

Dear Friends,

At the heart of Christian worship is the call to remember: to remember who God is and where God has been in our lives and in the whole of history. It is there too in the very call of Christ, 'do this in remembrance of me'.

In that remembering we celebrate the gifts that we now enjoy and treasure: gifts of freedom, justice, peace and truth. The past that we remember allows us to value ever more deeply the present in which we live. Our prayers for the past and the present demand a future that is rooted in experiences that have been shared.

November is the month we remember the fallen in battle. Remembrance Day began as a day on which to remember the dead of the First World War. In time those of the Second World War were added to those remembered, and gradually those who have died in more recent conflicts such as Northern Ireland, Korea, the Falklands, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan have been remembered. There has, in fact, been only one year since 1945 in which no one was killed on active service. This was 1968. As we remember, let us continue to pray for peace in our world:

*Risen, reigning Christ,
In you past, present and future are
Brought together in one great hope.
Renew our faith in you,
So that the past may not hinder us,
Nor the present overwhelm us,
Or the future frighten us.
You have brought us this far,
Continue to lead us until our hope is fulfilled
And we join with all God's people
In never-ending praise;
For your name's sake. Amen.*

(2002 CTBI)

Yours in Christ,

Maz

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM

In Memorium: Our prayers: we hold in our prayers those for whom we are concerned: Margaret Coulthurst, Sadie Smyth, Jack Garside, George Spence, Alice Brown, George Spence, Lorna Dewhurst, Diana Miles, and Jane Theophilus.

Congratulations:

To Denham Russell Smith who celebrates his 90th birthday on the 22nd of November.

Remembrance:

Flowers were given by Hanne Lambley and displayed in the church at St Andrew's in remembrance of her dear husband, Donald Lambley, who died a year ago.



A Letter from Norman Biggs who now lives in London

I greatly appreciated Maz's kind words published in last month's 'In Touch' but cannot let her reference to the 2001/2002 redevelopment pass without comment. Someone must have painted an exaggerated picture of my role in the project.

Glyn Jenkins shared his vision for the future development of our buildings with the church and many people responded, giving generously of their time, talents and money. It was truly a team effort and everyone worked together so happily. With the excellent further work carried out in the last twelve months, St. Andrew's now has premises that look pristine and well-cared for both outside and inside. That is a splendid advertisement for the church.

My thanks go to all those who signed the card and others who wrote personal messages. The delicious cake was a complete surprise and I was embarrassed that I was not present to cut it!

It has been a privilege to have been a member for eighteen years and I am deeply grateful for the warmth of the fellowship. The URCh will remain in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May God bless all who come through the doors. *Norman Biggs*

WORSHIP

St Andrew's November Communion Retiring Offering: Sue Ryder

From small beginnings in 1953 as the Sue Ryder Foundation, then Sue Ryder Care, what is now simply Sue Ryder, has grown to be a partner in international health and social care projects in Europe and Africa. It is a charity that is so well known that it hardly needs an introduction. Sadly, there are few among us who have not known or do not know someone who has “gone into the Sue Ryder.”

The Sue Ryder mission, in their own words, is to “provide compassionate care services to people with long term and end-of-life needs.” Palliative care is provided in hospices and care centres, and increasingly now in people's own homes, embracing family, friends and carers as well. Cancer, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's disease and stroke are just some of the conditions covered by Sue Ryder.

There are over 9,000 volunteers engaged in this work and specialist medical and psychological help is provided where needed.

This month we ask you to remember those known to you who have been helped, or are being helped by Sue Ryder, and make a communion offering for the work of a charity that does so much for sufferers and their families.

Since 2007, Sue Ryder has also been running its Prisoner Volunteer Programme, which has so far placed 400 prisoners in Sue Ryder shops which are an important part of the fund raising programme; a programme that needs to raise over £13 million a year at today's costs to keep the organisation going.

More information can be obtained from the website www.sueryder.org or from the Sue Ryder itself in Leckhampton.

A Workshop on Children's Work will be held on **Saturday 19th November** at Warden Hill URC. Led by Chris Burgham. Starting at 9.30am to 12.30pm. It is for ALL who work with children, to work out our strategy for children's work in the future.

