

Cheltenham
United Reformed
Church

In Touch

February 2013

Welcome to *In Touch* – the magazine of Cheltenham United Reformed Church.

Cheltenham United Reformed Church is a joint Pastorate of the 3 United Reformed Churches in Cheltenham. This means that they share a Minister – Revd Maz Allen – and indeed they work very closely together in all respects. New readers, who may also be new to the area, can be assured of a warm welcome at all 3 Churches:-

St Andrew's United Reformed Church is situated in Cheltenham town centre. It is a former Presbyterian Church built in 1885. Recent renovations have retained its essential character whilst at the same time delivering an impressive facility meeting the needs of the 21st Century. Current membership is around the 100 mark.

Prestbury United Reformed Church serves the village of Prestbury to the north of Cheltenham. It is a former Congregational Chapel built in 1866. Current membership is around the 20 mark. Services are normally held at Prestbury on only the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month.

The Church in Warden Hill is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between the Anglican and URC communities serving the large residential districts of Hatherley and Warden Hill to the south of Cheltenham. Sunday morning services currently alternate between St Christopher's and the URC Centre with a typical congregation of 85. Ministry is shared between the URC Minister (Revd Maz Allen) and members of the Anglican South Cheltenham Team Ministry of whom the Revd Jacqui Hyde has particular responsibility for The Church in Warden Hill. The Church in Warden Hill has its own church magazine – *The Lantern* – but its activities and events are also publicised in this *In Touch* magazine.

The website of the Cheltenham United Reformed Church (www.urcic.org.uk) and the website of The Church in Warden Hill (www.tciwh.org.uk) are further sources of information about the churches.

Dear Friends,

As I am too late to write an article this month, allow me to use this page to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who supported Kenya Projects (UK) in our fundraising over the last two years.



With your help, we raised £26,000 (thirty three million, eight hundred thousand Kenyan shillings!)

We paid for the installation of the borehole at Gatondo Health Clinic plus handing over money for an extra storage tank, which should be in place by March. We bought 90 pairs of school shoes, gave money for repairs to St. Stephen's Children's Home, bought a sack of rice for Jomo Kenyatta Home for Disabled Children, as well as paint, buckets etc. for the Clinic. We painted four consultation rooms and the laboratory.

As soon as the Bishop had dedicated the borehole the water was turned on and baptised the parched earth for the very first time. What a special moment! St. Stephen's children rushed to drink from the pipe and the Bishop and I were given more sophisticated glasses to taste the clean, fresh water. The borehole will undoubtedly transform the lives of the local community.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Maz

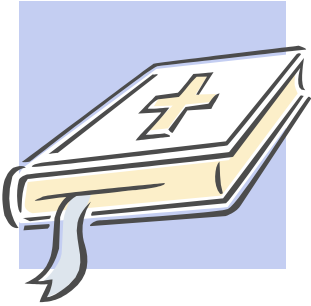


CHELTENHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Our prayers: we hold in our prayers those for whom we are concerned: Mary Cummings, Sandy Heaven, Theo Webber, Margaret Brown, Nancy Champkins, Doreen Steele, family and friends of Josie Folkes, Denham Russell-Smith, and Helen Bell.

Anniversary:

We would like to congratulate Elizabeth and George Apps on their Platinum (70th) Wedding Anniversary celebrated recently.



Training for Learning and Serving TLS Lite

New Year – new start, new you!

Would you be interested in coming on a journey to explore worship, leading and taking part, Bible study and how to promote community development. Broadway URC and the Cheltenham URC are planning to work together to provide the opportunity for their congregations to explore TLS Lite. Ideally this is a complete course probably run fortnightly in modules (subject to the group's agreement); however there would be an option to attend specific modules.

The course is made up of the following modules:

- Introduction – You, the Bible and Worship
- Getting to grips with the Bible – basic level of Bible Knowledge
- Talking about God
- Leading Worship
- God's Word for Today
- Valuing Community Experience.

Tony Jeans, The Rev Maz Allen, Bob Alger and Julie Jefferies have agreed to lead the group with the introductory module being hosted by Broadway URC. Modules will alternate hosting venue and transport will be available.

