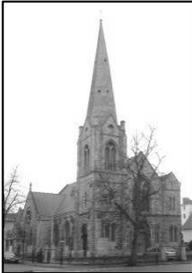


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Welcome to 'In Touch'

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 21st century Cheltenham.

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



The Church in Warden Hill is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between the Anglican (St Christopher's) and URC communities of 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



*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



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This month's Pastoral letter comes from Tony Jeans, Elder at St Andrew's



Dear Friends

You may have heard about the parking problems we had in February. On the morning of Sunday February 17th, the Traffic Wardens were putting Penalty Notices on cars parked in the lower part of Montpellier Street, close to St Andrew's. When they were challenged, they claimed it was because the parking tickets had been purchased from "the wrong machine". The machine in question is at the corner of Montpellier Street and Fauconberg Road. All the street parking signs point to it and we had used it ever since the parking scheme was introduced.

I was given a Penalty Notice so I immediately put in an official appeal and contacted my County Councillor. Edith Black, on behalf of St Andrew's, contacted the Cheltenham Councillors. The Wardens went on issuing notices for the next few days but by midweek there was a flurry of emails from County Council Officers acknowledging that something had gone wrong. From Thursday everything was back to normal and on Saturday, I received an abject letter of apology for a "processing error" and the Penalty Notice was withdrawn.

Submitting the appeal and making contact with Councillors took time and effort but it had to be done to challenge a piece of nonsense that was causing inconvenience and distress. Some people might have simply paid up because they were unsure how to challenge a decision, or not have the time or knowledge or be unwilling to confront authority.

When we are in a position to act against foolishness or injustice, it is our duty to do so. There is nothing un-Christian in this. The Church has always celebrated those who have stuck their necks out on behalf of those without a voice but has perhaps it has been more comfortable if there was no direct benefit to the protestor and especially, if the protestor was at some risk. Of course it takes more courage when there is risk but it is always important to protect the vulnerable against abuse. It may seem more honourable if the protestor has no direct interest but challenging bad practice and injustice is imperative.

Cont.....

Paul was always ready to use his Roman Citizenship when he was in trouble and that will have offered some protection to his friends and kept the Mission on the road. Jesus responded to meet pressing human need by healing on the Sabbath and challenging Temple practice when he drove out the traders. These and other examples should encourage us.

One other feature of the encounter with the Traffic Wardens sticks out. It was clear that they knew what they were doing was absurd. One was even seen photographing the street parking sign with the arrow pointing to the “wrong” machine and in the early part of the week there was a feeble attempt to provide “cover” by taping over the instructions on the signs. When the Wardens were challenged, they could only say that they were “following instructions”. Unswerving obedience to orders that are stupid or even worse, illegal or immoral, is a feature of oppressive and authoritarian organisations and societies. At the War Crimes trials in Nuremberg, the Nazis claimed they were “obeying orders” but it cut no ice.

When Luther produced his Ninety Five Theses in 1517, he wanted to open up debate in the Medieval Church especially over the question of indulgences. The Church simply could not deal with such a challenge to its authority so Luther ended up leading a breakaway Church even though that was not his original intention.

We derive our Church traditions from other Reformation strands, but debate at Councils (Church Meeting, Synod, General Assembly) under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is central to how we make decisions. If you look at the Statement of Faith and Order in the back of Rejoice and Sing you will see how we balance our view of Scripture as the source of what we are and do with tradition, experience and knowledge. This is why we value good scholarship. This is why few of our members are Fundamentalists or Literalists when it comes to the Bible.

In Matthew’s account of Jesus commissioning his Disciples in their mission, we have Jesus warning them of the dangers and instructing them to be “wise as serpents and innocent (or harmless) as doves” (Matt 10 v16). This should always be our guide – to use all our powers but to conduct ourselves prudently, courteously, and beyond reproach in our dealings, especially in pursuit of justice and protection of the weak.

