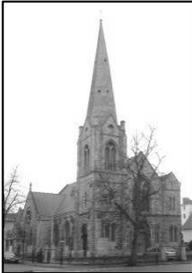


# Cheltenham United Reformed Church



# In Touch

February 2020



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## Welcome to 'In Touch'

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



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

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



**The Church in Warden Hill** is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between the Anglican (St Christopher's) and URC communities of Up Hatherley and Warden Hill in the south of Cheltenham. Ministry is shared between the URC and Rev Gary Grady of the Anglican South Cheltenham Team Ministry.



Both the Anglican and URC buildings are regularly used for worship.

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



*Jesus said:*

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

## News of the Church Family



**We are invited to pray for:**

Anne, Joyce, John,  
Mary, Edith,  
Joan, Pat.



**Congratulations to St Andrew's on gaining the  
A Rocha ECO SILVER Award**

### Thank you

Carolling for **Christian Aid** at Waitrose and Morrisons by St Andrew's groups went very well.

A scratch choir from St Andrews accompanied by Andrea on keyboard raised £165.20 at Morrison's

Montpellier Brass Ensemble from St Andrews raised £212.21 at Waitrose, contributing to a total of over £1000 over the day for Christian Aid.

We'll wait to hear the grand total from all the groups and venues in the New Year!

*Andrew Veal*



**This month's Pastoral letter comes from  
Fiona Hall, Church Secretary at Prestbury**



Dear Friends

By the time you read this, Christmas 2019 is but a distant memory. Was it a good one or a bad one? At this time we all hark back to 'The First Christmas', but in reality for all of us it is always a first Christmas – the first one in a new home, the first one with a new baby or a new person at the table, or, sadly, the first one with an empty chair.

It is a time of nostalgia, when we look back, hopefully with fondness, to Christmases of the past, and try to infuse the Christmas of the present with their spirit and joy.

Then before we know it, it is New Year and nostalgia changes to a feeling of optimism (that is if you ignore the thought of 'another year older'...) The celebrations mainly seem to be by the young, with their boundless optimism about starting over and that things will change for the better.

But New Year is for all of us. The birth of Jesus taught us that things can change, but He did not promise that it would be easy.

This year new people will come into our lives and there will be happy events to celebrate whilst others will leave us forever and diminish us with their loss. There may be new jobs and challenges for some and retirement and new things to do for others.

In Cheltenham perhaps we can hope for a new Minister – that would make it a very good new year for us.

To make a better world this year we have to be even more aware of our actions – if we don't sort out climate change then there will be no future generations to hand Christmas traditions on to. For some, devastated by war or natural disaster, these celebrations mean nothing, just another day in the relentless grind to stay alive. It is time for the nations to see how selfish they are.

Our own country needs mending too – Brexit has left many divisions, even between friends. Now is the time to be kinder to each other and to go forward into the future together.

In celebrating that new life born at Christmas so long ago we must take that spirit and ensure that we can have our own Happy New Year and good Christmases yet to come.

*Fiona Hall*

## The Pulpit in February

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

### At St Andrew’s

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Rev Canon Richard Atkins
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mr Bob Alger
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Tim Watson
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rev Canon Richard Atkins



### At Prestbury

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Rev Dr Dee Brierley-Jones
9 <sup>th</sup> February	NO SERVICE
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs Julie Jefferies
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rev Simon Helme (Interim Moderator)

### At The Church in Warden Hill

9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Ken Martin
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(For all other Services at The Church in Warden Hill, please refer to ‘The Lantern’, [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk))

## For Younger members of the Family

Enjoy a Bible Story, Activities, Singing and FOOD.

**Jump 4 Joy at St Andrew’s** Is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, the next session will be on 16<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am, followed by breakfast.

### **Messy Church at the URC Centre, Warden Hill**

is on 2nd Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

the next sessions will be on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Children of all ages welcome.**

## **Harriet Wright - an appreciation**

Harriet died on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 aged 95, at St Andrew's House in St Andrew's, Fife, where she had moved when she became too infirm to live alone in her flat in the splendid *Art Deco* Cambray Court.

We got to know her quite well when we were putting together material for the show commemorating WW2 for Charlton Kings Community Players in February 2017. Harriet shared with us something of her war time experience and we built an extract into the show. Harriet served with the 'Wrens', joining up in 1943 at the age of 19. She told us that she liked the cut and colour of the uniform. She served at the Royal Marine Home Base at Ilfracombe which meant as a Marine 'Wren' she could wear a distinctive hat badge. She trained in telephony in London during the time of the Doodlebugs and then was posted to the RN base on Orkney. Here she met Gwynne Tudor Williams who served on an aircraft carrier with the Arctic Convoys to Russia. They married in 1945 and spent much of their married life in different parts of the world as Gwynne was in the Diplomatic Service after the war.

