroup at Cleeve Hill Nursing Home, or our Discussion Group at Prestbury URC. Details are on page 5 of this magazine.

This month there is much to look forward to: Heritage Open Days, a 'Night at the Pictures', an Anglican colleague joining us at Warden Hill, Baptisms and Harvest festivals. Whichever church you worship at, get involved in any or all of these events; the Pastorate is ONE family – celebrate it!!

Yours in Christ,

*Maz*

## **Obituary**

### **Reverend Ernest Marvin 1930-2016**

Ernest followed his father into the Presbyterian ministry, serving in Bristol, Sheffield and Cambridge.

As a young minister, he was renowned for his work with young people, holding youth clubs seven nights a week for over six hundred teenagers!

Ernest also worked in America and lectured all over the world. His book 'Shaping Up – Reforming Reformed Worship' brought critical acclaim not only in this country but in the USA.

Ernest retired in 1995 to Cheltenham, remaining fiercely independent almost to the end. We remember his humour and his thought-provoking sermons with gratitude. God grant him eternal joy in the presence of his Saviour.

*Maz*



## **CURC Church Council Meeting**

A Reminder to Church Secretaries, Church Council Representatives and Church Treasurers that the next meeting of CURC Church Council will be at 7.30pm at Warden Hill URC Centre on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to set the annual budget for 2017.

*Fiona Hall*

## **Songs of Praise**

The BBC will be recording 'Songs of Praise' at All Saints, Pittville, on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September.

If you would like to be part of the rehearsals and recordings you need to apply for tickets. As demand for places is high, tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis. More information on Church Notice Boards.

## **TLS Lite Course**

There will be a Taster session for TLS Lite, on Thursday 15th September, 2.30pm at Brockworth URC. Transport from Warden Hill can be arranged.

Come along to find out whether this course exploring our faith is for you.

I would like to hold it as a fortnightly short course, looking at 'Ourselves, the Bible, God & Worship'.

*Maz*

## **Bible Study Group**

The Bible Study Group takes place at Cleeve Hill Nursing Home every Friday during term time from 10.30am – 12.00noon. New members always welcome. Lifts can be arranged if transport is difficult.

*Janet*

## **CURC Discussion Group**

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

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> September

Spirituality in Verdi's Music

**Meeting at St Andrew's**, to be led by Tony Jeans

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> November

'The Screwtape Letters' by C S Lewis

to be led by Bob Alger

*Janet*

## **St. Andrew's Harvest Service**

**18th September at 11.00am**

This will be a Harvest of Talents. I would like to hear from singers and musicians who can share in the service and I invite anyone to display their talent (eg. art, embroidery, photography etc.) in the Hall.

Let's make this a harvest to be proud of.

Followed by a hot lunch. A sign-up sheet will be available

*Maz*



## **St. Andrew's Charity for September: WATERAID**



The two natural substances essential to support life are oxygen and water. Oxygen takes up 19% of the gases in the atmosphere and water covers 71% of the earth's surface. So, how can it be that over 2 billion people are expected to survive without a supply of clean water? The sad truth is, they don't survive. In the course of a single year over three million people will die from diseases associated with polluted water, or from dehydration because they have no water at all. In the majority of cases however, clean water can be made available with surprisingly small inputs of money and effort. A small borehole can bring up underground water, a small dam or tank can trap water running off hills, a simple relay of pipes can deliver water several miles, and where water is not naturally clean it can easily be made so. And access to clean water brings with it better hygiene and sanitation. So health improves, adults can get back to work, children can get back to school, crops can be better tended. But such improvements need money and people. That is what WaterAid provides.

WaterAid is a UK-based charity, sponsored by the water companies, with worldwide connections, that expends a large percentage of its funds on providing access to good water. Surprisingly small amounts of money can provide equipment and expertise, and local people provide the manpower or womanpower, wielding shovels, pickaxes, spanners etc. As a result WaterAid is completing 10 new water points every day, tiny miracles that change people's lives.

In Cheltenham £1 will probably buy a glass of fresh spring water. In Ethiopia £1 from WaterAid will buy a child's life. What better cause for September's charity donation? As we thank our Lord for our annual harvest let us help Him provide the water so many people desperately need.

## **Pudding and Pimms**

Thank you to all who came to the Pudding and Pimms afternoon, where £530 was raised for Kenya Projects UK.

*Maz*



## **Coffee Morning at Prestbury**

Our next monthly coffee morning will be on:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

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.