If you are interested please let Michael Payne or Mark at Broadway know. Or, let Maz, Tony, Bob or Julie know in the Cheltenham Churches. Keep an eye on the weekly sheets for more information and a start date hopefully in February 2013.

Julie Jefferies

BIRTHDAY TEAS AT THE HATHERLEY MANSE
For those with birthdays Jan, Feb and March
SAT. 9th FEB. 3-5PM
SAT. 25th MAY (April, May, June)





C4 CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Rehearsals being 22nd Feb.
6.00pm Prestbury URC
'Jerusalem Joy'

St Andrew's News:

St Andrew's February Charity - Street Pastors



At 9.30pm every Friday and Saturday evening a group of dedicated volunteers gathers at the Salvation Army Citadel in Cheltenham for prayer and preparation before going out onto the streets until 4.00am next morning. They are the Street Pastors, currently a 54-strong group drawn from 30 different churches in and around

Cheltenham. They work in teams of 6, with at any one time 4 out on patrol and 2 back-up and resting at base. They have been operating now for three years and have become a well known and appreciated part of the town's night life. Their duties are to mediate not preach, to comfort not reproach, above all to help not judge. Until about midnight they work as a team of four, but after that some areas quieten down, Montpellier for example, so they concentrate more on the town centre, working in pairs, although keeping within sight of each other should mutual help be needed. Anyone can call on their assistance and their distinctive uniforms make them easy to pick out. Each team has a trained first-aider and they have radio or mobile phone contact with base, the police and ambulance services and some of the staff in bars and clubs. So what sort of situations are they likely to be involved in? Disturbances of one sort or another are often better resolved by a small group of recognisable and even-tempered people than by the police, whose presence might actually make matters worse - and the police do call up the pastors on such occasions: 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: early morning hours can be very cold for people in flimsy party clothes so lightweight temporary foil blankets are handed out: flip-flops are given to ladies who have been dancing in high heels and finding it painful to walk:

broken glass here, a patch of vomit there, discarded bottles and cans over there are cleared up to minimise hazards for the unwary or possible weapons for the belligerent: there's a chance to meet the homeless, who welcome a chat and a hot drink: and all the time be prepared to chat to people, answer questions, make them feel safe, make them feel comfortable.

With the numbers they have at the moment the Street Pastors are rostered for one night's duty approximately once a month, although festivals, race meetings, New Year and similar special occasions call for extra watches, so more volunteers would be very welcome. And it all runs on donations, all of which are used for the sort of activities described above, helping revellers enjoy Cheltenham's night life safely and satisfyingly.

Keith Norcott

Pensioners' Forum – Wednesday 6th February - Legal Matters

To start our 2013 programme we once again have a Solicitor, Sarah Martin from Harrison Clarke to come along and provide information on inheritance tax and probate and any other legal questions you may have.

In December Will Carr a physiotherapist from St Paul's Centre gave us a very practical talk on prevention of falls. The main emphasis was on keeping good balance and we also tried out some exercises which could be done sitting down. These can be found on a DVD entitled 'Move It or Lose It' so if you would like to have a go why not purchase the DVD.

As usual the coffee bar will be open from 10.00am and the talk will begin at 11.00am. Please invite your friends and neighbours.

Ann Lewis

Pensioners' Forum
at
St Andrew's United Reformed Church
(near Queen's Hotel)

Programme for 2013
Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

You are invited to the following Talks 11am – 12 noon

Wednesday 6 February	'Legal Matters' Harrison Clark, Solicitors
Wednesday 6 March	Reflexology Maggie Davis
Wednesday 3 April	Community Agents Amanda Wragg
Wednesday 1 May	Ovarian Cancer Maggie Morris & Jeni Craig
Wednesday 5 June	Victim Support Christine Nicholson
Wednesday 3 July	Which Hearing Aid? Hidden Hearing

FREE ENTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME
Coffee Bar open from 10.00am – 12 noon
Coffee/Tea 50p

www.urcic.org.uk

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At St Andrew's

with

LIDA VLČEK

NEXT SESSIONS

Thursday 31st January 2013

at 12.15pm

Other dates to be advised

NOTE LATER START TIME

Cost £5.00 per session

Future sessions to be announced

Gentle exercises especially geared to the needs of older people
Based on Chinese traditional practice

Bible Study at St Andrew's



In this New Year there is going to be a Bible study group meeting at St Andrew's. As there is already a daytime Bible study on a Friday morning it was felt that it would be good to offer an opportunity for those who would prefer to come to a Bible study in the evening. This is an exciting opportunity to encourage each other in our faith. Do speak to me if you are interested in coming along so that we can decide the best day and time.