They were married for 55 years and after Gwynne died, Harriet married Alfred Wright who had been a family friend and for whose company, Harriet had worked. Harriet was able to get for Gwynne (posthumously) the Arctic Star created in 2012 by the UK Government for service on the convoys but she missed out on the Ushakov medal which the Russian Government made available in 2015 for both RN and Merchant Navy service.

On the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, Harriet was an invited guest at the service for WW2 veterans in Westminster Abbey and was part of the parade. She was also interviewed at length by the BBC in which she is wonderful.

It was also a great pleasure to join in the celebrations at one of her birthday parties and to meet several of her friends from the 'Wrens'. She was a remarkable lady with great courage and determination. We recall the Burns Night supper which she sat through with a broken hip after falling on the way in. That was a tough generation of which she was part!

Harriet was a loyal member of St Andrew's with her husband Alfred, who died a few years ago, and has been much missed by the members.

We were pleased that the last part of her life was spent close to her family and we are sure she appreciated the love and care which surrounded her.

*Tony & Sandra Jeans*

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**St Andrew's 10.00am—2.00pm**

No charge but donations welcomed.

## **Footsloggers**

The Footsloggers are a group of people who enjoy walking in the fresh air and discovering new places. We have a walk every month, it's usually between 3 and 4 miles long, and then we have lunch together at a pub. Anyone is welcome to join us for the walk, the lunch or both.

### **9<sup>th</sup> December 'Red Hat' Walk Cowley**

The December 'Red Hat' Footsloggers walk was attended by 18 walkers meeting at the Green Dragon Inn at Cowley on a nice sunny day but a little windy. We made our way to visit the Church of St Mary the virgin located behind the Cowley Manor Hotel. The Church is early 13th Century built in the English style with a beautiful ceiling.



We then made our way up over the rolling escarpment crossing the Cirencester road and walking to the top of the plateau with views all around. At our half way point we stopped for our normal Christmas Mulled wine and mince pies which is always a treat especially for any new comers. We then made our way down back over the main road crossing into the old trout farm now a house and crossing a fast flowing stream then up over the only wet section to the top road and back to the inn where we met up with 8 other friends to join us in a very nice Lunch. The red hats made an interesting and very seasonal setting which was enjoyed by all.

*Marcus & Florence Dann*

## Footsloggers



At our recent AGM we decided the dates for 2020:

February	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	August	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>
March	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	September	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>
April	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	October	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>
May	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	November	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>
June	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	December	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>
July	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>		

If you would like more information please contact me at [footsloggers@urcic.org.uk](mailto:footsloggers@urcic.org.uk)

Jenny Evans

## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group is up and running again!

There will be a meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 at 242 Hatherley Rd  
Louis Ndekha will lead the discussion:

**‘How well do we know the Christmas Story?’**

Please let Janet know if you are coming.



## Bible Book Club

The book to read this time is **‘Philippians’**.

Meeting for discussion, led by Julie Jefferies, will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00pm, at 8 Moorend Glade, Charlton Kings.

Question/information sheets will be in the churches in due course.

## **Prestbury Coffee Morning**

Our next monthly **Coffee Morning** will be on:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

From 10.30am until 12.00noon

There will be the usual raffle, books etc.  
and of course, the toasted teacakes !



We would love to welcome new faces as well as enjoying the company of our regular attendees. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

## **Prestbury Friday Circle**

This group for the more mature citizen is well established, on Fridays from 10.00 to 12noon at Prestbury URC. There are quizzes and board games days as well as mini concerts, outings and visitors with useful information. Cost is £2 for unlimited refreshments and lively conversation – or just a quiet corner to read the paper.

*Fiona Hall*

## **An Invitation from Rev Dee**

Our **Bible Exploring** Group invites all Christian denominations to gather together the first Tuesday in the month at 10.30 am at my house - 3 Abbots Mews, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham GL52 8UP.

Our Secretary, Katherine Ursell contacts members before each meeting with a reminder of the theme and Bible readings which we shall be discussing. She will be happy to place you on our mailing list.

email address: [purpleviolett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:purpleviolett@hotmail.co.uk)

For further information please speak to Janet Kemp.



