

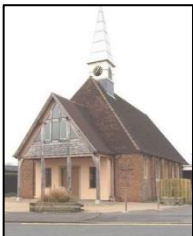
Cheltenham United Reformed Church



In Touch



March 2015



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

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Welcome to 'In Touch' -

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

St Andrew's United Reformed Church is in the Montpellier district of Cheltenham town centre. A former Presbyterian church founded in 1885, it became United Reformed on unification in 1972. Recent renovations now offer an impressive facility meeting the needs of 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 Hatherley and Warden Hill in the south of Cheltenham. Ministry is shared between the URC Minister, Rev Maz Allen, and members of the Anglican South Cheltenham Team Ministry with Rev Jacqui Hyde having responsibility for The Church in Warden Hill. 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

We remember those who have departed: It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of

Donald Scott on 13th January 2015, a longstanding member of Prestbury URC, and

Denham Russell-Smith on 28th January 2015, a longstanding member of St Andrew's URC.

We are invited to pray for:

- Tony Gledhill, Geoff Manser, Joyce Arnold
- The Family of Donald Scott, his wife Mary, children and grandchildren
- The Family of Denham Russell-Smith

Our Congratulations go to:

Anne Grant for winning a special merit award from Quantum Leap Poetry Magazine for her verses.

A Special Reminder

The Annual Pastorate Service is on 10th May at St Christopher's, Warden Hill, 10.30am. ALL WELCOME

The CURC Church Council Open Meeting(replaces CURC AGM) will be on 21st May at Warden Hill URC Centre, 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

Lyn's gift stall

Many thanks indeed to all the people over the many years who donated gifts for the stall. The time has now come for me to give it up. Many thanks again to all my providers. Morag is still running her jewellery stall and would welcome your donations as well as broken jewellery and jewellery boxes. Again, thank you.

Lyn

Our Minister Writes:

Dear Friends,

We seem to have been in the grip of sadness over the last few months, with the loss of dear friends. I pray that, as spring approaches, we can raise our heads to the light and thank God for the gifts he continues to pour on us – love, compassion, fellowship, forgiveness.

I spoke with someone recently who was desperate to end a relationship because she knew she was being manipulated and taken advantage of. However, she felt guilty that this course of action could, potentially, drive him to self-harm. A deeper conversation was needed with a professional (which certainly was not me!). However, it made me think: it is extremely difficult, sometimes, for us to stop projecting our fears onto another, instead of being honest about our own vulnerability. To be manipulated is to have one's freedom of choice taken away. Manipulation by one very often breeds guilt in the other.

Thank GOD we have a Saviour who has shown us the beauty and the rewards of holding each other in high esteem; of relishing freedom of choice because we *want* to respond to God's love for us. As we look towards spring, with Easter on the horizon, let us show compassion, not fear; grace, not anger. As Jesus taught us – rather than 'self-harm' our souls, let us LIVE!

Yours in Christ,

Maz

Women's World Day of Prayer Service:

Friday 6th March 7.30pm at St. Christopher's Church (TCiWH)

Everyone is welcome to a special service prepared this year by the women of the Bahamas, followed by refreshments organised by Mothers' Union Members.

Pam Dainton

Obituary: DONALD SCOTT

Donald Scott, elder and former treasurer of Prestbury URC, died on 13th January 2015.

Donald was born in London; the second of three children, starting work at 17 with the magnificently named Imperial Bank of Persia in the City.

In 1939 he was called up to the Navy and was posted to an anti-aircraft cruiser on Arctic convoy escort duty. In 1940 this ship was sunk in a Norwegian fjord. Donald left Norway on the last convoy out before the invasion which came under attack and the escorting carrier plus three destroyers were sunk with the loss of 1500 lives.

For the rest of the war he served on small anti-aircraft ships. He received a commission and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was mentioned in dispatches for returning to his post whilst injured on the Dieppe raid in 1942 (some shrapnel remained in his face for the rest of his life) and in June 1944 the ship he commanded was part of the D-Day Landings on Sword beach. Years later he took his family to see the church at Ouistreham which had a new spire; Donald confessed to having destroyed the original as it was being used by enemy snipers! He was transferred from the ship in September 1944 and it was later with great sadness that he learnt that most of the crew had been killed in the invasion of Holland.

