

In Touch

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Dear Friends,

A former URC minister of Gloucestershire Area asked me recently, ‘how do your user-groups and hall-hirers know what you believe?’ That was quite a challenging question because most of our activities in the four buildings happen in the halls, not the church. Looking around our foyers or halls, there is not much in the way of Christian input on our wall-spaces.

How do we tell our Christian story? We are not all called to be evangelists or prayer-walkers or anything which requires us to speak publicly about our faith. That is not who we are. And yet, surely we cannot expect our user-groups to support our Christian ethos or even to recognize that they meet on *church* premises unless we tell them.

I therefore invite you to think about this question: ‘Where do you find God?’ For some, God is to be found in the beauty of nature, for others, in the beauty of words, while still others, in loving relationships. Where do YOU find God? Is there a way to tell others – through a photograph, poem, Bible-verse, story, music? I would love to collect your thoughts and inspirations in each of our churches and to display them where our user-groups and casual visitors will see them. It might be that you find God in watching a glorious sunset whilst sitting on top of a mountain!!! Share the photograph and add a sentence in explanation. Someone using our buildings may just read it and think, ‘so that experience of awe I had was my connecting with God. Wow!’

We won’t know until we try, but I think we have a responsibility to tell our Christian stories within our communities. Get thinking!

Yours in Christ,

Maz

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM

In Memorium: It is with sadness we report the death of Bill Wallace who passed away on the 13th September in Cheltenham General Hospital. Bill was a long standing member of St Andrew's and had recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Please remember Bills family in your prayers.

Our prayers: we hold in our prayers those for whom we are concerned: Margaret Coulthurst, Sadie Smyth, Jack Garside, John Hyde, Alice Brown, Diana Miles, and Jane Theophilus.

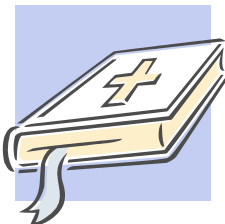
Congratulations:

to Lynette and Paul Walker on their wedding on 1st October
to all who have done really well in their exams and we wish them well for their future.

Bon Voyage to Norman Biggs

Norman has served St. Andrew's well since becoming a member in 1993. He spearheaded the first re-development, to the gratitude of all the members. Norman moves to a retirement village on 4th October. We thank him sincerely for all his dedication and wish him much happiness in his new home:

Maz



WORSHIP

St Andrew's Communion Offering - October

This is for Wateraid: please see separate article on Wateraid on pages.6and 7.

Worship - The Church in Warden Hill

The **Harvest Festival Service** is held on **Sunday 2nd October** at St Christopher's and will be led by Carole Pennington, Celia Hodges, and Jacqui Hyde.

The Service is to be followed by a 'bring and share lunch' in the Hall.

Some of the local community groups have been invited in the hope that they will join us for lunch!

For the Service, we welcome Harvest Gifts of fresh produce and bunches of flowers for the traditional auction together with dried goods and money!

Please do not forget to bring a plate of food for Lunch! There is a sign-up sheet available now in both churches for the various foods required.

The Church in Warden Hill has a great tradition of generous giving at Harvest, so lets make this year the best yet!

Please see separate article on pages 6,7 and 8 for the charities that we are supporting this year.

There will not be a Harvest Supper this year on Monday 3rd October.

On Sunday 16th October - St Christopher's at 10.30am -

The Holy Communion is led by Revd. Tamin Merchant (Chaplin to the University of Gloucestershire).

There will be no 6.00pm service at St Christophers (16th October). You are invited to attend a South Cheltenham service for All Saints at St Steven's Church.

Lifts will be available from St Christopher's leaving their car park at 5.30pm.

Services at St Andrew's

Reminder of the singing practice on Sunday 16th October - 10:50am at St Andrews. Do come early and announce your choice of hymn to practice.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal

Yes – it's that time of year again! Last year, thanks to your generosity, we delivered over 30 shoeboxes to one of our local pick-up points – just a small part of the 1.12 million shoeboxes sent out by Operation Christmas Child to 14 different countries.

Look out soon for more information in each of our churches about this year's shoe box appeal. If you would like to make up a box, please take a leaflet showing what gifts are suitable and stick to the guidelines as you make it up. The completed boxes have to be delivered to the pick-up points between 1st and 18th November, so it's not too early to get started! This gives time for them to be shipped and delivered by Christmas.

All the information is available on the website at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk and we will display the information in the churches during October.