Tony Jeans

The Pulpit in April

At St Andrew's

7 th April		Rev Jo Pestell
14 th April	Palm Sunday	Mr Geoff Tizzard-King
21 st April	Easter Sunday	Rev Maz Allen
28 th April		Rev Ken Martin (AGM)



At Prestbury

7 th April		Rev Dee Brierley-Jones (AGM)
14 th April		No service
21 st April	Easter Sunday	Joint Service at St Andrew's
28 th April		Rev Noel Sharp (Christian Aid)

Easter Services at The Church in Warden Hill

Palm Sunday	14 th April	Meet 10.15am at URCC For service at St Christopher's (Rev. Steve Faber, URC West Midlands Moderator)
Maundy Thursday	18 th April	7.00pm Agape Meal at URCC.
Good Friday	19 th April	10.00am service at URCC 2.00pm Final Hour at St. Christopher's
Easter Sunday	21 st - April	10.30am at St. Christopher's



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Warning of Scam Messages

Just over a week ago I received a phone call where a young well spoken man informed me that my DEBIT CARD had been compromised. He gave me the information of two sums of money that had been taken from my account. He suggested that I phone the number on the back of the debit card and talk to my bank. He agreed that I did not know him and should check with my bank.

It so happened that I had read an article just ten days previously about a scam when someone had such a thing happen. The main thing was **NOT TO RING YOUR BANK ON YOUR HOME PHONE**. The scammers have a way of keeping the phone line open so that if you dial the number on the back of your debit card it goes direct to them and not to your Bank.

Use another phone, It so happened that although I use internet banking, the system had gone down on that day so I was unable to check on the internet. I used a mobile phone to get in touch with my Bank and they confirmed that my debit card had not been compromised.

Had I used the number on the back of my debit card and it had been intercepted then the scammers would have had my bank details and would have been able to take money from my account. BE WARNED!!

Mary Cummings

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A Flexible Approach to Medical Research?

The daffodils came early this year didn't they, in a sudden brilliant explosion? Did you count them by any chance, like that chap from Grasmere – you know, that Bill something - the one who “wandered lonely as a cloud?” I've often wondered about him, and his wandering clouds. They “float on high” you know. Well, natch. I mean where else would they float? Obviously a bit of a loner too this chap; after all he did say “wandered lonely”. Have you ever seen a single cloud wandering? Me neither. There's usually a sky full of the blighters, and quite often they're bunging down a load of wet stuff. Getting back to this counting though, he counted 10,000 – “ten thousand saw I at a glance. “Really? How did he do that with all that wandering? Even standing still he must have missed a few, never mind when he was wandering lonely. Supposing he missed, say, three of them. “9,997 saw I at a glance” would have been more accurate then. Suppose he kept tripping over twigs and things while wandering and counting: he'd have to start all over again wouldn't he? He'd be there all day!

All he needed to say was “I walked about a bit and saw some daffs”. Ah yes, poetic licence: a lot of scope there for imaginative accounting, especially if your name's Bill and you live in a damp Grasmere cottage. But not every creative activity can be so flexible.

No poetic licence in medical research, for example, say, in finding a cure for a devastating disease like polio. Has that research, like the daffodils, sprung into flower? Well, we might find out at the **Forum on Tuesday 23rd April**, when Ian and Joan Thomson ask have we reached “The end of Polio?” A good question, and maybe there's a good answer. Why not pop in and find out? That is of course after you have already popped in on **Tuesday 9th April to meet the Forum and share some Afternoon Tea**.

Moving on from daffodils to summer flowers and gardens, don't forget the **June 11th outing to Friar's Court in Oxfordshire**. There's a limited number of seats for the cream tea, so sign up soon on the lists in the churches.

The Afternoon Tea and the Forum are both at 2.30 pm in the Garden Room at St Andrew's URC.

Keith Norcott

Reading Group

The next book to be considered by the Reading Group is **'Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens**. A Tale of Two Cities takes place before and during the French Revolution. It starts in 1775, and Mr. Jarvis Lorry is travelling to Dover to meet Lucie Manette. He tells her that she is not an *orphan* as she had been told from a young age. He now says that he will travel with her to Paris to meet her father, who has recently been released from the Bastille.