After the war, Donald went back to the bank, to be posted to Baghdad where he learned to read, write and speak Arabic fluently. He later worked in Sharjah, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jeddah and Tripoli, unknown places at the time. Travelling about in a Ford truck, one day he took a wrong turn in Oman and encountered some unfriendly locals who saw him off with knives and rifles; fortunately his trusty truck was faster than they were! When he opened the new branch in Dubai he was the only foreigner in town!

Donald had met Audrey, his wife, during the war. Much of their courtship was of necessity done by post and he even proposed by letter. They married in 1949 spending their early married life in Beirut where they had three children, Penny, Paula and Nigel. Recalled to London, they lived in Bishops Stortford where they joined the Congregational Church.

Donald's love of the sea never deserted him; he built his own sailing boat in Essex and in retirement made a magnificent model of a sailing ship. In the early 1990s Donald and Audrey moved to Winchcombe, becoming members of Prestbury URC in 1992. As part of their Golden Wedding celebrations they donated the lovely tall wooden doors at the back of the church.

Sadly Audrey died in 2001, having been pre-deceased by Penny, but Donald found happiness again with Mary whom he married in 2004.

Even when dementia took its toll, Donald was as polite and considerate to all as he had always been. He was a true gentleman and a faithful friend. We will miss his ready smile, his humour and that ever present twinkle in his eye.

(A fuller version of Donald's eventful life is available from Fiona Hall at Prestbury.)

Gloucester Village/Community Agents

During the last year thousands of people over 50 were helped by:

- Having a free home safety check
- Receiving money they did not realise they were entitled to
- Being helped to stay independent in their own home
- Making use of the small homes repairs service
- Making new friends and getting involved in new social activities

Need advice and don't know where to turn? Then come along and meet

Sue Lawrence, your local Agent, who will be available on the
1st Wednesday of every month

from 11.00am in the Link Gallery at St Andrew's Church
to answer any questions you may have

The aim is to help older people in Gloucestershire feel more independent, secure and cared for.

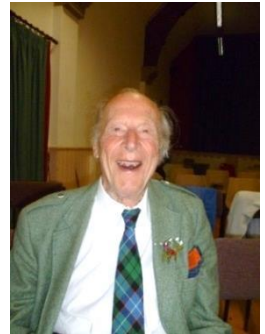
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Obituary: DENHAM RUSSELL-SMITH

Denham was born in Enfield, the oldest of four children. He suffered much ill-health when he was young and he did not enjoy either boarding school or college. Denham's first job was in the drawing office of de Havillands, where he cultivated precise and neat handwriting. Even though this was a reserved occupation during the war, Denham signed up with the RAF Reserves. After basic training, he sailed on the Queen Mary to the USA for pilot training in Oklahoma and in 1943 he got his wings. He has never spoken much about the war but he dropped food over Rotterdam and collected prisoners of war from Italy for repatriation. Denham rose to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

Following the end of the war, Denham joined A.C. Nielson, a market-research company in Oxford. He was there for nearly thirty years. Barbara was also working there and after courting for a year, they married in St. Michael's, Northgate, near the Martyr's Memorial! They lived in Walborough near Wallingford for twenty seven years. Edward, William and Penny were all born in Oxfordshire.

Denham retired in 1982. He and Barbara had a fancy for town life, so they moved to Cheltenham – first to Priors Street and then to Chargrove Lane. They became members of St. Andrew's in 1996. Barbara joined the Scottish Society and Denham thought she would soon tire of Scottish dancing. Instead, he joined too and has been a keen member ever since.



Many church friends were privileged to be invited aboard the GWR steam-train for Denham's 90th birthday in 2011.

He loved trains and all things mechanical. He was also a loyal member of Probus, the Air Crew Association and Tuesday Forum. The highlight of his week, however, was supermarket shopping. As soon as he had a trolley in his hands, he was off!! He was a very good cook and his rock cakes were famous.

Denham suffered a TIA and major stroke on 29th December 2014 and then developed pneumonia in hospital, passing away on 28th January 2015.

We will miss Denham's infectious smile and his devotion to God through his church. Our prayers are with Barbara and the family.

Maz

A Lent Course with a difference!

Where is God in...? Christian Responses to big issues

Join us on Thursday evenings. Each church in the South Cheltenham Team is hosting one evening. Meetings start at 7.30 pm and finish around 9 pm. There will be time for questions.