There has been a really good response to this appeal in the past so we are hoping for your continued generosity again this year.

Bob Alger

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

27 Sept (2 Oct)	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21:33-46	Benhall area, Churches and Schools URC Moderator, Officers and Staff Urchins Groups in WH and Prestbury Prayers for the World
4 Oct (9 Oct)	Exodus 32:1-14 Matthew 22:1-14	The Reddings area, Churches and Schools Nuffield Hospital The Windermere Centre Open Door in WH and Prestbury Prayers for the World
11 Oct (16 Oct)	Exodus 33:12-23 Matthew 22:15-22	St Mark's area, Churches and Schools The Knowle Prayers for the World
18 Oct (23 Oct)	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 22:34-46	Rehabilitation of ex-offenders Links with Jewish Synagogue Prayers for the World
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

Articles

Wateraid: Serving a Desperate Need



Did you enjoy a good cup of tea or coffee with your breakfast this morning? Had a nice refreshing shower? Visited the loo? Had a wash or shave? Washed your hair last night? Given the kids a nice warm bath? If you did any or all of those things you were many times blessed. You opened a tap and out came water! Not only water, but clean water.

But suppose there was no water - what then? - (think 10 days in July 2007). Water must be found. But it might be a few miles away and have to be fetched in bucketsand when you get to it, it may be a trickle of brown smelly stuff that has just run through a farmyard. Will you wash in it, make tea with it, let the children play in it?, Hardly. Yet there are hundreds of millions of people in this world who have to do just that, for it is the only sort of water available. In many parts of Africa and Asia the lack of water, or the lack of clean water is the major cause of disease and death.

For example, World Health Organisation figures show that almost one and a half million children die every year from water-borne diseases. Even if disease does not cause death, it means children cannot have regular schooling, adults cannot have regular work. Is there any hope, can we help?

It is a sad fact that the governments of more prosperous nations find it hard to allocate aid funds to relieve this situation, so charities must help.

Such a charity is Wateraid, founded by the UK water industry in London in 1981, which is the St Andrew's communion offering for October.

Wateraid does an enormous amount of work worldwide to provide communities with what we take so much for granted. For the most part self-help is the basis of Wateraid's work.

The charity provides the materials and the necessary know-how, but the local communities do the work, digging wells, laying pipes, installing standpipes and so on. In some cases water is piped over several miles.

But the work does not stop with providing clean water. Sanitation and hygiene are also important. So Wateraid also provides assistance, again with local self-help, with the building of proper latrines and educating in matters of hygiene.

Surprisingly much can be achieved at relatively small cost in our money terms. For instance, £20 will buy 25 metres of pipe, £100 will provide a properly constructed well in Nigeria, £385 will provide a sanitation building for 150 schoolchildren in India. The provision of clean water and proper sanitation can have amazing results. The quality of life in communities improves, children can have continuous schooling, adults can take on regular work, sickness and death are no longer permanent hazards. Wateraid does much to provide such facilities, but it needs funds.

A small donation can do much, a larger donation can produce a miracle.

Wateraid has a website at www.wateraid.org and its London address is 47 -49 Durham Street, London, SE11 5JD, or you can obtain more information from Keith or Elvina Norcott or Ann Lewis.

“Our water resources are very small. Our women have to walk to collect water from the rivers. In the rainy season it can take five hours. In the dry season it can take 24 hours.” *Kumeta Kuto, Ethiopia.*

“Every two days at least one child suffers from diarrhoea.....I have to take them to hospital....it takes three hours. It is hard for sick children to walk for three hours.”

Lydia Sestone, Mozambique

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 – 19th NOVEMBER 2011

Jan, Feb, March birthdays – 25th FEBRUARY 2012

Apr, May, June birthdays – 9th JUNE 2012

Maz

Kenya Projects (UK) 28th Dec 2012 – 11th Jan 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

Afternoon Tea at Karinya

Mary and Fred Cummings would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of their Afternoon Tea on 17th September. Special thanks to the sandwich, quiche, cake makers and stall holders. We were really thrilled that so many people were able to come, despite the showery weather. You all helped to raise the wonderful sum of £220 for the Appeal.

Mary and Fred Cummings

News from the Church in Warden Hill

For this year's charities, we are supporting two charities, Water Aid and GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers).

GARAS supports people when they arrive in this country, often with nothing except for the clothes they are wearing and with no access to any money. The charity provides emergency parcels of dried food and toiletries and provides tea, coffee, and biscuits for refreshments.