The complex plot involves Sydney Carton's sacrifice of his own life on behalf of his friends Charles Darnay and Lucie Manette. While political events drive the story, Dickens lambastes both aristocratic tyranny and revolutionary excess—the latter memorably caricatured in Madame Defarge who knits beside the guillotine. The book is perhaps best known for its opening lines, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," and for Carton's last speech, in which he says of his replacing Darnay in a prison cell, "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known."

The next date for the Group is **Wednesday 5th June** to be held at Karinya, Swindon Lane, Cheltenham GL50 4PF, 7.30pm.' Thank you

Mary Cummings

'Seeking Shapes for Living'

Lent Studies from the Diocese of Gloucester

Lent Study Groups based at The Church in Warden Hill

Mondays 1st, 8th April 10.30-12pm, at St Christopher's
 Tuesdays 2nd, 9th April 7.30-9pm at the URC Centre

Every Friday at 51 Bournside Road (contact Janet Kemp)

Both Groups will be using the same material.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

A FAMILY EASTER QUIZ 1

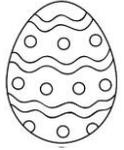


Make some choices.

1. What is tossed on Shrove Tuesday:
a) wellingtons, b) pancakes, c) cabers, d) raspberry jelly
2. What traditionally did we put on our heads on Ash Wednesday:
a) pink bonnets, b) Brylcreem, c) ashes, d) raspberry jelly
3. What does the Queen distribute on Maundy Thursday:
a) special coins, b) gold rings, c) Easter medals, d) raspberry jelly
4. What did pagans celebrate at Spring equinox:
a) Samhain, b) Ostara, c) seed sowing, d) divorce
5. What is the colour of the Lent Lily:
a) violet, b) pink, c) yellow, d) ugh!
6. Lent lasts how many days:
a) 14, b) 40, c) 64, d) too many
7. What is traditionally hidden in Easter treasure hunts:
a) eggs, b) chocolate rabbits, c) silver coins, d) raspberry jelly
8. Who wrote the Easter Oratorio:
a) Mendelssohn, b) Elgar, c) Bach, d) Les Dawson
9. Where did the Easter Rising occur:
a) Dublin, b) Rio, c) Berlin, d) Montpellier Arcade
10. What are the traditional Easter foods,
a) lamb, b) eggs, c) special biscuits, d) hot cross buns.



A FAMILY EASTER QUIZ 2



All about Easter

1. What's the connection: George, Gerard, Lorraine, Victoria?
2. The Moai are unique to a single location, where?
3. Who "walked up the Avenue" for the Easter Parade?
4. What does Ross have in common with cactus, lily and rose?
5. Why is April 25th a significant Easter date?
6. The first part of which famous first novel was published in Easter Week 1836?
7. Who is said to have banned Easter celebrations in the 17th century?
8. What connection does Lambert Simnel have with Simnel cake?
9. In Easter 1885 the Tsarina was given a richly jewelled egg made by whom?
10. Which denomination celebrates the Resurrection immediately after midnight on Easter Day?

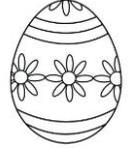


All about eggs

1. Which bird lays the largest egg?
2. What colour are peahen's eggs?
3. Meringue is made with egg white and what?
4. Which painting medium can contain egg white?
5. What is the more common name for the egg plant?
6. What range of weight is classed as a medium egg?
7. What are the most expensive food eggs in the world?
8. What colour is sometimes called rococo blue?
9. Cockney rhyming slang for eggs is what?
10. Which chocolate makers first produced chocolate crème eggs?