Kay Boulton

Letters....

from Barbara Russell-Smith

Many thanks to all the kind cake makers who sent contributions to the sweet and cake stall at the Montpellier open night on 29th November. The result was very satisfactory - the sweet and cake stall made over £300, and thank you for your support.

Barbara

C4 Children's Choir – Cinderella & Rockerfella – 'Thank You !'

A big 'Thank You!' to all who supported the sell-out performances of Cinderella & Rockerfella at Prestbury and Warden Hill. The children clearly had a fantastic time and the audiences enjoyed the results of their hard work. Thanks to the ticket sales the production raised enough money to buy a well to provide clean water for a village in Africa.

Julie Jefferies

Christian Aid

URC in C groups, supported several of the Christian Aid carol singing events before Christmas. Singing groups (Church at Warden Hill) and music groups (Royal Oak Brass) helped raise more than £3000 for Christian Aid.

Cheltenham Area Christian Aid chair, Joan Sampson, says:

"A big thank-you to all who supported the carol singing in any way. It is an extremely good result considering the financial climate - almost as good as last year! We made in excess of £3200 and that is splendid. A heartfelt thank you to you all, and a special thank you to the organisers, my very best wishes to you all for the New Year."

Andrew Veal

Cinderella and the C4 Choir

Just when you think they'll never keep up that standard they prove you wrong. Yes, the C4 choir have done it again! They go from strength to strength, both in numbers and in quality. Their December production, "Cinderella and Rockerfella", was a thoroughly entertaining sell-out success. This was a bigger undertaking for them than previous shows, especially for the principals, who had learnt their words and moves really well, quite an accomplishment in a two part musical play lasting over an hour. This was a play, a musical and a pantomime, with many of the traditions of all three - an obviously wicked witch, some obviously good fairies, some excellent solo and duet singing, direct addresses to the audience and a couple of cheer leaders with hurrah and hiss placards (it turns out that "HISS" looks just as suggestive upside-down as the right way up!). As always the singing was great fun, with catchy tunes and clever lyrics clearly sung, including a swingalong version of Strauss's "Blue Danube" waltz with new words in the all-important shoe fitting scene. And all of it beautifully backed up by the augmented adult choir. "Cinderella and Rockerfella" is basically the familiar Cinderella pantomime story with one or two intruders: was that walking talking mirror a fugitive from Snow White? Did that clever and remarkable cat stray in from "Puss in Boots" or "Dick Whittington"? This was a big challenge for everyone involved and they pulled it off in great style.

So it's a big thank you and congratulations to all of the C4 Choir for cheering us all up on a dismal December day with such a heart-warming performance. All the learning and the rehearsals were worth it and the result was great fun for all. But let us not forget the backstage team and the folk who provided the props and costumes. And finally a round of applause for the producer/director/stage manager, who insists on a low profile, so I'll only mention Maz Allen in small print! *Keith Norcott*

James Bond and the Stained Glass Windows

One of the sensations of the opening ceremony at last year's Olympic Games was the Queen making her acting debut by parachuting into the Olympic stadium with James Bond. Well, we thought it would attract a bit of publicity if she would do it again with 007 when we have a talk about him at the St. Andrew's Forum. But then we thought we didn't want Her Maj to get type-cast or live on the repeats forever. And then there's the risk to the church spire isn't there? Suppose a sudden gust of wind should drift HM just a fraction off course - it would cost a fortune to repair that spire! Just think, it wouldn't do the church's image any good either, having some royal personage stuck up there, would it? So we abandoned that idea, but we did secure the services of our own Queen Ann, **Ann Grant (alias 003¾)**, who is going to drop in **on Tuesday 12th February** to talk about her acquaintance with James Bond, in "**James Bond, Hero or Villain?**" Why not come along and risk being "shaken, not stirred?" So what has James Bond got to do with stained glass windows I hear you ask? Well, nothing at all really, I just wanted to see if you were still with me. But then again, the Forum does have a sort of connection, because **on Tuesday 26th February Pam Dainton** will be uncovering the secrets behind the stained glass windows at St Christopher's in Warden Hill - "**Letting Some Light in on St. Christopher.**" Specially commissioned 50 years ago they are strikingly colourful and look just as eye-catching from outside as from inside. And they all have a story behind them.