We are collecting the following:

Tins of fish

Tinned Tomatoes

Tins of beans (but not baked beans)

Tea, coffee, and sugar

Dried basmati rice

Tins of fruit

Biscuits Toiletries



John Hutton

Scouting - The World Scout Jamboree

As most of you know, during the Summer I spent 3 weeks in Europe at the World Scout Jamboree. As part of this experience I spent time in Copenhagen and Stuttgart, as well as the two weeks at the actual Jamboree in Sweden. It was the most amazing experience meeting people from all around the world and to experience their own unique cultures.

The pre-event in Copenhagen was also amazing, visiting many sites, going about 70mph on an inflatable boat in the harbour, and seeing a couple of very famous bands in a private gig.

After the Jamboree we spent a week with families in Stuttgart, Germany. This was also really good for me as I could work on improving my language as well as learning more of the culture of Germany. The family my friend Rohan and I stayed with were lovely and showed us the best of what Germany had to offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me on the road to the Jamboree. It was greatly appreciated and without you I wouldn't have had this amazing, once in a lifetime experience.

Jeremy Hitchings

Ministry 60+

There were 3 sessions held again this year. These are themed afternoons for the older members of the Warden Hill Community.

About 15 people turned up for the 'Red' afternoon with everybody wearing at least something red. There were red quizzes and activities and we had red food too.

The following week we had over 20 people to the Mad Hats Tea Party. Most people wore a hat and there were numerous on display. We played sunhat quoits and made Coulee hats and even had a hat ice-cream.

The last Wednesday was 'Back to Skool'. This included maths and spelling tests by Mrs Hitchings and Miss Dainton respectively. Various school items were on display and several people even found some old school uniform to wear!.

If you didn't come this year you missed a lot of fun. Please consider coming next year.



Desert Detectives Holiday Club 25th - 29th July 2011

We had a great time, turning The Church in Warden Hill into Basecamp, where children aged 5-10 years became desert detectives. We were looking for the Mighty GodSword, and each day archaeologists sent the Professor an artefact they had uncovered.

The post was delivered to us by Cleopatra – otherwise known as Postwoman Pat. She also told a few jokes each day that the children had written.

The artefacts helped the Professor tell a particular story from the Bible and we covered The Law, History, Poetry & Wisdom, Prophets and Gospels. At the Sunday service we also looked at Letters.

It wasn't until the end of the week that we realised we were looking for the wrong thing. Not Mighty GodSword at all, but Mighty God's Word! And we had been looking at it all along!

At Basecamp we also warmed up each day with aerobics and we had songs, prayers and a messy game. The latter included pin-the-tail-on-the-camel and the loser got a custard pie in the face.... Then there were the marbles in jelly, which had to be retrieved using toes..... and what about shaving foam on a balloon and 'shaving' it with a razor!

After refreshments at the Oasis Café there was time for craftwork, including clay-modelling, glass-painting and baking.

Next year, we will be at the Olympics – 'Going For Gold'!

Maz Allen

.....*see photos overleaf*

Right Clay Pot



Middle left Baking
Above Postwoman Pat
Left Custard Pie

Footsloggers Walk - August 2011

A number of hardy walkers set foot along the 'Sculpture Trail' in the Forest of Dean, led by Tim Odell. The 16 or so sculptures are the inspiration of artists exhibiting the forest trees, wildlife and industrial past.

The sculptures, constructed from natural materials from the Dean Forest, are made of wood, stone and iron. The sculptures are sited along the trail through majestic oaks and towering Scots pine trees.



Footsloggers Walk - September 2011

Bob and Jill Glen led us on a fascinating walk along the banks of the river Windrush. Although a little breezy at times, the weather managed to stay dry.

A welcomed lunch at the Royal Oak in Burford was enjoyed by all afterwards.

New members are most welcome on any of our monthly walks. Contact Tim and Dorothy Odell



John Standring

News from St Andrew's

Quiz Night

Saturday 8th October @ 7.00

£7 per ticket to include a Light Supper and Soft Drinks.

Tickets from Lizzie George, The Odells, The Ricketts and The Thomsons.

St Andrew's Church Meeting – Sunday 16th October

This will be held after the morning service when we will be brought up to date with the redevelopment finances, the fund raising and the budget for 2012, as well as the vacancy for a Development Worker; plenty of interest to fill the agenda.