Services at St Andrew's

Reminder of the singing practice on **Sunday 20th November** - 10:50am at St Andrews. Do come early and announce your choice of hymn to practice.

Short Courses:

'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat!'

This short course continues Tuesday. 8th, 15th, 22nd November from 2pm- to 3.30pm at The Church in Warden Hill (URC).

Advent Course

Join us for four sessions, beginning:

Tuesday 29th November 2pm-3.30pm, The Church in Warden Hill (URC)

Tues.29th Nov.7.30pm - 9.00pm at Emmanuel Church, Leckhampton or

Wed.30th Nov.7.30pm - 9.00pm at St. Andrew's URC

Maz

Get Into The Picture - Thursday 1st December - St Andrew's from 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Following last year's success, there will again be a 'live' nativity scene outside St. Andrew's to coincide with Montpellier late-night opening. I am looking for volunteers to dress up and form the nativity tableau. Four other churches in the central area also take part. Help between 7.30pm – 8pm would be gratefully received. Please contact me

Maz

Letter received from Captains Steve & Mel Smith of The Salvation Army

Re-Harvest Gifts at St Andrew's

On behalf of the Salvation Army, I would like to express sincere thanks to the congregation for their generosity in donating items of food and the gift of £12.82 from the Harvest Festival to us.

These donations will be used to help provide food parcels to individuals and families in need at Christmas and throughout the year.

Please convey our thanks to all those who helped in any way.

Captains Steve & Mel Smith, Church Leaders

URC in CHELTENHAM MORNING PRAYERS

First Tuesday of the month, 10.30am at St Christopher's

2nd to 4th Tuesdays, 11.30am – 12noon at Warden Hill URC

25 Oct (30 Oct)	Joshua 3:7-17 Matthew 23:1-12	Hesters Way area, Churches, Schools and College Edinburgh Place, St Silas (Network Crafts) Churches Together in England Prayers for the World
1 Nov (6 Nov)	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Matthew 25:1-13	Golden Valley, Fiddlers Green areas, Churches and Schools GCHQ, Christian Aid (Commitment for Life) Prayers for the World
8 Nov (13 Nov)	Judges 4:1-7 Matthew 25:14-30	Staverton area, Churches and Schools Airport and industries Remembrance Sunday, victims of war The Church Council Prayers for the World
15 Nov (20 Nov)	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25:31-46	Churchdown area, Churches and Schools RAF Innsworth The World Council of Churches Members who have moved away Prayers for the World
22 Nov (27 Nov)	Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37	Coombe Hill/Tewkesbury areas, Churches and Schools Knightsbridge Nursing Home, Newly baptised Prayers for the World
29 Nov (4 Dec)	Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8	Brockworth area, Churches and Schools Pilot groups Church Bible Study groups Prayers for the World

Where do you Find God

Last month, I asked for photos, poems, Bible references, prose...anything that expresses where or how you recognise the presence of God. It may be a mountain view or a particular piece of music. Whatever it is, I would like to make a display in each of our churches so that user-groups and visitors can realise that God is part of their lives too.

So far, I have received **not one submission** from any of you. Just a brief explanation with your photo etc. is all that is required. PLEASE make an effort. Hand to me or to an Elder. Thank you.

Maz

Please note: there will be no monthly evening 6.00pm service at St Andrew's until May.

Maz

“All Souls Service”

On **6th November** there will be an All Souls Service at St. Christopher's at 6.00pm. This is to remember those who have passed on during the last year and their names are read out. Please see page 10 for more details.

Reading Group

The next meeting of the Reading Group will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November at Prestbury URC. The book is "Trade Winds' by Christine Courtenay. The book is based on the Swedish East India Companies first journey to the Far East in 1732.



New members are always welcome. If anyone would like to find out more about the group please contact Mary Cummings

Articles:

The Autumn Synod Meeting - Marcus Dann and Ann Lewis

The autumn synod meeting was held this year at the 'Holiday Inn', Birmingham on Friday/Saturday 7th / 8th October. Part of the working theme for discussion was titled 'Vision4Mission'.

Friday Eve

The meeting opened with an address given by Revd Dr Michael Jagessar - secretary for Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministry Moderator, on the Outlook of the Church and how to take Vision and Faith to grow and how we see ourselves in the future. The address was followed by worship and prayer with the minister, Lucy Brierley.