The Christmas party on 11th December provided two good reasons to be joyful. Instead of our usual talk we were treated to a feast of singing by the children from Christchurch Primary School. They clearly enjoyed it as much as we did. After that, we gave ourselves a treat with a bring-and-share Christmas tea. We started 2013 with the Annual General Meeting, which saw no changes in the officers or committee and finished on a cheerful note with a short comedy film.

The Forum meets **at 2.30pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Garden Room at St Andrew's**. New members are assured of a warm welcome, and where else would you enjoy an interesting talk, tea and biscuits and a helping of reminiscence and gossip? And there's no annual subscription, just a modest £1.50 "pay as you go" as they say in the mobile phone world.....Oh don't get me going on mobile phones or we'll be here all day!

Keith Norcott

29th November 2012. Mini Christmas Fair (Montpellier evening)

Thank you to all the stalwarts who manned the stalls on a very cold night (we had to scrape the frost off the gifts!). Thank you to all those who gave items to sell and those who came along on the night to support the church and of course those who worked hard behind the scenes. We raised over £850. Thank you all again we do appreciate all your hard work.

Lyn and Peter

St Andrew's Quiz

23rd March: there is nothing on at the cinema, the Olympics are long gone, you are not available to babysit – winter is over, telly is boring – you need excitement companionship, a good laugh etc. - fear not your long wait is over, joy of joys - the quiz is back!!

The next St Andrew's Quiz will take place at the Church on Saturday March 23rd at 7.30pm.

Once again, it will be a light hearted occasion rewarding with fantastic (?) prizes those with trivial knowledge but total ignorance of sport “soaps” and pop. There will be the usual rounds of easy’ish questions, with perhaps the odd deliberate (?) mistake, photographs to puzzle over, mystery objects to identify.

All are welcome, we would particularly love to see challengers from the Warden Hill Church and Prestbury.

Tables will be made up of up to six people, but, as in the past, come along and make up a table on the night.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, bring your own drinks if you wish; there will be the usual successful cash raffle.

Tickets are only £5 on the door or from Lyn or Peter in advance.

Please come along to support and enjoy, this has always been an entertaining evening.

Never mind Ann Robinson – this is for real.

Stop press – good news, the ASBO on certain miscreants for querying the official answers in the past has been lifted on the promise of good behaviour.

Lynn & Peter Ricketts

New Gift Aid rules and forms – Part II

For those who give to St Andrew's under the Gift Aid scheme!

Firstly, our thanks to everyone who has already completed and returned signed copies of the new Gift Aid forms – it is much appreciated. Thanks also to those who have advised us that their circumstances have changed and that they no longer pay sufficient tax to cover their donations.

In case anyone feels unsure as to whether they qualify to use the Gift Aid scheme, the basic rule is that for every £1 tax you pay, you can use the Gift Aid scheme to 'cover' £4 of donations. For example, if you pay, say, £400 tax a year, that covers donations of 4 times that amount, i.e. £1,600 a year; similarly £100 tax covers £400 of donations and £1,000 tax covers £4,000 of donations, etc.

To save stationery, postage and administration we sent the new forms out by a number of methods – by e-mail, with In Touch and by post. If for any reason you make donations to St Andrew's (particularly by standing order) and did not receive a form, please let David Black or Anne know.

If you did receive one but your circumstances have changed so that, having read the above examples, you are not able to sign a new declaration, it would be helpful if you could let one of us know (contact details below), so that we can cancel your previous declaration. Any discussions on the subject will, of course, be entirely confidential.

You can contact David or Donna Sutherland at church or e-mail Anne Strathie (who will be away until mid-February) on astrathie@waitrose.com or leave a note in the large envelope in David Black's pigeon-hole, which Anne will get on her return.

Thank you very much again for your co-operation which helps increase the value of donations by thousands of pounds every year.