## **Wednesday Women**

Our next meeting will be on 7th September. The group will be discussing the novel 'I Let You Go'. This is a psychological thriller by local writer Clare Mackintosh, who is a regular contributor to Cotswold Life magazine.

Meetings, at St Andrew's start with refreshments at 7.15pm. All welcome.

*Elspet Carter*

### **Creative Cards**

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

## **Concerts at St Andrew's**

- **Lilliput**, for the Under 5's: 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October
- **Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra**:      **Gustav Holst Birthday Concert**  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30                  Conductor: Alissa Firsova  
Tickets £17, Available from Peter Kerr, on the door, at 'The Wilson' or Holst Birthplace Museum.



## Upstream to Seoul, and look out for the animals!

Some of my regular readers may recall a song from the forties written by two ladies who unexpectedly made a fortune out of it. "Cruising down the river on a Sunday afternoon" was a big hit. I only mention it because that is exactly what the Forum did in June. Well, not exactly, to be honest (you know me, honest to a fault), because, being the URC, we went up the river not down it, and it was on a Tuesday not a Sunday. But, it was a great afternoon: a peaceful trip on the water, a moving panorama of the lovely Severn-side open spaces and a luscious cream tea. Then to cap it all there were guest appearances by a heron and a kingfisher. There was no dampening of spirits either when a torrential downpour hit the coach on the way back. That's the good news.

Now for the better news. We're off again in September, so if you have been bating your breath for the last three months you can let it out now. **Our first Forum meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday September 13th**, with Joan Thomson's "It Was a Seoul Experience", a sort of safari in Korea, or whatever the equivalent of a safari is in Korea. Probably isn't one - I'm pretty sure they don't have things like giraffes and hippos and stuff over there, so they wouldn't go on safaris would they? Anybody know? Well, the Thomsons didn't mention any big game in Seoul, or even little game come to that, but you might want to pop along on 13th just to check, and to discover what they actually did in Seoul, eh?



Don't go away, I haven't finished with the giraffes and hippos and stuff yet. It's a fair bet that there won't be many mentions of those on **27th September when Jennifer Protheroe talks to us about "The Animal Shelter"** Just my luck somebody will turn up at the animal shelter tomorrow with a giraffe! How would you shelter a giraffe anyway, I wonder; there's an awful lot of neck isn't there?

A full programme for the season is available in the churches or from committee members and it will soon be on the website.

*Keith Norcott (Tuesday Forum)*

**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.**

The next **Classic Film Show** will be on 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Community Film**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
in Warden Hill URC Centre  
at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)



Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the URC Southport July 2016

General Assembly is the coming together of representatives from all thirteen Synods, both ordained and lay. The four-day conference occurs every two years and this year, Janet Kemp and I were West Midlands Synod delegates. In all, there were around 280 people present at the Conference Centre in Southport. Something I really appreciate about Assembly is meeting old acquaintances (including a former church secretary!) The United Reformed Church is a small family and it is good to be reminded of that fact.

The URC is one of the smallest mainstream denominations (ie. one which is in existence through an Act of Parliament), and yet we are often acknowledged by others as 'punching above our weight.' Indeed, this Assembly, we discussed local, national and international issues which may not come to the attention of the local congregation.

Worship permeated all business sessions as well as Bible study every morning and the film-clips from URC Youth & Children. The outgoing General Assembly Moderators, Revd. David Grosch-Miller (who came to our United Pastorate Service in May) and Mr. John Ellis were replaced by the incoming Assembly Moderators, **Mr. Alan Yates and Revd. Kevin Watson**, (Elder in Thames North Synod, and Yorkshire Synod Moderator respectively). With luck, we may have one of them visit us at some point.

The theme of the conference was '**People of the Way**' which mirrored a new initiative shortly to be coming out called '**Walking the Way**'. I know we groan each time something new comes from Church House, because we are hardly given time to engage with it before it is superseded by something else! I fear the same is true here, but wait to be convinced by the material. To be fair, the very successful TLS programme (Training for Learning and Serving) which Bob Alger and Julie Jefferies have both completed, is undergoing a huge re-write and I assume this 'Walking the Way' will be incorporated in this.



## Some topics discussed at General Assembly:



**Authorised Elders.** Under certain circumstances, when a Minister is not available, the named, authorised Elder can celebrate communion. This has always been the case, but from now, it will be easier for smaller churches or those in vacancy to have regular communion services using their own Elder.