During the evening we were given three choices of groups to follow.

Ann Lewis and I chose to team up with Elaine Hutchinson's who is the Retail Chaplain for the centre of Birmingham. The time with Elaine comprised a 2½ hour tour of many clubs and shop outlets to show us how the outreach program was growing with people that needed prayer and support in their particular area of town.

Saturday

Morning prayers and mission pledges were shown on the Screen with a statement of Mission and Purpose, Spirituality and Prayer, Community Partnerships and Church Growth.

There were 16 mission stream approaches to choose i.e. from small churches, busy churches, a radical welcome, to a growing deep and wide approach in mission.

Our choice 'Small Churches' and 'More than Gold' was our focus.

The small churches approach proved very interesting; to hear those at small churches talk on their ability to pull together and to support one another. Moderator Val Morrison said "a Focus Building and Plan drives these churches on to dream dreams".

The 'More than Gold – the Olympics', 2000 Churches have signed up to support this event from getting ready to run a moment for Mission and Outreach to these churches. This was helped by Tradecraft Church packs, Coffee, and the Big Screen in our own church.

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Watch this space for welcome posters and the need for volunteers. The URC may also need a Representative for this, 'More than Gold', mission.

The final Synod Critical Business was held at 3.15pm with the main topics: The Westminster College Appeal to go-ahead, passed by those present, and the Finance and Property meeting. The meeting ended at 4.15pm

Marcus Dann and Ann Lewis

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Birthday Teas at the Manse

I have been asked to hold these again and invite all with birthdays in the relevant months to share in tea and cakes at 19 The Oaks, Up Hatherley. 3pm – 5pm.

Oct, Nov, Dec. birthdays – 5th NOVEMBER 2011

Please note change of date.

Jan, Feb, March birthdays – 25th FEBRUARY 2012

Apr, May, June birthdays – 9th JUNE 2012

Kenya Projects (UK) 28th December 2012 – 11th January 2013

I am looking for 35 people to share this wonderful experience with me.

A third of the places are already taken!

Minimum age 15 unless travelling with a relative. You should be reasonably fit, able to cope with heat, love getting covered in paint and meeting fabulous children! Travel insurance is your responsibility.

The trip costs £1,500 inclusive.

See me for an application form.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!!

Maz

Christian Aid - November 5th - Autumn Fair (St Andrews)

Our next big event will be the Autumn Fair on Nov 5th at St Andrews URC church in Montpellier. Please put this in your diary now -see also page 19 for details.

As last year it is a very important event as we have not yet raised all of the £5,000.00 we are committed to raising for our Zimbabwe project.

Zimbabwe Project Details:

It has been found that European Funding designated for Third World Relief is best channelled by using known relief agencies that are already working on the ground in designated areas. One of the accepted relief agencies is Christian Aid.

One of the areas where Christian Aid has been working is among poor farmers in Matabeleland in the south of Zimbabwe. Aid is given directly in this area through Christian Aid Partners, not through the Zimbabwean Government agencies.

So what exactly is the challenge we have accepted? We have agreed to raise, before July 2013, an additional £5000. That's the hard bit! But the good news is that for every £5000 we raise the European Commission will add £45,000.00

No, I have not got my decimal points in the wrong place, this is the actual situation. The European Commission will add 9 fold funding.



CHRISTIAN AID AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday November 5th
10.00am - 1.30pm.

at St Andrew's Church, Montpellier, Cheltenham.

Stalls...Coffee...Ploughman's Lunches (£4.00)

Free Entry. All are welcome.

News from the Church in Warden Hill

“All Souls Service”

On Sunday **6th November** there will be an All Souls Service at St. Christopher’s at 6pm. This is to remember those who have passed on during the last year and their names are read out. All are welcome especially if you know someone who has died in the last year or so. If you would like someone to be mentioned in the service please let Brian Miles know.

“Community Films” at Warden Hill

The Community Film show on **12th November** will be ‘The Tourist’. See page 22 for more details.

“Pudding and Quiz Evening”

To help raise funds towards the St. Christopher’s 50th celebration fund and especially the window etching, we are holding a Pudding and Quiz Evening on **Saturday 12th November**. 6.30pm till 9.30pm in the URC at Warden Hill. See page 22 for more details.