Finally if you have not been contacted, consider yourself to be part of St Andrew's and are able to Gift Aid please speak to us to obtain more details and a declaration form.

Anne Strathie and David Black

Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra



*Saturday 9 February 2013
7.30 pm, St Andrew's Church
Montpellier, Cheltenham*

ENGLISH MUSIC

Edward Elgar, Frank Bridge, Charles Orr,
Hubert Parry, and including Gerald Finzi's
Clarinet Concerto

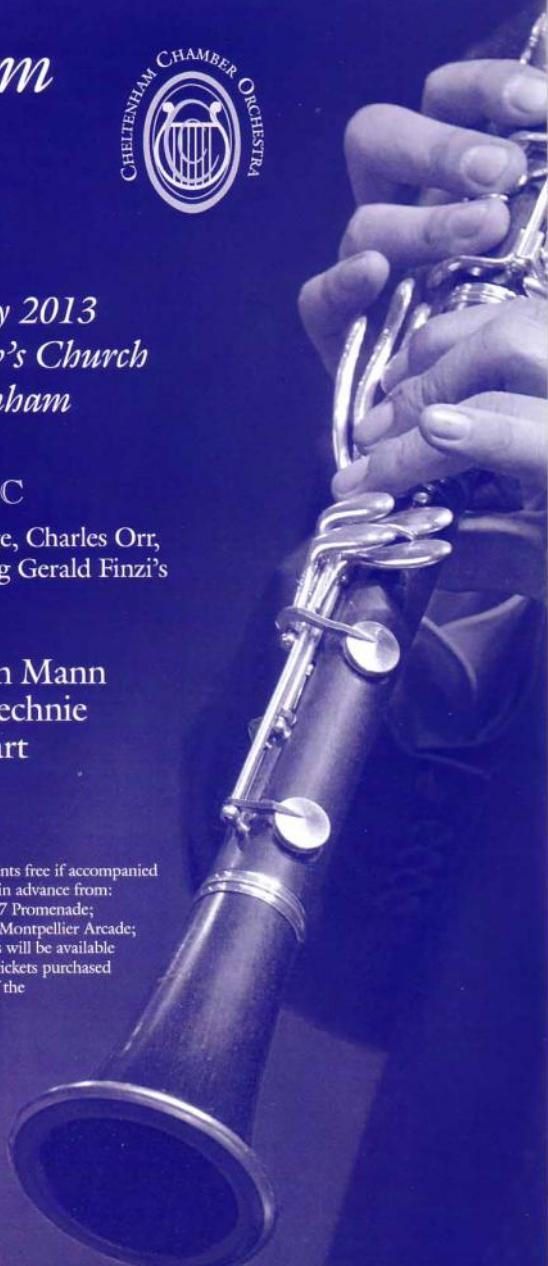
Conductor: Jonathan Mann
Clarinet: Janet McKechnie
Leader: George Ewart

Tickets

All unreserved £15 with concessions, students free if accompanied by a paying adult. Available at the door or in advance from: Cheltenham Tourist Information Centre, 77 Promenade; Showcase Fancy Dress and Dancwear, 13 Montpellier Arcade; The Playhouse Theatre, Bath Road. Tickets will be available four weeks before the concert. Holders of tickets purchased in advance will be entitled to a free copy of the concert programme.

Programmes are correct at the time of going to press.
Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra reserves the right
to alter them at short notice.

www.cheltenhamchamberorchestra.org.uk





Eco Church

Freecycle: Have you 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.

- A Yogurt Maker and Coffee Maker - Electrical, (2 items). Phone Carol Drummond
- Gents Bicycle and Office Supplies (folders & guides) (free of charge). Phone Tony Jeans
- Baby Belling Cooker 120RMk6 - 2 rings, grill and oven. Phone Avril Haseler
- Electric Trouser Press - Phone Avril Haseler

Big Church Christmas Card

Thanks to all who supported the Big Church Christmas card. We raised £35 for the Kenya project.

Recycling your Christmas Cards

We provided a drop-off point for Christmas cards to be recycled for charity which has been well supported.

Recycling ink jet cartridges

£35 was received from Cartridge World in January for the ink jets we collected for recycling. Thanks to everyone who has brought in their used cartridges and helped raise this sum for the church.