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

Yogurt Maker - Contact Carol Drummond

Soft Top Case - Contact Elvina Norcott

OWL is a wireless electricity monitor which shows you just how much electricity you are using, how much this is costing you and how much carbon is being generated. It is easy to install, easy to read and easy to use. The memory feature shows you just how much electricity you have used. Start saving money today.

The Church owns a monitor which is available for anyone to try, just book it through me; much more fun than the TV, just watch those figures fall as you switch all those appliances off and reduce your electricity bills!!

We now have a free cycle page on the notice board in the hall, just add your item to the list.

Ann Lewis

Christian Aid Nov 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. 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.

Andrew Veal

St. Andrew's URC – Michaelmas Fair

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. 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.

Hopefully, we shall have everyone's support, and we look forward to receiving your contributions, offers of help and suggestions for any innovative fund raising stalls.

Cakes for Thursday and Saturday Stalls

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.

Barn Dance --- planned for September 17th

Unfortunately, owing to lack of support, we had to cancel this event. Any monies paid for tickets will, of course, be refunded. We might try again, next year, but we need everyone to encourage friends and families to join us for what should be a most enjoyable fund raising party.

Joan Thomson

St Andrew's - Redevelopment Report - September 2011

First I can confirm that the architect has now issued the practical completion certificate for the whole project. As I write this we are still awaiting Mustoes account for work done after 30th June (primarily on the new pillars) and for release of part of the retention. Assuming that we recover all of our VAT claims (and that is a lottery decided every quarter) the VAT income will cover future costs although there will be a cash flow effect in the meantime. That should give us a build cost, net of VAT reclaims, of just under £350,000.

Consultants costs have so far cost over £60,000 and a further £10,000 is estimated as still due to give an overall project cost of circa £420,000.

Donna Sutherland prepared figures for 2011 alone, that were submitted to the finance committee earlier this month. The implication of these figures and our future estimates, is that the balance in the redevelopment fund at the end of this year will effectively be Nil, but that we will still need fundraising to deal with the original redevelopment depreciation next year. That is where residual aspects of the Talents challenge, Saturday coffee and other giving will be needed to cover the charge of £14,900.

The Talents challenge had banked £1,221 to end August. Other fundraising contributed £1,042 and the Saturday stalls and coffee a combined £3,135. Our offerings and standing orders in favour of the redevelopment fund have generated £6,897 before gift aid tax reclaims.

On behalf of the elders I wish to thank you for what you have been able to do, to date. Regrettably we cannot rest on our laurels and I do ask you to support what you can, and try and get your friends involved as well, as we work towards ensuring that we can meet our commitments, before we need to address the cost of organ repairs, identified as being partly caused by the effects of having a much warmer church sanctuary for the last decade.

A more detailed presentation will be made at the church meeting on 16th October, together with an update on where we are on church funds, parking proposals and alternative arrangements required to assist us function plus whatever else might be appropriate. Although it has not been submitted to finance, we may even have the 2012 budget for discussion a month earlier than normal.

David Black

News from Prestbury

October Coffee Morning – Saturday 1st October 10.30am – 12.00pm. Please join us as we'd love to see you there ! *Fiona Hall*

C4 Children's Choir

Rehearsals have just begun for our Christmas musical. Any child who enjoys singing and acting is invited to Prestbury URC, 6.00pm to 7.00pm every Friday in term-time.

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

This is advance notice for our annual pre-Christmas Sale. 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

CLASSIC FILM AT WARDEN HILL

Saturday 1st October 2011 at 2.30pm

'Charade'

(United States 1963; PG certificate)

Stanley Donen for Universal

We have had classics from the UK and France so now we move to the US with this thriller spiced with romance and wit, produced and directed by Stanley Donen.

Reggie Lambert (played by Audrey Hepburn) is about to divorce her husband when she finds that he's been murdered. Beforehand, he had converted everything they owned into cash and that's disappeared.

Reggie is now pursued by several men who want to get hold of the cash. These include the enigmatic Peter Joshua (Cary Grant).

Who are the good guys and who the bad? Nothing is straightforward in this elegant and finely made movie, shot mostly in Paris with an excellent score by Henry Mancini.

Tony Jeans

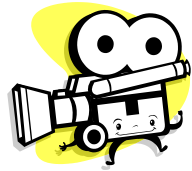
EVENTS

October:

Saturday 1st October - Coffee Morning - Prestbury URC

Please do come along to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st October from 10.30am to 12.30pm; you can be sure of a very warm welcome!