5th March 2015	Education - Janet Trotter St Philip & St James Church, Leckhampton
12th March 2015	The Environment - Helen Wolfson St Stephen's Church
19th March 2015	Health - Clair Chilvers St Christopher's Church, Warden Hill
26th March 2015	Immigration - Adele Owen Emmanuel Church, Naunton Park

With the General Election in May already centre stage in the media, this will give us a head-start to contacting the prospective candidates about our concerns. We have great speakers ready to give us up-to-date information on these important issues.
For further information, Rev Liz Mitchell, 01242 241 311

St Andrew's Community Café

St Andrew's URC, Montpellier Street

Open 9.30am-3.00pm Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Wednesday: Lunch Club – 12.30pm
(traditional 2 course meal for £3.50)

Thursday: Coffee Morning – 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Friday: Breakfast Club – 9.30am – 11.00am
(Full English breakfast, unlimited tea and coffee, £5)

Saturday: Lunch, cake and coffee

Providing opportunity, employment and training to young people in Cheltenham

Community Film

Saturday 28th March 2015
in Warden Hill URC Centre
at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)
(please note early start time)
Community.films@urcic.org.uk



Classic Film

Saturday 7th March 2015
in Warden Hill URC Centre
at 2.15pm (doors open at 2.00pm)
classic.films@urcic.org.uk

Both Events Free entry – Family and Friends welcome
Refreshments available

Quiz Results

Many thanks to all participants, particularly those who sold copies on our behalf and those who bought them. There are copies of the answers in the Link Gallery at St Andrew's. Fiona Hall has put the answers on the URCIC website.

The winners were Keith and Elvina Norcott who have very kindly given their £15 prize money back to the kitty, with the result we made £150 for church funds. Some people said the the quiz was hard – it was meant to be fun and keep folks amused over Christmas.

Was it too hard? Let us know what you think and we will make sure it is easier, if we do another.

Peter and Lyn Ricketts

Good News from Embu, Kenya

Our trip was a success! We were safe and well—apart from the coughs people took out with them—and all the arrangements went without a hitch.

The Izaak Walton Inn, our Embu accommodation, had upgraded us to better rooms, apparently because we were regular visitors. That was a good start! The next thing to thrill me was finding that our paint shop had invested in a paint-mixer! I cannot describe the thrill of being able to choose a colour that was neither magnolia nor royal blue. Although Kenyans actually like magnolia, we decided to have some fun and we painted two classroom walls bright red and two bright yellow. The kids loved it and eventually one of the nursery teachers asked for his desk to be painted red! This led to all the children’s chairs having to be painted too!



Second storey of staff houses

With your support, our team of 18 had raised £28,600. £24,000 of this went to our primary project—putting the second storey on two staff houses. We were delighted to find the building work completed and finishing touches being done in time for the Bishop to bless each room (including the bathroom!). Because we did not have to paint the staff houses, we decided to paint two nursery classrooms and the homework room, as these had not been touched in years. One of the rooms has nine wooden beds in it for the children to have an afternoon nap. The mattresses were so disgusting that they were thrown out and we bought new ones, plus pretty covers.

As always we buy shoes for each child/young adult (81 pairs) and for the first time I was struck by how grown up some of our youngsters are. A number are now attending college courses and we were approached by the girls to purchase some 'fashionable' underwear!! Also, Purity talked me into buying a more fashionable pair of shoes as she is on a hotel management course at the Izaak Walton. The home has been open for twenty years and some of the young people have been there for much of that time.



Purity and her 'cool' shoes



Jemima ready to pick up litter

There are always new children arriving, usually as referrals by Social Services, but also because St. Stephen's staff have spoken with street-children and encouraged them to 'come and see'. The day we arrived at St. Stephen's there was an environmental project going on and all the children (and some of our team) went into town to pick up litter. This was not only good for the environment, it also advertised the existence of the Home.

I had asked for donations for lunch boxes, but we were advised to buy drinking flasks for the primary children and watches for the secondary students. This we did, putting a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber with each, along with a toy or jewellery we had taken out with us.

I took some of the first-timers with me to visit our 2008 project, Jomo Kenyatta Red Cross Home for Physically Disabled Children. We had sent out money last year for them to complete the tiled flooring and fix the kitchen roof. We found all the work complete and in good order and we left a 50kg. sack of rice as our gift. Revd. Joan Winterbottom sponsors a child there, so we will always keep in touch.