“Christmas Fair” at St Christopher’s on **Saturday 26th November** from 11.00am to 2.00pm. To include Tea, Coffee, Lunches, and stalls etc. Debbie Cypher is organising this event so if you want more details please speak to her, I am sure she would welcome more help.

“Carol Supper”

The annual Supper will be held on **Monday 5th December** at Warden Hill starting at 7.00pm. See page 26 for more details.

“Christingle Service”

This year the service is at St. Christopher’s and will be held on **Sunday 11th December** at 4.00pm. All are welcome to this service. See page 26 for more details.

News from Prestbury

Seasonal Sale Saturday 5th November from 10.30am –12.30pm

Shop early for Christmas at our annual winter seasonal sale; Books, Jewellery, Cakes, Cards, Baubles, Gifts and all things Christmassy as well as a Tombola, Raffle and Coffees & Teas. There will be Pottery, Phoenix Cards, Aloe Vera products, jewellery and much more. Just as a reminder, Pat Barnett will also be running her ‘gently worn’ jewellery stall - so if you have any to donate , please contact Fiona

Remembrance Sunday 13th November

As is our custom we shall gather as a village at the War Memorial at 10.40am on Remembrance Sunday to share in the annual Act of Remembrance. It is the second Sunday of the month so there will be no service at the URC but all of us will be made most welcome at St Mary’s to worship together as one community on this special day.

Coffee and sherry will be available after the service.

Fiona

News from St Andrew's

Quiz evening

This event, held on the 8th October, at St Andrew's, raised £200 for the redevelopment fund and we believe, a good and amusing time was had by all. As usual there were no pop, soap or sports questions and no really difficult ones.

Many thanks to all who came and particularly to Tim and Dorothy Odell and Helen Smith for their generous help.

Given there is sufficient support for another event we will hold another quiz in the spring when the light evenings have returned. We would hope for a lot more participants to come along and enjoy themselves. If you came and enjoyed the evening please encourage others to come. If you didn't attend, come and give us a try, make up tables of six or join others on arrival, a pleasurable fun evening is assured. In any event we would welcome suggestions for the evening.

Lyn & Peter Ricketts

Christian Aid - Saturday 5th November - Autumn Fair (St Andrew's)

Our next big event will be the Autumn Fair on November 5th at St Andrew's URC church in Montpellier. Please see details on Pages 9 and 19.

Michaelmas Fair - Saturday 12th November (St Andrew's)

You may have spotted in last month's edition of "In Touch" that, this year, we have decided to have a Michaelmas Fair, instead of our traditional Christmas event. This is because we found that there were several other events taking place on our usual date, and on all the other Saturdays near to Christmas. We chose November 12th as there is a big race meeting that day, and there are sure to be several extra visitors in the town.

We shall be holding all the usual stalls, such as Books, Morag's Jewellery, Forum Cakes, the Ricketts' Gifts etc. etc., but Father Christmas will probably give us a miss! However, there will be some stalls and activities for children.

The doors open at 10.00am, to reveal a multitude of attractive stalls. Most of the stalls will be in the Link Gallery and Montpellier Hall, but there is a cunning plan to have a stall outside, protected by a gazebo, from whence will be sold tempting hot dogs to passing race-goers. Of course, the more traditional and festive refreshments will be available inside, as usual.

Please bring your friends, families and neighbours.

Delicious snacks will be available, so you will be able to stay with us until we close, at 1.30pm.

Contributions for the various stalls will be most welcome. We particularly need good prizes for the tombola, and for the adults', "Lucky Dip". An idea from Joan is to fill a jam/pickle jar with anything, from sweets, paper clips, cotton wool balls or even, pickles!. Please disguise it with fancy wrapping paper and, possibly, a pretty bow. These will be displayed next to the children's Lucky Dip with a charge of 50 pence a go!. See page 21 for more poster details.

If you have any suggestions for an innovative fund raising stall, please let Joan Thomson know so that possible space can be found for you.

We are pleased to announce that our Talents scheme is producing good results; and the recent quiz, which was devised by the Ricketts, raised £200. Also, the Scottish Society gave us a generous donation of £400, for which we are most grateful.

Ann Lewis and Joan Thomson



Changing the world one gift at a time

This is the freecycle page that will appear in each issue of In Touch.