Our authorised Elders are Bob Alger, Julie Jefferies and Carole Pennington.

**The Wider Fold.** Ministers and members who retire/move to a place where a URC is not within travelling distance, may now retain their URC membership whilst worshipping in a different denomination. This is particularly important to Ministers, who need to be in 'good standing' with the URC in order to remain on the Roll of Ministers.

**Environmental Policy.** There is a commitment for the URC to reduce its carbon footprint (that includes us!) and to review its investment of Church funds in fossil fuels.

**URC/Anglican Conversations.** There have been two meetings discussing common challenges and decisions that could be made together 'based on discernment and dedication to mission.' A third round of conversations is now needed regarding strategic planning, including the recognition of ministers in each other's denomination. An interesting topic for the future: should the URC have Bishops???

**Congregational & General Insurance Community Awards.** Out of the four finalists, whose work we watched on film, our own Broadway URC was the runner-up!

Janet and I cheered very loudly!

**Greenbelt.** The URC has become an official sponsor of Greenbelt. A pity it cannot influence it to come back to Cheltenham!

**Same-Sex Marriage.** The decision was ratified that individual churches are able to make their own decision regarding registering their building for the marriage of same-sex couples. Although this decision was reported on BBC News, it was no surprise. Our own church meetings will need to acknowledge this freedom of choice, whatever our decisions may be.

Maz

Please note the new URC official logo!  
(Picture from URC website – Ed)

## 'Contact the Elderly' Tea



One of Joan Thomson's many contributions to the community has been to run the 'Contact the Elderly' tea event at St Andrew's for many years. Joan was unable to be present at the latest party which was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, so Lyn and Peter Ricketts with Wendy Outram took over. Many thanks to those who helped by providing savouries, sandwiches and cakes - they were delicious.

The event as always, was a happy occasion with old friends meeting up and enjoying a convivial time. Whilst we are all somewhat frightened of reaching a really great age, Lyn and Peter decided that if we can remain as bright and active as Bill who was 102 years old last February we have nothing to be afraid of.

Thank you Wendy for helping out and missing Andrew Murray winning Wimbledon, your help was really appreciated.

Lyn Ricketts

### **QI GONG At St Andrew's With LIDA VLČEK**

**NEXT SESSION:  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016  
meeting at 12.15 pm  
Cost £5.00 per session**

**New members welcome  
call Lida 01242 233949 lida@blueyonder.co.uk**

## **Footsloggers 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Upper Framilode**

We had an easy flat walk leaving from the Ship Inn at Upper Framilode. The route took us along the old Stroudwater canal, along the banks of the River Severn, then across the fields towards Fretherne Church which has a painted ceiling by Kit Williams (designer of the Wishing Clock in the Regent Arcade). We rejoined the river on the further banks of the loop coming upon a fantastic view of the river and Forest of Dean beyond. Unfortunately this did



not last long as it was soon obscured by rain which thankfully was short lived. We returned by walking along the canal, some of us took the easy route along the road whilst others (the fittest including the children) walked back along the old canal having to climb over 5 stiles. There was some dispute about how many stiles we crossed, but I called some of them bridges and once we had to cross over a fence but we all arrived back safely.

*Ann Lewis*

## **Footsloggers 12th August 2016 Snowhill**

Sixteen intrepid walkers (and Layla the dog!) set out from the Snowhill Arms on a lovely sunny day with just a bit of breeze to keep us comfortable. We soon joined a part of the Cotswold Way which enjoyed beautiful views of Broadway, Blockley and the Vale of Evesham. We also picked out the local wildlife, the red kite proving the most popular, although Layla found some of the "niffs" rather more exciting. At the far end of the walk we turned back towards Snowhill which looked very fine across the valley.

We were joined by two more for a good lunch at the Snowhill Arms. Compared with other walks we have arranged, it was appreciated that the climbs on this one were not too long, and the ground underfoot not too muddy!

*Peter Kerr*

The Annual Footsloggers Social Event will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is invited to come and see photos of past walks and have a fun evening. Food will be provided, please bring your own 'liquid refreshment'.

Also please note that the Footsloggers AGM will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This is a change of date.

*Dorothy Odell*

## Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days in Cheltenham will be 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**St Andrew's** will be open on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to 1.00pm when John Standing and Andrea Board will be playing the organ.