A FAMILY EASTER QUIZ 3



All about Spring

1. What was the old name for Spring?
2. Which meat is traditionally associated with Spring?
3. What increases in Spring to cause hayfever?
4. Spring is the first piece in which popular foursome?
5. March contains 3 of the four UK patron saints, who's not there?
6. The name May is derived from which ancient goddess?
7. Who wrote "...to be in England now that April's there?"
8. What date is Lady Day?
9. What is celebrated on May 8th?
10. The 1968 the turmoil in Czechoslovakia is known as what?

How many times in this little tale does 'Easter' appear?

I'm a good gardener, but last month's severe southeasterly gales taught me a stern lesson, with my late peas terribly mangled and my prize cotoneasters dead. Some asters remained, but most seemed stricken by a disease as terminal as anything found in distant overseas territories. I found the threat of disease engulfing those garden areas terrifying. Should I cover them with cheap plastic, say, with something as affordable as terylene sheeting? Maybe a steroidal mulch could help, or else a sterile greenhouse, a St. Erth style Cornish one for example? So, while my heart still beats in my breast errors must cease. I'll make a sterling effort and at least erase the nastiest memories.

Keith Norcott

Our grateful thanks to Keith Norcott for writing this quiz – any queries should go straight to him! Ed.

Answers can be found on page 21



	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Film</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">at Warden Hill URC Centre 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 27th April 2019</p>	
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Spring Cleaning

Done your spring cleaning yet? if not, hold on to those unwanted items as the Church is having another **Bric-a-Brac stall at the Montpelier Street Fair** on Sunday 30 June. Money raised from the stall will be for the Church spire appeal. If anybody else would like to organise a stall or help me with the Bric-a-Brac then please let me know.

Ann Lewis

Bible Book Club

The discussion on AMOS was an interesting and informative session.

The next book we will read is **HOSEA**. Notes will be available again, so anyone can do this in their own time at home.

We have scheduled a meeting to discuss HOSEA on 1st May, 7.30 at 242 Hatherley Road. Discussion to be led by Julie Jefferies. **ALL WELCOME**

Wednesday Women

The next meeting of Wednesday Women will meet on 3rd April, when Eric Moore will give an illustrated talk on his recent expedition to Machu Picchu. This recent adventure raised money for The British Heart Foundation. Over the years Eric has raised thousands of pounds for charity by competing in marathons and mountain climbs.

Meetings are held in St Andrew's at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Elspet Carter

Look Ahead To Summer!

Members and friends of St Andrew's, Prestbury, and Warden Hill, are warmly invited to come on the Forum summer coach outing on **TUESDAY, 11th JUNE to FRIAR'S COURT, near Lechlade**. The visit includes coach fare, admission, a guided tour of the gardens and cream tea and only costs £20.

Look on your church notice board for the sign-up sheet and further details

The visit is highly recommended and should be a really good day out.

Jean Dorman

Wednesday Social Group at Warden Hill URCC

Come and join the Group, for fun and friendship in 2019 and beyond. Don't be shy, a warm welcome awaits you.

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

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Prestbury News

Coffee Morning

Our next monthly coffee morning will be on:

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

Plenty of conversation guaranteed!



AGM – Sunday 7th April at 11.30, immediately after our service ends.

Easter Sunday 21st April

The congregation will be joining our friends at St. Andrews where Maz Allen is taking the service at 11.00am. Everyone is very welcome to join us at St. Andrews for this celebration of Easter.

May Fayre & Coffee Morning

Our May coffee morning will take place on **Saturday 4th May** from 10.30 till Noon and will be our May Fayre. There will be the usual raffle, tombola, books, plants etc, a selection of cakes for sale as well as the toasted teacakes !

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

Creative Cards

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

Footsloggers

The Footsloggers is a **Walking Group** for all ages, abilities and dogs organised by members of the URC in Cheltenham. We meet once a month and do a circular walk of about 3 miles and then have lunch together. As different people organise the walks we visit a variety of areas centred on Cheltenham.