If you have something that you no longer want that might be useful to someone else, then send a description of the article to the Magazine Editor along with your name and telephone number and if anyone is interested they will contact you. There is no money involved just goods change hands e.g.

Freecycle

Eco Church – Reclaim Vision 21’s furniture recycling scheme Open Monday to Saturdays - 10.00am-4.00pm

Reclaim redistributes good quality, reusable, household items, including furniture and electrical items (i.e. fridges/freezers/washing machines/tvs etc, etc), to people in Gloucestershire. (The Reclaim warehouses also home Community Repaint - a project which welcomes unwanted re-useable paint and redistributes to the community for a small donation!)

Practical Information on donating items:

SOFAS - Needs original, attached, GREEN FIRE LABEL - Needs to be clean and tidy - Base to be in good condition – i.e. spring not damaged

BEDS - Needs original, attached, GREEN FIRE LABEL - Needs to be clean and tidy

Bed/mattress springs not coming through - Not ripped, to be in good condition

TABLES/CHAIRS/WARDROBES - Clean and tidy – not damaged i.e. not scratched or broken

WHITE GOODS - Seals must work - Must be emptied - Must be clean and tidy

COOKERS - To be in working order - To be clean and tidy - To be disconnected

OTHER ELECTRICAL ITEMS i.e. STEREOS, TV, DVD PLAYER, HOOVER, TABLE LAMPS, STANDARD LAMPS ARE WELCOMED

RECLAIM IS UNABLE TO TAKE COMPUTERS OR POWER TOOLS.

There is no charge for our collections, but a financial donation would be gratefully received and allow us to continue to help those in need in Cheltenham. www.vision21.org.uk

Luxury coloured Acrilan rug (approx 2 metre square) Contact Kate Alger

Cakes for Thursday and Saturday Stalls at St Andrew's

We urgently need more delicious cakes for our coffee mornings. If you do not want to have the responsibility of working in the kitchen, or behind the counter, might you be willing to bake the occasional sponge or fruit cake? There is also a need for cakes for our stall, which will be held on the first Saturday of each month. If you feel able to help, in this way, could you please speak to Alison Stagg or Margaret Harmsworth. We receive a much needed steady income from these stalls. Thank you, in anticipation.

Foodbank, Cheltenham – Emergency Food for Local People in Crisis

1 in 5 People are living below the Poverty Line in UK.

Today in Cheltenham there are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill – can mean going hungry. Every day parents skip meals to feed their children and people are forced to choose between paying the rent and eating.

Cheltenham foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

Step 1 – Non perishable food is donated by the public.

Step 2 – Volunteers sort and pack food into emergency food boxes

Step 3 – Frontline care professionals such as doctors and social workers give foodbank vouchers to people in crisis

Step 4 – Foodbank vouchers are exchanged for 3 days of food at a foodbank

Step 5 – Foodbanks take time to listen and signpost clients to further support

A Gift of Food does more than just fill empty stomachs!

Foodbanks help to prevent family breakdown, housing loss, crime and mental health problems. Foodbank also takes time to listen and signpost people to further support.

Cheltenham foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network. This helps local churches and communities to open foodbanks, providing emergency food to thousands of people nationwide every year.

www.trusselltrust.org/foodbank-projects

At St Andrew's there will soon be a box in the Link Gallery for non perishable food items, items to be donated for Foodbank by the Elim Pentecostal Church.

The non perishable items wanted are listed below.

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta/rice
- Beans/Spagetti in sauce
- Tomatoes/pasta sauce
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned fish
- Rice pudding/custard
- Sponge Pudding
- Biscuits
- Sugar
- Instant mash
- Tea or coffee
- Juice
- Milk UHT / powder
- Treat for children

Pensioners' Forum

at

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

Programme for 2011

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

You are invited to the following Talks 11.00am – 12 noon

Wednesday 2nd November **Eyes - Macular Degeneration**
Macular Disease Society

Wednesday 7th December **Dental Hygiene for the over 60's**
Tim Eldridge, Dentist

FREE ENTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME

Coffee Bar open from 10.30am – 12 noon

Coffee/Tea 50p

EVENTS

November:

Wednesday 2nd November - Pensioners' Forum - St Andrew's at 11.00am - Subject: – Eyes (Macular Degeneration)

Last month Don Kempster, gave a talk about Neighbourhood Watch Gloucestershire, one of the safest places in the country to live, but crime does still happen. The public plays a vital role in helping the police to reduce crime and Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved.