The team also included six people who worked at Utugi Boys Home, having fundraised separately for this. Luckily, they had managed to procure a huge overseas grant from a company in Dubai, so they were able to pay for the second storey of the boys' dormitory that I was involved in building in 2004. Each group visited the other to see the work we were all involved with this trip.



Utugi—second storey to dorm

Bob Alger was keen to inspect the electrics of St. Stephen's and soon came up with a list of jobs for the electrician, including the provision of lights on the gates so that the night-watchman can feel more secure. They had just been attached to the gateposts when we left! Having spoken with the group about ideas for the 2016 project, Bob is keen that we re-wire the entire Home. I am not sure we can manage to raise the funds, but we have asked for a quote to be obtained.

Sadly, for me, Deaconess Jessie, who started the Home twenty years ago, retired while we were there and Revd. Mercy, the Bishop's wife, has taken over. I have to believe that she has the children's well-being at heart and I will follow the Home's progress keenly. I was delighted to meet up with my sponsor sons David (16) and Dennis(14). David is at a private primary school and has grown in confidence in the last two years. He even had the courage to ask me to dance at our party!! Dennis has a great sense of humour and enjoys looking after the cows at the Home's farm. Kenya's state teachers were on strike at the start of term (over pay) and so St. Stephen's was having to teach the children as best they could. Hopefully, everyone is now back in school.

I had two 'firsts' this trip: we had a pregnant woman on the team (Lorna Dewhurst from St. Andrew's, whose baby is due in March) and an engagement!



Rik and Rudi

Rik and Rudi, who live in Hull, got engaged at The Ark safari park on our last but one evening. We ordered a cake and the entire catering staff came along, singing and dancing, to their table. An engagement they will never forget. All in all, a wonderful trip and a wonderful team.

Thank you so much for supporting us both financially and in prayer. We knew we were upheld by prayer throughout our stay.

If you would like to join us next time, just let me know!!

Love Maz

Prestbury URC

Coffee Morning & Bric-a-Brac Sale

Please join us for our monthly coffee morning on Saturday 7th March at 10am - 12noon. As well as the legendary toasted teacakes there are books, cakes and a raffle. Our March Coffee Morning will be combined with a sale of various types of items but all in good condition, so if you have anything you would like to donate please contact Fiona Hall prestbury@urcic.org.uk

C4 - Rehearsals Begin & Children Needed

C4 CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Will begin rehearsals for

PIRATES V. MERMAIDS

On Friday 13th March at 6pm

Prestbury URC

Yrs. 1-6 warmly invited.

Prestbury URC AGM - Sunday 22 March

The Church AGM will take place after our service on Sunday 22 March. All are welcome to attend this important meeting where we will review the past year and talk of plans for the future.

QI GONG

At St Andrew's With **LIDA VLČEK**

NEXT SESSIONS: 5th, 19th, 26th March 2015

at 12.15 pm

Cost £5.00 per session

New members welcome

call Lida 01242 233949 lida@blueyonder.co.uk

St. Andrew's

A New Scheme for the Flower Rota 2015

Due to a drop in the number of Flower Arrangers and Distributors, it has been decided that we have a trial scheme to allow arrangers to volunteer for the Sundays that they can do throughout the year. If we have blank spaces on the Rota we will use an artificial arrangement. A sheet will therefore go up on the board, similar to the Thursday morning coffee Rota, and we would urge arrangers to fill in what they can manage.

In the past it has been about five Sundays a year per person.

Of course we would always welcome new arrangers to the team, even just for one Sunday, perhaps to commemorate a particular anniversary or event.

Donations for Flowers are always most welcome.

A book for suggestions of people who would welcome flowers from the church will be in my pigeon-hole

With grateful thanks to all who help.

Barbara Macgregor

Tell us about THE TUESDAY FORUM

We have recently asked church members to help us assess whether any changes could be made that might make the Tuesday Forum more accessible and attract new regular members. For various reasons regular attendances have declined over the last couple of years. If you have handed in a completed questionnaire, thank you, but if you still have it somewhere behind the clock or in a "pending" tray, we would love to hear from you. Similarly please have a chat if you have the chance with any committee member, or any regular Forum-goer come to that. Apart from the obvious reason for wanting new members, to maintain the Forum's viability, we have a variety of good speakers on interesting topics that would surely appeal to a wider audience. So any views you would like to pass on will be appreciated.

Unfortunately we had to make changes in our January and February programmes. On 10 February Maz Allen reported on the recent Kenya visit, so Bill Cowie's talk on "Daffodils" has been held over to a future date.