Wednesday Women

Wednesday Women start their meetings for 2013 with a film night. This will be on February 6th. Meet at St Andrew's at 7.15pm for refreshments followed by a film and discussion. All welcome.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month and cover a wide range of topics. We are delighted to have Anne Strathie at the March meeting. Anne will

speak about her recently published book 'Birdie Bowers - Captain Scott's Marvel'.

Future events will include reflexology, craft, singing, book reviews and bring and share suppers.

ElsPET Carter



Knit and Chat Group - More information from Donna Sutherland

The next meeting is on Thursday 21st February at St Andrew's at 1.00pm.

A new Bible study group is starting up at St Andrew's this month.

'THE LIGHT GROUP'

will meet on Tuesday the 5th and 19th of February from 12.15pm – 1.15pm.

Everyone is very welcome to come along. Do bring your lunch if you would like to. Coffee and tea will be available.

We are going to begin by looking at the New Testament letter to the Philippians.

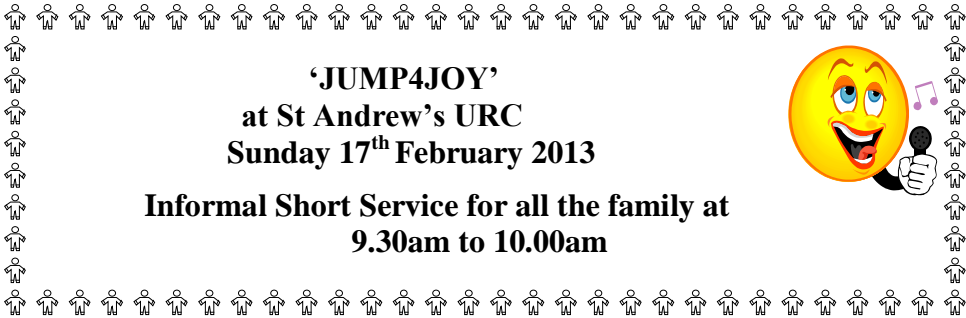
Any questions please contact:

Kay 01242 222005

kay@urcic.org.uk

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

[Psalm 119:104-106](#)



**'JUMP4JOY'
at St Andrew's URC
Sunday 17th February 2013**



**Informal Short Service for all the family at
9.30am to 10.00am**

.....Prayer Pointers.....

Let's make prayer a priority in 2013!

'Do not be
anxious
about
anything, but
in every
situation, by
prayer and
petition, with
thanksgiving,
present your
requests to
God.'

Philippians

4:6

St Andrew's Prayer Area

Come and spend some time in the prayer area this month. It's open from 10am – 2pm each day.

This month there is the opportunity to make a simple prayer capsule. If you cannot come to the prayer area, why not have a go at home.

Time Capsule

Many of us make 'New Year's resolutions'. Why not think about your Christian life and make a note of some promises to God to try to keep for a year, or a month, or why not through Lent? It doesn't have to be at New Year. Examples might be, 'I will try to do a Bible reading every day' or 'I will remember to pray regularly' or 'I will make an effort to make time to talk to and homeless man I pass every day'. Put the piece of paper into an envelope and keep it somewhere safe. Make a note in your diary of an appropriate date to open your prayer time capsule, and then reflect on what you achieved or didn't!

Oasis prayer time takes place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 12.15pm until 12.45pm in the Sanctuary at St Andrew's.



Footsloggers:

Monday 18th February - Footsloggers Walking Group.

Details of the walk to be led by the Tim and Dorothy Odell, are to be found on Church Notice Boards nearer the time.

All are most welcome.

News from Prestbury URC:

Coffee Morning – Saturday 2nd February 10.30am – 12.00noon

Please join us for our monthly coffee morning at the Church on Saturday 2nd February from 10.30am to 12.00noon. There will also be the usual mix of teas, coffees, cakes & good company! It would be great to continue to see the familiar faces but also to see some new ones.

Grand Spring Bric-a-Brac Sale / Coffee Morning – Sat 2nd March 10.30am to 12.00noon

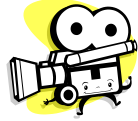
This is advance notice of a Grand Spring Bric-a-Brac Sale on Saturday 2nd March from 10.30am till 12.00noon. So if you are having a Spring clear-out then please think of us! Donations of good quality goods only please. There will also be a bookstall, toys, raffle, refreshments and cakes for sale.