It is a proven fact that neighbourhoods covered by a Watch scheme are less likely to become victims of burglary. This is backed by insurance companies who often give a discount on household insurance policies for members of active Neighbourhood Watch schemes that are registered with the police.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime.
- Help and reassure those in fear of crime.
- Encourage neighbourly communities

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are community initiatives supported by the police, but not run by them. A scheme is run by its members through a voluntary co-ordinator – resident in the area – who acts as a voice for the community and has a link with the police and other organisations. If you are interested in starting your own Neighbourhood Watch contact the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01242 276256.

This month we have a talk on **Macular Degeneration** which is the most common cause of visual impairment in the developed world. In the UK around 250,000 people are registered as visually impaired because of MD.

The talk will be given by Genevieve Matley of the local Macular Disease Society. This is Genevieve's second visit and is well versed on the subject being a sufferer herself.

Coffee bar will be open from 10am and talk will begin at 11am, see you there.

Ann Lewis

Wednesday 2nd November - Wednesday Women - Prestbury URC at 7.30pm. Craft night for the WW Christmas stall.

Thursday 3rd November - Qi Gong -St Andrew's at 11.30am. £4 per session.



Christian Aid and Autumn Fair

**Saturday November 5th November
10.00am – 1.30pm**

**at St Andrew's Church, Montpellier,
Cheltenham**

**Gifts Stalls – Book Stalls –Grocery & Preserves
– Cakes**

Coffee – Ploughman's Lunches (£4.00)

Free Entry All Welcome

Saturday 5th November - Seasonal Fair – Prestbury URC -10.30am - 12.30pm

Come along and stock up for Christmas – stalls for gifts, cards and decorations. Also jewellery, books, Tombola, Raffle and Cakes – and much, much more.

Pat Barnett's jewellery stall was very busy at our last sale and she would like more donations of gently-worn items to replenish her stocks. Contact Fiona

PRESTBURY SEASONAL FAIR

Saturday 5th November

10.30am – 12.30pm

Christmas Presents, Decorations, Wrapping,
Prestbury Cards, Prestbury Cook Book,
Cakes, Tombola, Raffle, Book Stall, Usborne Books,
Phoenix Cards
Coffees & Teas



Saturday 12th November - Michaelmas Fair - St. Andrew's from 10am to 1.30pm. All are invited.



MICHAELMAS FAIR

St. Andrew's Montpelier

SATURDAY 12th. November

Doors open 10.00am

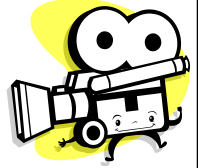


FREE

ENTRY!

Start your Christmas Shopping NOW!

Community Film Show



Saturday 12th November

Warden Hill URC

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

Film - 'The Tourist (Cert 12) '
(Jonny Depp & Angelina Jolie)

The film show for December is booked for 17th December, we will know the film title nearer the time.

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome
Refreshments available

Saturday 12th November - Pudding & Quiz Evening - in the URC at Warden Hill from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. To help raise funds towards the St. Christopher's 50th celebration fund and especially the window etching.