Forum secretary

The Cold War Link to Church Sermons

I'm not much of a one for history. After all, it's all in the past, isn't it? However I do remember one or two dates, like 1066, 1914, 1945. There is another one though that is all the rage at the moment. I was reminded of it the other day as I was having coffee, reading the newspaper and listening to the radio, multi-tasking as is my wont. 1215! No, not lunch time, the year 1215. You know, King John and the Barons, or was it the Byrons or the Brians or some such bunch of villains, or vileyns: sorry couldn't resist it! Most of the Magna Carta has been airbrushed out, but it's still a significant date in history. Unlike 1951, an equally significant date for some of us, for in August 1951 yours truly became involved in the Cold War. Frightening, isn't it!? Took another forty years to sort that lot out, but you can't blame me for that. After all, I did my best, you know. Oh yes, hush-hush work in the Royal Signals and even husher-hush work in the Intelligence Corps. In fact it was so hush-hush I had no idea what I was doing. But at last the real truth about what I didn't know I was doing can be told, by me, **Keith Norcott on 10th March talking about "My Part in the Cold War"**.

Staying with the Cold War for a moment, it did produce some very memorable speeches and one-liners, didn't it? Khrushchev's "we will bury you", Reagan's "loony tunes" quip, Thatcher's "we can do business with him" and so on. Sermons can be a bit like that, can't they, memorable or forgettable, good or bad, invigorating or anaesthetic? A friend of mine once fell so deeply asleep during a sermon, when he woke up everyone had gone home. A powerful sermon, but not what the preacher intended. Sermons with funny stories? These days we're allowed to laugh in church, but in earlier days sermons were serious business, funny stories were not to be laughed at. Well, we shall learn something about **"Sermons Good and Bad," with John Beardsley on Tuesday 24th March**. Notice I didn't say "by" or "from" John Beardsley. These days we've got them down to twenty minutes or so rather than two hours, although sometimes twenty minutes seems like two hours. No doubt John has an explanation; might even mention the Barons or the Byrons or the Brians.

Keith Norcott

Wednesday Women

The next meeting will be on 4th March. The evening will be a meal in a local restaurant using promotional vouchers. Meet at St Andrew's 7.30pm. All welcome.

Elspet Carter

St Andrew's Charity for March: 'OPEN THE BOOK'

Open the Book is now well established as a means of giving primary school children contact with the Bible and some of its stories. As a charity it relies not only on donations but also on volunteers – an equally valuable resource. All volunteer groups use the same three-year programme that provides specially designed texts, which are arranged in a planned sequence for use on a day each week agreed with the school. The same group visits the same school each week and presents a Bible story in dramatic form. After reading through the scripted story, a director and narrator are chosen and parts allocated. Plans have to be made for costumes and props, and even portable bits of scenery. In addition to the cast there may be parts the children can play, so costumes and props must be arranged for them too. On the appointed day the cast and their gear will be transported to the school and the little drama will be played out as part of the school assembly.

Several classes, amounting to a three-figure audience, will be entertained for some 10-15 minutes with a graphic re-telling of a Bible story. And that could be the first time some of the children have had any contact with the Bible. In an audience of 5-7 year-olds there is always plenty of enthusiasm to take part, and it is very clear that they enjoy doing it. Generally audiences are attentive and appreciative. Indeed they are disappointed if for some reason there is no 'Open the Book' visit.

Feedback is universally positive, from children, teachers and parents. The volunteer "actors" themselves also derive a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from the weekly sessions, content that the children are enjoying some exposure to the Bible, its stories and the underlying messages they contain.

Concerts at St Andrew's

- Music Junction, 7 March, 7.30pm
- Music Junction, 14 March, 7.30pm
- Lilliput, for the under 5's, 16 March, 10.00am
- University of Gloucester Student Orchestra, 24 March 7.30pm
- English Touring Opera, 9 April. 12noon

Eco Church

- We raised £29.29 from recycling inkjet cartridges. Thanks to everyone who brought in their used cartridges. Please keep them coming.
- We have a cable recycling box in the Link Gallery again, courtesy of Vision 21. This proved very popular following our Green Fair last year so do bring in any unwanted computer cables etc and make good use of the box whilst it's with us.

Carol Drummond

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.