*Revd. Dr. Dee. Brierley-Jones*



## Community Film

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



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

Free entry – Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available

Future Dates: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April

## DVDs for Loan

Please contact Brian Miles if you would like to borrow any of the Films shown at the Community Film events. Donations of £2 appreciated.

## Pastoral (Tuesday) Teas at St Andrew's

Come and join us for a good chat over a cup of tea and excellent cake.  
In the Garden Room at St Andrew's.

**2.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**

11<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March

*Ann Lewis*



## **St Andrew's Charity for February 2020**

### **STREET PASTORS**

The **Street Pastors** project was pioneered in London in January 2003 by Revd Les Isaac and now serves towns and cities across the UK. Each project is run by a local coordinator, in partnership with police, Council and other statutory agencies. It is funded by grants and donations and all the local projects are run entirely by volunteers, each of whom generally does one duty per month.

**Cheltenham Street Pastors** come from 30 different churches in and around Cheltenham, and they serve what is the third largest night-time economy in the South West. They work in teams, with 4 out on patrol and 2 back-up, resting or working in the newly established "Stable". They are on duty on Friday and Saturday nights and special dates such as race days and bank holidays. They must always be prepared to chat to people, answer their questions, make them feel safe and comfortable. Their duties are to mediate not preach, to comfort not reproach, above all to help not judge, and their distinctive uniforms make them easily identifiable.



One of the Cheltenham Teams

Each team has radio or phone contact with all the other responsible agencies in the night time economy and the police.

Some examples of what the Street Pastors do:

- they are an easily recognisable group who can often resolve disturbances without involving the police.
- people worse for wear due to alcohol, drugs or dehydration are found taxis, given water, reunited with friends, or even escorted home if they live in the town centre.
- ladies who have been dancing in high heels and find walking painful are given flipflops.
- people who risk hypothermia from the early morning cold are given temporary foil blankets.
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And if you need shelter or assistance you can come to “The Stable”. This is a converted horse box where the vulnerable can feel safe, the lost can be reunited with companions, and first aid given, friendly chat or a hot drink are available. Broken glass, patches of vomit, discarded rubbish are cleared up to reduce the risk of harm. And the homeless always welcome a chat and a hot drink.



As well as donations of money, **Street Pastors** welcome donations of time, so volunteers are always needed, particularly as the work is expanding.

If you feel you cannot undertake the work of a Street Pastor, there are also Prayer Pastors who are paired up with particular teams and who hold these teams in their prayers.

Anne Gimmingham at St Andrew's, who is one of the volunteer Street Pastors can give you more information, or email [cheltenham@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:cheltenham@streetpastors.org.uk).

*Robin Derbyshire and Anne Gimingham*

## **Wednesday Women**

Wednesday Women will meet on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's on the first Wednesday of each month.

All welcome

*Elspet Carter*

### **Creative Cards**

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

## **A Prayer for a New Year:**

Almighty God,

by whose mercy my life has been prolonged to another year,  
grant that thy mercy may not be in vain.

Let not my years be multiplied to increase my guilt,  
but as age advances, let me become more pure in my thoughts,  
more regular in my desires,  
and more obedient to thy laws.

Let not the cares of the world distract me,  
nor the evils of age overwhelm me.

But continue and increase thy loving kindness towards me,  
and when thou shalt call me hence, receive me to everlasting happiness,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

**Written by Samuel Johnson, 1709-84**



## **ECO Events**

As a church, we received a great Christmas present when we heard we had achieved our **SILVER Eco Church Award from A Rocha**. This is great news for us and thanks to everyone for their support. You can see our certificate in the Link Gallery.

**The Big Church Christmas Card** made by the Ndekha children, principally Chimwewe, raised around £35 which was donated to **'Open Door'** our local charity for the homeless. Thanks to everyone who supported this initiative.

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

Whilst we're all trying to cut down on single use plastic, if you're wondering what to do with all those bits you haven't been able to avoid, why not make an **Eco brick**?

An **ECOBRIK** is a building block made entirely from unrecyclable plastic. It's created by filling a plastic bottle with clean, dry plastic until it's packed tightly and can be used as a building block. Several folk in the congregation have already been making these. It's a good way of seeing how much you're throwing away and encouraging you to see how you might be able to reduce this.

**To make an Ecobrick**, you will need a 2l or 1.75l plastic bottle - the sort you get with soft drinks. Stuff this with your single use plastic. You can use any plastic in your **ecobricks**, as long as it is clean, dry, and non-biodegradable. It needs to be tightly packed so use a stick to compact the plastic as tightly as possible each time you add to the bottle.