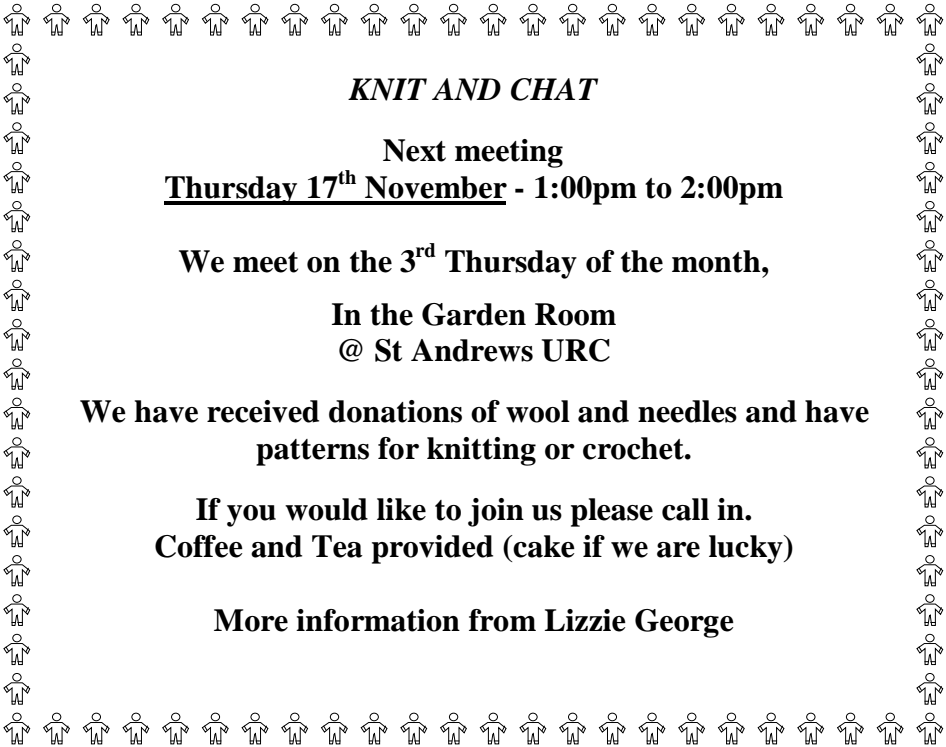
Tickets are £5 each available from Sheila Parry, Debbie Cypher or John Hutton or by emailing tickets@tciwh.org.uk. If anyone would like to help on the evening or donate a pudding please let either Debbie Cypher or Sheila Parry know.

Monday 14th November - Footsloggers Walking Group.



The walk will be led by Roger and Breda Little. Meet at 9.45am for 10am start at the car park of the Swan Inn, on the A38 at Coombe Hill, for a five mile walk on fairly flat ground, gently undulating in places.





KNIT AND CHAT

Next meeting
Thursday 17th November - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month,

**In the Garden Room
 @ St Andrews URC**

**We have received donations of wool and needles and have
 patterns for knitting or crochet.**

**If you would like to join us please call in.
 Coffee and Tea provided (cake if we are lucky)**

More information from Lizzie George

**Saturday 19th November - A Workshop on Children's Work. Led by
 Chris Burgham. Starting at 9.30am to 12.30pm.** It is for ALL who
 work with children, to work out our strategy for children's work in the
 future.

**Saturday 19th November - Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra - St
 Andrew's at 7.30pm. See next page for details.**

Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 19th November 2011

7.30 pm, St Andrew's Church,
Montpellier, Cheltenham
Conductor: John Longstaff
Leader & Solo Violin: George Ewart

Music by Mendelssohn

Hebrides Overture 'Fingal's Cave'
Violin Concerto in E Minor
Symphony No 3 in A Minor, 'Scottish'

Tickets:

All unreserved £15 with concessions, at the door,
or in advance at a discount from Cheltenham Tourist
Information Centre, 77 Promenade, Cheltenham,
or Showcase Fancy Dress and Dancewear, 13 Montpellier
Arcade, Cheltenham. Students free if accompanied by
a paying adult. Tickets will be available four weeks
before the concert.

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

'JUMP4JOY'
at St Andrew's
Sunday 20th November
9.30am – 10.00am

and at Prestbury URC
Tuesday 22nd October

Informal Short Service for all the family
at 10.00am



Tuesday 22nd November - Tuesday Forum - St Andrew's Garden Room at 2.30pm.

There will be a talk by Fiona Hall on 'You can't see the Wood for the Trees'. Please come along and support this meeting which begins at 2.30pm in the St Andrew's Garden Room, followed by tea and biscuits.

Barbara Russell-Smith

Thursday 24th November and 1st December- Qi Gong -St Andrew's at 11.30am. £4 per session.

Qi Gong is now re-established at the new time of **11.30am on Thursday at St Andrew's in the Mews Room**. The sessions are usually every other week but we do have some flexibility. We arrange dates two or three meetings ahead and we try to get the best dates to fit members' needs.

Dates are then given in *In Touch*, in Weekly Notices, on the web site and on Posters in the Churches. The next sessions are **November 3rd, November 24th and December 1st - all at 11.30am**.