The dates that we are meeting during 2019 are as follows:

Monday April 15th

Friday May 17th

Friday July 19th

Friday September 13th

Friday November 15th

Friday January 10th 2020

Monday June 17th

Monday August 19th

Monday October 14th

Monday December 9th



Our Saturday Evening Social will be held on 2nd November 2019

All are welcome to join us. If you want more information please contact me at jenny21evans@hotmail.co.uk

Jenny Evans

Monday 18th February - Birlingham

On a sunny morning in February, twenty-four Footsloggers and one dog met outside the church of St James in Birlingham near Pershore. The churchyard was awash with snowdrops, purple crocuses and pink cyclamens. After admiring the churchyard and church we walked around Birlingham village passing productive fields, some with winter crops and some waiting to be filled with summer crops. This was a flat, leisurely three mile walk mainly on backroads to avoid muddy tracks.



We then went to a sixteenth century pub, The Oak Inn at Defford for lunch where we were joined by three more friends.

Jenny Evans



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ECO

March's **Repair Café** had a steady stream of visitors. Over 70% of the items brought in were repaired. A baby monitor, barometer, games console and a couple of toasters were among the items.

If you caught **Songs of Praise on Sunday 3 March**, you will have seen that it had an eco theme. It featured an inner city church in London – St James which has achieved gold standard as an eco church. Over 10 years, it has become carbon neutral. It has a long term plan for biodiversity so it provides water in the grounds, has bird feeders and planting year round for both people and wildlife to enjoy. They get over 5 species of bumble bees. The message from the church warden was to do what you can. It all helps to make a difference.

During Lent, many Christians will have been taking the challenge to go plastic free. Also featured on the programme was a curate who had taken on a challenge to look at each area of her house and see how that might become more sustainable. Some of the things she'd done included going back to reusing plates or beeswax covers to put over plates in the fridge instead of using clingfilm, using bars of shampoo rather than plastic bottles and buying loose vegetables to cut down on packaging. This had then become a way of life.

22 April is Earth Day. Earth day began in the US in 1970 and the focus for this year is to protect all species. During our service in February, I mentioned that species are going extinct at an alarming rate with climate change, habitat destruction and exploitation contributing to this.

Find out more at <https://www.earthday.org/2018/05/18/fact-sheet-global-species-decline/>.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's magazine for spring and summer also mentioned that over the past 70 years 56% of the UK's wildlife has declined and that in Gloucestershire, we have lost 70% of our traditional orchards. The Trust is developing a plan for a 'Wilder Gloucestershire'. By taking action on climate change and making changes to our own lifestyles, we can help to make a difference.

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Easter Quiz ANSWERS

Choices. 1,b-pancakes; 2; c-ashes, 3; a-special coins; 4-Ostara; 5, c-yellow; 6,b-40; 7, a-eggs; 8,c-Bach; 9, a-Dublin; 10, a,b,c and d

Easter. 1, they have crosses named after them; 2, Easter Island; 3, Fred Astaire & Judy Garland; 4, all can be preceded by Easter; 5, it's the last possible date for Easter Day; 6, Pickwick Papers; 7, either Cromwell or Parliament both acceptable; 8 no connection; 9, Faberge; 10,the Orthodox Church

Eggs. 1, ostrich; 2, white; 3, sugar; 4, tempera; 5, aubergine; 6, 53-63 grms; 7, Iranian beluga caviar; 8, duck egg blue; 9, clothes pegs; 10, Fry's.

Spring. 1, Lent, 2, Lamb. 3, pollen. 4, Vivaldi's Four Seasons. 5, St Andrew. 6, Greek goddess Maia. 7, Robert Browning. 8, 25th March. 9, VE Day. 10, the Prague Spring.

How Many Easters? 15 - if you haven't found them all, keep looking!

Keith Norcott



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.



Be prepared

According to a recent newsletter, County Council street parking charges are due to rise by 20% in April 2019. I am not aware of any notices about changes being on meters as yet and of the Church receiving much warning so please ensure you have more change than normal for the next few weeks until we adjust to the new charges.