**Prestbury URC** will be open on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations are an excuse to display some of our historical items from Gloucestershire Archives and to examine the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary cushions. Rebecca Sillence from the Prestbury Local History Society will be there with an exhibition of local history, and for the children (and young-at-heart!) there will be a Beatrix Potter corner (also celebrating her 150<sup>th</sup> birthday) with contributions from our own Potter expert, Anne Grant.

We will also be serving teas and coffees throughout. We are wheelchair accessible and guide dogs are welcome in the church.

**St Christopher's, Warden Hill** will be open on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00 until 5.00pm.

*Part of the letter by Pam Dainton published in 'The Lantern' August 2016*

"Familiarity breeds contempt" so the saying goes. We can become complacent about things we see and do frequently. We worship in a building which a priest-poet has described as a "temple of colour". How much do we really appreciate what we have here at St Christopher's in Warden Hill?

July was a busy month window-visit wise. We had three booked groups plus various individuals. Even people who have already seen pictures of the Denny windows on our website are amazed when they see the reality.

Have you ever noticed that all our windows can look different at different times of the day, and in different light conditions? Keep your eyes open.

For a 1960s building our windows cover three periods: the Comper east window is based on the neo-gothic of the nineteenth century Victorians, Denny represents the twentieth century and our new Mynheer windows the twenty-first.

St. Christopher's is unique

## Senior Club at The Church in Warden Hill

Naomi Boast from National Star at Ullenwood visited us on the 29th June. She gave an inspiring talk and film. National Star, (previously called National Star College) was founded in 1967. At present there are 150 residential students, plus 50 daily attendees who live in Cheltenham or Gloucester and 900 staff. The young people aged from 16-25 years have a wide range of very complex disabilities and learning difficulties. The college helps them realise their potential through personalised learning. The college now has an orchestra. We saw them playing music to express themselves, using computers or specialised musical instruments. One student said it was mega fantastic. Students come from all over the country. GPs and the Government decide which people are eligible to attend. The Government pay a set amount each year. However, to make up the deficit the college has to raise at least £1 million a year. All-new buildings are funded by donations. National Star also runs a coffee shop and bistro at Ullenwood to help with fund raising

The Senior Club meets every Wednesday at 2-15 pm for a wide and varied programme of talks and activities. It would be nice to see some new faces. You will be very welcome.

*Sheila Parry*

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

**NOTE:** Sadly, the Partnership enjoyed between National Star and St Andrew's Lunch Club has been ended due to changes in funding. The Lunch Club continues with volunteers.

### St Andrew's Lunch Club

St Andrew's URC, Montpellier Street

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm**

*Soup, Bread Roll and Dessert £3.00*



## 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.



### **Cheltenham Cantilena Concert Sunday 25th September 2016      3.00pm Cheltenham Town Hall**

Our annual concert involves musicians from across Gloucestershire, including many local singers and players.

Conductor Stephen Belinfante

#### **Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein**

This moving work was commissioned by the Dean of Chichester in 1965

Our performance will feature Ben Sawyer as soloist.

#### **Brahms      Academic Festival Overture**

#### **Rachmaninov      Symphony No 2**

We will be raising money for British Heart Foundation.

Tickets: Adult £15, under 16 £5, available from Town Hall Box Office 0844 576 2210, and from members of the orchestra and choir.

We look forward to seeing you there. [wendy.price@prestbury.net](mailto:wendy.price@prestbury.net)

## **Magic and Mirth**

An evening of comedy that lifts children out of poverty. Hosted by South Cheltenham Team Ministry at Emmanuel Church, Leckhampton.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.30pm, Tom Elliott & Mark Palmer, in partnership with 'Compassion UK'.

Tickets: £8, concessions: £6 available from Church Office  
[emmanuel.church@btconnect.com](mailto:emmanuel.church@btconnect.com) or 01242 570075.



## **Letter received from our friends at Cheltenham Minster**

One of the joys and opportunities of town centre ministry is to be able to welcome people to Cheltenham Minster during the day-time through the week.

However this does mean that we need to have a rota of people who are able to be 'Church Welcomer's. No qualifications are needed other than a willingness to welcome people. We can offer some basic introduction to the Minster; so our Welcome Team members can answer simple questions and know where to look for more.

I know that people throughout the town feel that the Minster belongs to them. The simple gift of hospitality and welcome is a great opportunity for Christian witness.