Qi Gong draws on traditional Chinese ideas and practice. There are a number of exercises which stimulate the body in self healing and regulation. The exercises are not strenuous and many can be done sitting down. The combinations of movements also provide mental stimulation. Members have found benefit to joints and muscles with reduced pain and improved balance and mobility.

The current charge is £4 for a one hour class. New members will be very welcome .If you want to know more, please talk to Tony Jeans, Mary Cummings or Molly Rideout.

Tony Jeans

Saturday 26th November - Christmas Fair- St Christopher's from 11.00am to 2.00pm. To include Tea, Coffee, Lunches, and stalls etc. More details can be obtained from Debbie Cypher who is the Organiser.

CLASSIC FILM AT WARDEN HILL
Saturday 3rd December 2011 at 2.30pm
Kind Hearts and Coronets
(Ealing Studios UK 1949; U certificate)

With Valerie Hobson, Denis Price, Joan Greenwood & Alec Guinness

This time we are presenting a classic from the Golden Age of the Ealing Studios. This black comedy has a virtuoso performance from Alec Guinness who plays eight members of the D'Ascoyne family. Each fall victim to Louis Mazzini as he avenges his mother and pursues his ambition to become Duke and gain the coronet.

Tony Jeans

“Carol Supper”

The annual Supper will be held on **Monday 5th December** at Warden Hill URC starting at 7pm. It is at the URC and you are all welcome to join us. It is a bring and share supper following a short informal (café-style) service.

“C4 Children’s Choir”

Advance notice! Performances of ‘Silent Night’ will be on **Friday 9th December** - 7.00pm at Prestbury URC and **Friday 16th December** 7.00pm at The Church in Warden Hill (URC). Please book these dates in your diaries.



“Gotherington Singers” are in concert at St Andrew’s on **Saturday 10th December** at 7.30pm. More details later.

“Christingle Service”

This year the service is at St. Christopher’s and will be held on **Sunday 11th December** at 4.00pm. All are welcome to this service.

We will be making the ‘Christingles’ on the Saturday afternoon before at 2pm at St. Christopher’s.

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 for respective churches are as follows:

Prestbury URC

Please see Ian Brooks directly or forward contributions via e-mail (ianbrooks444@btinternet.com). Contributions most welcome.

Prestbury URC - Church For Hire!

If you would like to hire the main church and/or the hall and kitchen for a children's party, meeting, exercise class or group then Prestbury URC is available for hire at a reasonable rate. If you require more information then please call Fiona Hall or via email prestbury@urchic.org.uk

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.

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NOVEMBER DIARY				
2	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners Forum
		7.30pm	P	Wednesday Women
5	Sat	10.00am	SA	Christian Aid Autumn Fair
		10.30am	P	Christmas Fair
		3.00pm	Hath	Birthday Tea at the Manse
6	Sun	10.30am	P	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	URC	Val Hobbs
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen Communion and Baptism
		6.00pm	SC	All Souls Service
8	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum
12	Sat	10.00am	SA	Michaelmas Fair
		10.00am	SC	Coffee and Cake Sale
		2.30pm	URC	Community Film 'The Tourist'
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY				
13	Sun	10.30am	P	No service
		10.30am	SC	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		11.00am	SA	Revd Dr John
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
17	Thur	1.00pm	SA	Knit and Chat
19	Sat		URC	Workshop on Children's Work
URC Pulpit Exchange Sunday				
20	Sun	9.30am	SA	Jump4Joy and Breakfast
		10.30am	P	Roy McBane
		10.30am	URC	Revd Jacqueline Rodwell
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen
		6.00pm	SC	Holy Communion

NOVEMBER DIARY contd				
22	Tue s	10.00am	P	Jump4Joy
		2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum
23	We d	7.30pm	Hath	Church Council at the Manse
26	Sat	11.00am	SC	The Church in Warden Hill Christmas Fair
27	Sun	10.30am	P	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		10.30am	SC	Revd Jacqui Hyde Communion
		11.00am	SA	Revd Dr John Sutcliffe
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
DECEMBER DIARY				
3	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
		2.30pm	URC	Classic Film 'Kind Hearts and Coronets'
4	Sun	10.30am	P	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	URC	Carole and Celia Family Service
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service