If you don't want to make an ecobrick yourself but have some empty plastic bottles please bring these in to church so they can be used by other folk. We will have a box available to collect full and empty bottles. Alternatively, you can take your full bottle to Dundry Nurseries on Bamfurlong Lane.

*Carol Drummond*

## **'We felt privileged to eat with the Peacemakers and the marginalised'**

The URC Fact-Finding Visit to Israel/Palestine discovers the Realities of the Occupation

Every now and then the world is shocked by outbreaks of violent conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. In the latest outbreak, in November last, 34 Palestinians in Gaza were killed by Israeli bombs, and many more were injured. 63 Israelis were also hurt by Palestinian rockets. But once again after an uneasy peace is restored, little more is said about the underlying cause: the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory with increasing confiscation of Palestinian land, restricted freedom of movement, house demolitions, and the stultified growth of the Palestinian economy.

In 2009, fearing that movements for reconciliation, had reached a dead end, Palestinian Christian churches issued what they called a Kairos document, a word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering. 'Kairos' means a decisive moment. It appealed to fellow Christians in the West to remember the gospel teaching to promote justice, truth and human dignity, and to take positive actions to achieve this.

In response two British churches, the Methodists and the Church of Scotland, have already taken action. The URC has also felt challenged and in September, Assembly sent a fact-finding mission to Israel/Palestine, including a representative of each synod. Members of the mission are reporting back to churches in their synod. Clare Nutbrown Hughes from Dursley Tabernacle was in the party, and on 14 November she reported very movingly to the Gloucestershire Area meeting about how justice and human rights are being denied to the Palestinians. Clare said: religious pilgrims sometimes say how privileged they felt to walk where Jesus walked. For our part we felt privileged to walk alongside the Peacemakers and to eat with the marginalised.

**We look forward to Clare's visit to St Andrews on 19<sup>th</sup> April to speak to us about her experiences during the visit. Please put this date in your diaries.**

*Margaret Derbyshire*

## Bethlehem comes to Christchurch

We have all sung in Christmas carol services words of invitation such as 'O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem'. This one was different. In December a group of singers from Bethlehem toured this country. To get here, instead of flying by the direct route from Tel Aviv, they had to take the longer route over the Allenby Bridge into Jordan, for Palestinians are not permitted to enter Israel. So Bethlehem came to us, and this small group moved us and transfixed us by their piercing, wavering melody lines and their thundering four-part harmonies, as they sang 'a capella' of the joyful Christmas celebrations in their home city and the loss of their homeland freedom. The lofty colourful surroundings of Christchurch in Cheltenham complemented the traditional Palestinian dress of the ladies. In conclusion the congregation said together:

We walk the long road, with all those who  
Strive for peace, justice and reconciliation.  
We weep with those who long to  
Return to home.

We pray in hope, that one day all people in  
The Holy Land will live in peace, as neighbours  
With full equal rights.

*Margaret Derbyshire*



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## Wednesday Social Group at Warden Hill URCC

We recently scored a great hat trick! First the deft fingers of Steve, of the duo Mrs Peel and Steve Franks, spun us some beauties and bowled the afternoons first mystery delivery, hitting the spot and raising a cheer from our barmy army of ladies, as his skill made sure he hit the wicket.

Success two was our Christmas lunch at Brickhampton Court Golf Club. We tee'd off in a beautifully decorated room. There was a none too seemly rush to the hole which I was happy not to loose! Conversations flowed as the wine took hold, everyone found a friend no one was bunkered on their own. Lunch was a treat. The staff efficient and the food tasty. For a few minutes there was a lull in the chat – replaced by the clatter of the eating irons. Another super day outing for the Group.



Our Christmas Tea Party was kicked off brilliantly by the Dories Choir. They entertained us with a medley of Christmas songs. The back four sang a hearty tenor and the forwards struck some on target high notes. Quick footwork was to the fore as the quiz was tackled leading into half time – with no one leaving for the dreaded early bath. A certain Preview League Player, with attendant elf,

supervised the Secret Santa, everyone scored with their presents tho' some of Santa's jokes were a bit off the target.

In these three ways we readied ourselves for the Season. We are truly a top flight club. Wishing you all a Great New Year.

Why not give us a trial run, the tea and biscuits are at the ready!  
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.**

Please spread the word.