Reading Group

'The next meeting of the Reading Group will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20th February and will meet at 'Karinya', Swindon Lane, Cheltenham. The book we are currently reading is 'A Street Cat Named Bob' by James Bowen. James Bowen is a street musician and was living a hand to mouth existence on the streets of London. He found an injured, ginger street cat and the book chronicles the transformation in both their lives.



New members and/or past members would be most welcome. For any further information contact Mary Cummings

Film Shows:**Classic Film Show**

Saturday 23rd February 2013

at Warden Hill URC Centre

at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)

“The Man in the White Suit”

1951 Ealing comedy, B&W GB, certificate U

Starring Alec Guinness, Joan Greenwood and Cecil Parker

Directed by Alexander MacKendrick, produced by Michael Balcon

This is the fourth in our series of Ealing comedies and is a distinct development from the three we have shown so far. In it, Alec Guinness plays the part of a mild mannered scientist who thinks he has made an important development in manufacturing but finds that all kinds of interests take a very different view. You will find that this commentary on technology and consumer markets still rings true sixty years later.

And then

March 23rd “The Man Who Shot Liberty Vallance”

1962 Western, Paramount, B&W US, certificate U

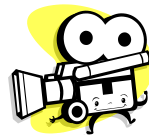
Starring James Stewart and John Wayne

Directed by John Ford, produced by Willis Goldbeck

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome

Refreshments available

Community Film Show



Saturday 2nd February 2013

at Warden Hill URC Centre

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

‘Music and Lyrics’ - cert. PG

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome.

Refreshments available.

Classic Film 2013

We are working on our programme for 2013. The screenings will be one a month from January to June on a Saturday afternoon, fitted around Community Film. We will be at the Warden Hill URC Centre, showing at 2.15pm with the doors open at 2pm.

The other dates for your diary are the following Saturdays at Warden Hill as well as the 23rd February are:

April 20th, May 18th, June 22nd – details later.

Tony Jeans

Advanced dates:

Community film show dates at Warden Hill, the dates in Brackets are Tony’s Classic Film Shows:

Feb. 2 - (23), Mar. 2 (‘Skyfall’ - Cert 12A (23), Apr. 13 - (20), May 11 - (18)

June 15 - (22)

*Charlton Kings Community Players
Present*

'Winter Gifts'



***Let Us Be Merry
2013***

***Sketches, readings, musical items and seasonal
songs!***

Wednesday 30th January 2013

7.30pm

***Sacred Hearts' Hall
Moorend Road, Charlton Kings***

'Unseasonal Mince Pies', Coffee, Tea, and Bar

All welcome

Tickets at the door, £4.00



Administration:

For many months now, the In Touch and other interesting articles are made available for you to read on the church website: www.urchic.org.uk, thankfully uploaded each month by our webmaster, Fiona Hall.

Should you wish not to receive your paper copy of In Touch (to save paper) and / or would like the Church notices sent to you by email, please feel free to email the church office with your request.

The In Touch Coordinators currently for respective churches are as follows:

Prestbury URC

Please see Ian Brooks directly or forward contributions via e-mail (ibrooks4@me.com). Contributions most welcome.

The Church in Warden Hill

Please see Carole Pennington or Brian Miles directly or forward contributions via e-mail: magazine@urchic.org.uk or to church office, office@urchic.org.uk. Likewise contributions very welcome.

St Andrew's

Please see John Standring directly or forward contributions via e-mail: magazine@urchic.org.uk or to church office, office@urchic.org.uk.