OFFERED:

- Large navy suitcase approx 27"x18"x10.5" deep with wheels and pull out handle as well as normal grips. Contact Wendy Outram
- B&D mains rotary lawn mower (Tony Jeans)
- B&D mains hedge trimmer plus power cable (Tony Jeans)

The Church in Warden Hill

LEP Anniversary

On Sunday 18th January 2015 at the URC Centre we celebrated five years of the Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Anglican church of St Christopher's and the United Reformed Church in Warden Hill. Thanks to Jan Cox for the lovely cake, which Jimmy Brett cut during the service and we enjoyed during coffee afterwards. This was a great time to reflect on our shared work and to launch our next phase of having our Sunday morning services at St Christopher's and some new events at the URC.

Remember to share your thoughts and ideas with others, including Church Council Members, about how things are going!

Rolly Forster

Senior Club at Warden Hill

Heather Peacey visited us on January 21st. Her subject was “Butter Making”. She was born on a farm and her grandmother always made her own butter. Heather helped her from an early age. This was at a time when large wooden churns were used. Heather used a smaller edition, a large glass butter jar with a handle on top, which she had rescued from grandma’s dairy. Cream was churned until it turned into butter curds and buttermilk. Heather then put a muslin cloth on the table, spread the mixture onto it and squeezed the buttermilk out. She then sprinkled a small amount of salt on to flavour it. Using her grandma’s original butter pats the butter was shaped into a rectangle and she then used a very old roller to make a decorative pattern on the top. Heather then produced a crusty loaf so that we could all try the butter. She cut the knobies [crusts] off the loaf and everyone agreed it was so good. We all had a second slice and enough butter had been churned for everyone to take a pat home.

Sheila Parry

Senior Club Programme for March 2015 at 2.15pm

Date	Subject	Speaker
4 th March	Bingo	
11 th March	St. Kilda	Iain Willox
18 th March	Ukulele Phil & Friends	
25 th March	Strippers & Grinders	Fiona Hall

Mothers' Union – St Christopher's Branch

There will be no meeting on 3rd March but there will be a Service at St. Christopher’s for the Women’s World Day of Prayer on **Friday 6th March** at 7.30 p.m.

A full report of our February meeting will be in the Lantern magazine.

Gardening Club

A full programme has been arranged for the next few months to include the Spring Competition, a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning and a possible visit to Hereford. Fuller details will be in the Lantern.

'In Touch' Editor's page

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Diary for March 2015

Tue	3	7.15pm	TLS Course	Broadway URC
		8.00pm	Bible Study House Group	St Christopher's
Wed	4	7.30pm	Wednesday Women	St Andrew's
Thu	5	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
		2.00pm	Prayer Group	St Christopher's
Fri	6	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	St Christopher's
Sat	7	10.00am	Bric-a-Brac Sale & Coffee Morning	Prestbury URC
		2.15pm	Classic Film Show	Warden Hill URCC
Tue	10	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	Garden Room
Fri	13	6.00pm	C4 rehearsals start	Prestbury URC
Mon	16		Footsloggers	
Tue	17	7.15pm	TLS Course	Broadway URC
Thu	19	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
SUN	22		Church AGM	Prestbury URC
Tue	24	2.30pm	Tuesday Forum	Garden Room
Thu	26	12.15pm	Qi Gong	St Andrew's
		7.30pm	Gardening Club	Warden Hill
Sat	28	2.15pm	Community Film Show	Warden Hill URCC
SUN	29		PALM SUNDAY	

Diary for April 2015

Thu	2		MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Fri	3		GOOD FRIDAY	
Sat	4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Prestbury URC
SUN	5		EASTER DAY	

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Regular Weekly Events 2015

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9.30am-3.00pm	Community Bistro	St Andrew's
9.15am	Little Shepherds	St Christopher's**
12.30pm	St Andrew's Lunch Club	St Andrew's
2.15pm	Senior Club	St Christopher's
7.00pm	Bellringing	St Christopher's

Thursday

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

Friday

9.30am-11.00am	Breakfast Club	St Andrew's
9.30am-3.00pm	Community Bistro	St Andrew's
10.30am	Bible Study Group	Cleeve Hill Home**
6.00pm	C4 Childrens Choir	Prestbury URC**
6.15pm	TCiWH Choir Practice	St Christopher's

Saturday

9.30am-3.00pm	Community Bistro	St Andrew's
10.00am-12.00noon	Christian Bookshop	St Andrew's

** Term time only

Church Services

St Andrew's URC

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

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

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

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

Weekdays

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