John Howe

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

St Andrew's URC, Montpellier Street

#### **OPEN to ALL**

*Does a lovely bowl of thick, homemade soup with a fresh bread roll, followed by a homemade pudding interest you??*

**Then join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm and bring a friend.**

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

Gentle exercises especially geared to the needs of older people based on Chinese traditional practice, promoting self-healing and self-regulation of the body.

Thursdays at 12.15 pm. £5.00 per session.

Future dates:

6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April

**New Members are always welcome.**

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

### **Freecycle**

If you have any useful items you no longer need that might be of use to someone else please let Ann Lewis know.

with full details of the item and please leave your telephone number so we can get back to you.



#### **OFFERED:**

1. Shredder,- contact Anne Gimingham
2. Complete Fly Fishing Tackle and Flies - contact Edna Willcox

## **A Reflection from Carole Pennington, Elder at The Church in Warden Hill**

In my role of Chief Commissioner for Girlguiding South West England, I am lucky enough to be invited to some fairly prestigious events and locations. After some recent visits, I would like to share a brief reflection with you.

Recently I was at a Thanks and Recognition service in Westminster Abbey, a joyous and thoughtful occasion to say thank you to all those who have given so much of themselves and their time to Guiding and Scouting. Looking round the Abbey before the service, and sitting in the Quire stalls during the service, I took time to reflect about all those who had passed through the Abbey, and just how amazing a building it is, considering when and how it was built.

Yesterday I was at an Advent Carol Service in York Minster at the invitation of Girlguiding North East England. The service started with a procession of County, Region and the National Standards, which was a stunning sight to behold. Many of these standards are fairly old, but beautifully designed and made with love to reflect the story of the area they represent. I felt incredibly privileged to follow my Region standard down the aisle, once more taking the opportunity to reflect on those who had walked through this wonderful building. The service started with O come, O come Emmanuel and ended with Joy to the World, a fitting celebration of our advent journey.



Then back home to the Church in Warden Hill, where our service also started with O come O come Emmanuel. As the sun shone through our magnificent windows, I took time to reflect on those who had gone before in our building, and those who had the vision to install the Tom Denny windows.

Three very different buildings all built to enable people to worship and glorify God in the past, the present and the future.

*Carole Pennington*

## **From The Editor**

Dear Friends

Have you noticed the early flowers this year? I have snowdrops in the garden and the camelia in full bloom. Primroses and Gorse are out in the hedgerows further south. A few fine days invigorate us, and nature. If you are not already part of the hardy group known as 'Footsloggers', then we would love to greet you, on either a Monday or Thursday, this year, the change to accommodate those who have been unable to enjoy this camaraderie and fresh air due to other commitments.

You will know that the URC hold General Assembly every two years. July 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 is the next scheduled event, which will be at Aston University in Birmingham. This venue gives us an opportunity to easily join in by volunteering to Steward, single days, or more. If you would like to know more please talk to Janet, Brian or Fiona who will then submit your name to the Synod office.

Looking forward to a happy, healthy and positive 2020.

*Janet Kemp*

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## **Diary for February 2020**

Sat	1	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	1	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury
SUN	2	10.30am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	St Christopher's
Wed	5	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	5	7.30pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	6	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Thu	6	7.30pm	Discussion Group	242 Hatherley Rd
Tue	11	2.30pm	Pastoral Tea	St Andrew's
Wed	12	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Thu	13	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
SUN	16	3.00pm	Deaf Community Church	St Christopher's
Wed	19	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Thu	20	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Mon	24		Footsloggers	
Wed	26	2.00pm	Wednesday Social Group	Warden Hill URCC
Wed	26	7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Communion	St Christopher's
Thu	27	2.00pm	URC Glos AREA meeting	Warden Hill URCC
Thu	27	2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
Sat	29	2.30pm	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URCC

## **Diary for March 2020**

Wed	4	1.00pm	Lunch Club	St Andrew's
Wed	4	7.30pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	5	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
Sat	7	10.00am	Regeneration/Repair Café	St Andrew's
Sat	7	10.30am	Coffee morning	Prestbury

## Regular Weekly Events 2020

\*\* Term Time Only

### Monday

10.00am	Prestbury Urchins	Prestbury URC**
4.00pm	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**
7.30pm	Rock Solid	Warden Hill URC Centre**

### 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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday		<i>Communion Service</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	10.15am	<i>Prayer Time</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30am	<i>Jump4Joy (for all the family)</i>

## Prestbury URC

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

## The Church in Warden Hill

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

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

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

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

Weekdays

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