So - I would be grateful if you could consider joining this splendid team of Welcomers. The commitment would be for two hours one day once a month. Our opening hours are 11.00 - 15.00 from Monday to Friday and 10.00-12.00 on Saturday. The footfall through the Minster is increasing.

Thank you for your help in developing a significant ministry in the heart of the town.

*Revd Tudor Griffiths*



### **Midweek Holy Communion at Cheltenham Minster**

**Wednesday 12:30 pm -1.00 pm**

A short service of Holy Communion is held  
every Wednesday in Cheltenham Minster

From 12.30 pm until 1.00 pm

All are warmly invited to come and participate

### **Wanted**

Rev Dee Brierley-Jones is looking for a portable CD player which she could use as part of her worship services.

Please contact Dee if you have one available.

## Regeneration/Repair Café

On 1 October, Kevin Snyman, Co-ordinator of the West Midlands Synod Eco Church Group will be visiting the Regeneration/Repair Café to make a short film. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase this initiative so please come along and show your support, even if you don't have anything you want to get repaired!

Also on 1 October, it's provisionally planned to have **Computers for Africa** as a guest repairer at the Regeneration/Repair café. Look out for more information through the church notices and also on the Vision 21 website.

Repairs during August's café included several electrical items including Tim's trouser press. This was one of the first items brought for repair and is a testimony to the perseverance of the volunteers that four fairs later, they were able to restore it back to life. There were a couple of sewing alterations and repairs. Sharpening of blunt knives and garden tools was also popular. I brought in my garden shears and having learnt a few ways of approaching this, will be seeing how I get on with another blunt pair languishing in the allotment shed.



## Some useful dates/ideas from Wade Street Church, Lichfield, another Eco Church in the West Midlands Synod.

DATE	EVENT
1 – 30 Sept	ORGANIC SEPTEMBER
14 Sept	CYCLE TO WORK DAY ( <a href="http://www.cycletoworkday.org/">www.cycletoworkday.org/</a> )
16 – 22 Sept	EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK
16 Sept	INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER
22 Sept	WORLD CAR FREE DAY

*Carol Drummond*

## **From the Editor**

I am often asked, as Editor, to publish advertisements for various events in this magazine, especially musical ones that our members are taking part in. If space allows I am pleased to help advertise these events, but please accept that CURC Notices and Reports must have precedence. If organisers would like to make advertisements more formal, then please contact Brian Smith, the Advertisements Secretary, who will negotiate space and price. (Contact details on inside front cover)

As promised:

### **Answers for the Alphabet Names Quiz in July/Aug ‘In Touch’**

**Andrew:** fisherman, **Barak:** Deborah, **Caiaphas:** Jerusalem, **David:** 3000 years, **Esther:** Purim, **Felix:** Governor, **Goliath:** Philistines, **Hagar:** Ishmael, **Isaac:** a ram, **Jonah:** Nineveh, **Kezia:** Job, **Luke:** a gospel, **Moses:** a princess, **Naaman:** Syrian, **Onesimus:** Philemon, **Paul:** of Tarsus, **Quartus:** Rome, **Ruth:** Boaz, **Samuel:** Shiloh, **Thomas:** India, **Uriah:** Bathsheba, **Vashti:** Esther, **Wormwood:** a star, **Yahweh:** Hebrews, **Zacchaeus:** Elizabeth

### **Answers for the Picture quiz in July/Aug ‘In Touch’**

Down the page: 1 Dursley, 2 Nailsworth, 3. Drybrook, 4 Brockworth, 5 Littledean, 6 Abbeydale

*With best wishes*

*Janet*

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

**Diary for September 2016**

Thu	1	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	1	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
Sat	3	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	3	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
Sat	3	6.30pm	A Night at the Pictures	St Andrew's
Wed	7	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	7	7.15pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Sat	10	10.00am	Heritage Open Day	Prestbury
Sat	10	10.00am	Heritage Open Day	St Andrew's
Sat	10	2.30pm	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URC Centre
SUN	11	2.00pm	Heritage Open Day	St Christopher's
Mon	12		Footsloggers	
Tue	13	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Thu	15	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
SUN	18	11.00am	Harvest Service and Lunch	St Andrew's
Wed	21	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
SUN	25	4.00pm	Welcome Service	St Christopher's
Tue	27	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Tue	27	7.30pm	Discussion Group	St Andrew's
Thu	29	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's

**Diary for October 2016**

Sat	1	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	1	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury

## Regular Weekly Events 2016

### 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**
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

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

\*\* 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>