David Black

St Andrew's Charity for April 2019

MERCY SHIPS



In many parts of the world healthcare is either limited or unaffordable, and in some cases simply non-existent. It is estimated that there are some 5 billion people who have no access to safe, affordable surgery when they need it.

In 1978 Don and Deyon Stephens founded the interdenominational Christian volunteer organisation Mercy Ships, as part of the whole family of Christian ministries working at the time.

In 2003 it became a separate charity, with the mission of “bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor”. To date it has operated four hospital ships, using decommissioned liners and ferries. These have been completely renovated and refitted as fully-equipped surgical hospitals. In order to carry out its work the charity arranges five-year partnerships with countries requesting its help, working with governments and health ministries. The Mercy Ships have three basic tasks: providing medical care and surgery to local people; training local health professionals; improving the local healthcare systems.

The current Mercy Ship is MV Africa Mercy, which has been serving a number of major port cities in Africa since 2007. In addition to carrying out surgery and dentistry it has also provided advice and practical assistance with preventive healthcare, development of water supplies, hygiene education, palliative care, healthcare specific to the farming community.

Since its foundation Mercy Ships has operated in 56 developing countries, and nearly 3 million people have received some form of treatment. They have also trained almost 6,500 local health professionals, including surgeons, who have then trained more locally, and over 40,000 assistant medical professionals, such as midwives, anaesthetists, orthopaedic specialists.

A complete history and further details of the work of Mercy Ships can be found on the website www.mercyships.org, or from its UK office in Stevenage on 01438 727800, email info@mercyships.org.uk

OR ask Janet to borrow the book by Don Stevens.

From The Editor



Dear Friends

I do hope you enjoy doing the Easter Quiz that Keith has written for us. Thank you Keith.

It is to be hoped that it will never happen – but have you ever thought about letting your Church Secretary know a contact number of a family member or neighbour for yourself should you ever have occasion to need it while at Church. In the last six months we have been unable to help several church members who have needed our support purely because we had no easily accessible contact for them.

St Andrew's charity for April is 'Mercy Ships'. I first came across this very worthwhile cause when we were living in Athens in the early 1980's The original mercy ship, 'Anastasis' was in dry dock in Pireaus for many months and during that time the crew would visit the English language churches and many friends were made. The whole story can be found in "Ships of Mercy" by Don Stephens. With best wishes for a happy Easter.

Janet Kemp

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Diary for April 2019

Wed	3	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	3	7.30pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Sat	6	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	6	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
SUN	7	11.30am	AGM	Prestbury
Tue	9	2.30pm	Tuesday Tea	St Andrew's
Wed	10	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Thu	11	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	11	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
SUN	14	PALM SUNDAY		
Mon	15		Footsloggers	
Wed	17	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Thu	18	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
Fri	19	GOOD FRIDAY		
SUN	21	EASTER DAY		
SUN	21	3.15pm	Deaf Community Church	St Christopher's
Tue	23	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	St Andrew's
Wed	24	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Thu	25	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	25	2.00pm	Prayer group	St Christopher's
Sat	27	2.30pm	Community Film	Warden Hill URCC
SUN	28	12.00noon	AGM	St Andrew's

Diary for May 2019

Wed	1	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	1	7.30pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Wed	1	7.30pm	Bible Book Club	
Sat	4	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	4	10.30am	May Fayre	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>
1 st Sunday		<i>Communion Service</i>
2 nd Sunday	10.15am	<i>Prayer Time</i>
3 rd Sunday	9.30am	<i>Jump4Joy (for all the family)</i>

Prestbury URC

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

The Church in Warden Hill

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

1 st Sunday	10.30am	<i>Family Worship</i>
2 nd Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion in the URC tradition</i>
3 rd Sunday	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
4 th Sunday	10.30am	<i>Communion in the Anglican tradition</i>
5 th Sunday	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
2 nd Sunday	3.30pm	<i>Messy Church at URC Centre</i>

Evening services are at St Christopher's **except** 4th Sunday at URCC

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