St Andrew's
has a vacancy for a

Bookings Secretary

Paid Position
mostly working from home

Must be computer literate
(Avalon software – training given)
Please apply to Rev Maz Allen

**St. Christopher's Senior Club Programme
for February 2013 at 2.15pm**

6 th February	Bingo	
13 th February	Kenya	Maz & Jeremy
20 th February	Remembering the GWR	Mike Stratford
27 th February	Wells & Holy Wells of Gloucestershire	Father Brian Torode
6 th March	Bingo	

Cheltenham URC - Prayer contd

3 Feb	Luke 4, 21-30	Bishops Cleeve area, Churches and Schools Prestbury Senior Club Prayers for the world
10 Feb	Luke 9, 28-36 (37-43)	Woodmancote and Cleeve Hill Area Residential and Nursing Care for the Elderly Cheltenham Scottish Society Prayers for the World
17 Feb	Luke 4, 1-13	Prestbury Village, Churches and Schools Community Life Prestbury Elders Prayers for the World
24 Feb	Luke 13, 31-35	Prestbury Road area, Churches and Schools Special Needs care Literature and Mah Jong Groups Prayers for the World

The Oasis - St Andrew's

Oasis prayer time takes place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday (and possibly 5th Tuesday) of the month from 12.15pm to 12.45pm in the Sanctuary.

Let's encourage one another as we meet together to bring our prayers to God.

The Church in Warden Hill (St Christopher's)

Every Weekday: Morning Prayer at 8.00am.

Tuesday: Holy Communion & Morning Prayer 10.30am.

FEBRUARY				
1	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study re-starts at Cleeve Nursing Home
2	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
		2.30pm	URCC	Community Film
3	Sun	10.30am	P	Worship Group
		10.30am	SC	Family Worship
		11.00am	SA	Reverend Maz Allen Communion
		6.00pm	SC	Holy Communion
5	Tues	12.15pm	SA	Light Group – Bible Study
		2.00pm	SC	Mothers Union
6	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		7.30pm	SA	Wednesday Women
				ECC meet
7	Thur	7.30pm	SC	ECM Meet
9	Sat	3.00pm	Hath	Birthday Tea
10	Sun	10.30am	P	No service
		10.30am	URCC	Reverend Maz Allen Communion
		11.00am	SA	Reverend Ernest Marvin
		6.00pm	SC	Evensong
12	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum
		7.30pm	SA	Elders meet (7pm Training Session)
		6.30pm	SC	Licensing Service and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
13	Wed	7.30pm	SC	Ash Wednesday Service
17	Sun	7.30am	SA	Jump4Joy and Breakfast
		10.30am	P	Kay Boulton
		10.30am	SC	Reverend Nick Davies Communion
		11.00am	SA	Reverend Maz Allen
		6.00pm	SC	Evensong
19	Tues	12.45pm	SA	Light Group - Bible Study
20	Wed	7.30pm	Sw Lane	Reading Group
22	Fri	6.00pm	P	C4 Choir re-starts
23	Sat	9.30am		Elders Away Morning at St Nicolas' Church
		2.30pm	URCC	Classic Film
				CURC Elders
24	Sun	10.30am	P	Reverend Maz Allen Communion
				Followed by Elders Meeting
		10.30am	URCC	Rachel Tarling/Roy McBane Communion
		11.00am	SA	Worship Group
		6.00pm	SC	Evensong
26	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum

MARCH				
1	Fri	7.30pm	SC	Women's World Day of Prayer Service
2	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee and Bric a Brac
		2.30pm	URCC	Community Film
3	Sun	10.30am	P	Reverend Jacqui Hyde
		10.30am	SC	Family Worship
		11.00am	SA	Reverend Maz Allen <i>Communion</i>
		6.00pm	SC	Holy Communion
Weekly Meetings				
	Mon	9.30am	SA	Mah Jong
		10.00am	P	Urchins (<i>not summer holidays</i>)
		4.30pm	WH SC	Rainbows (<i>term time only</i>)
		5.30pm	WHCC	Brownies (<i>term time only</i>)
	Tues	10.00am	SA	Parents and Toddlers
		8.00pm	WH SC	House Group
	Wed	9.15am	SC	Little Shepherds (<i>term time only</i>)
		2.15pm	WH SC	Senior Club
		7.00pm	WH SC	Bellringing
	Thur	10.00am	SA	Coffee Bar
		3.30pm	URCC	"Toast" (<i>term time only</i>)
		5.30pm	WH SC	Beavers (<i>term time only</i>)
		6.00pm	WH SC	Brownies (<i>term time only</i>)
		6.45pm	WH SC	Cubs (<i>term time only</i>)
	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study House Groups (<i>term time only</i>)
	Sat	10.00am	SA	Coffee Bar