Classic Film Show



Saturday 1st October

Warden Hill URC

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

Film - 'Charade' (United States 1963; PG certificate)

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome

Refreshments available

Sunday 2nd October - St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings. Lecture by Dr Tim Brain OBE, on 'The Faithful Isles: A history of Christianity in the British Isles'. Today's subject: 'The Age of Science and Reason'.

Starts at 7.30pm after a shortened Evensong. All are welcome.

Monday 3rd October - Prestbury URC - Prestbury Urchins - restarts for its 15th year at 10.00am – new and old members all very welcome!

United Reformed Church in Cheltenham

Church Meeting on

**Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm
At Warden Hill URC**

Speaker

**Reverend Louise Franklin
West Orchard URC, Coventry**

on

'50+ Ministry and Returners to Church'

**This was a topic which was high on the list
of our LMMR discussions held last year
please make every effort to attend**

**Wednesday 5th October - Wednesday Women - St Andrew's at
7.30pm. Flower arrangements (flowers will be provided and charged
separately) - Sue Mills.**

Wednesday 5th October - Pensioners' Forum - St Andrew's at 11.00am

Last month we were given details of the Cheltenham's Health Walk programme as follows:

Day	Time	Meeting Place
Mondays	2.00pm	Leisure Centre Tommy Taylors Lane
Tuesday	10.30am	Doorstop Café, Hesters Way Resource Centre
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Park Campus, main reception
Wednesday	10.30am	Oakley Resource Centre, Clyde Crescent
Wednesday	2.00pm	Park Campus, main reception
Thursday	10.30am	Plasterer's Arms, Winchcombe
Friday	10.30am	The Vine Coffee Shop, Charlton Kings
Friday	2.00pm	The Royal Oak, The Burgage, Prestbury

All these walks take place every week and you can join any group, newcomers very welcome. **Would anyone be interested in joining a slow walking group perhaps on a Thursday, starting from St Andrew's, if so, please let me know?**

This month we have Don Kempster who is the Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch Groups in Cheltenham. Do you have one in your area, what do they do and do they help? Come along and find out. Coffee bar will be open from 10.00am and talk will begin at 11.00am, see you there.

Ann Lewis

Thursday 6th and 20th October - Qi Gong -St Andrew's at 11.30am £4 per session.

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 5th October	Neighbourhood Watch Don Kempster, Chairman
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

Saturday 8th to Saturday 15th October inclusive - Literature Festival -
 St Andrew's. Held each day from 10.00am.

Saturday 8th October - Quiz Evening - St Andrew's at 7.00pm. All proceeds for the St Andrew's Appeal Fund. **Please note the new time 7.00pm and not 7.30pm.**

Sunday 9th October - St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings. Lecture by Dr Tim Brain OBE, on the 'The Faithful Isles: A history of Christianity in the British Isles'. Today's subject: **'From Revival to Scepticism'**.

Starts at 7.30pm after a shortened Evensong. All are welcome.

Tuesday 11th October - Tuesday Forum - St Andrew's Garden Room at 2.30pm.

There will be a talk by Brian and Jean Smith on 'A World Tour Part 1'. 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

**'JUMP4JOY'
at St Andrew's
Sunday 16th October
9.30am – 10.00am**

**and at Prestbury URC
Tuesday 25th October**

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



KNIT AND CHAT

Next meeting
Thursday 20th October - 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



**21st October - Footsloggers
 Walking Group.** Happily the
 walking group is growing in
 numbers. The walk for October is to
 be led by John Standing, this will
 be a second visit to South Cerney, a
 walk along the Thames and Severn



Canal and Cerney Wick. The easy walk follows a disused railway track and towpath of a disused canal. Superb woodlands and lovely views across lakes awaits us, plus historic interests provided by abandoned railway bridges and canal locks. An attractive and absorbing 4½ mile (2½ hour) walk, is flat with many user friendly gates. There is also a very reasonable Café at the Information Centre at Cerney Wick. All are most welcome. Further details later on church notice boards.

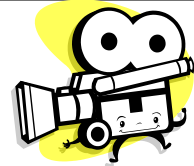
Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October - Residential Weekend at Radstock, near Bath, organised by members of Christchurch, Abbeydale.

Weekend with John Bell, hymn writer and internationally known speaker. He will be leading a session on 'Reclaiming the Bible as a People's Book' and introducing us to songs from the Iona community.

You are most welcome to join members of Christchurch, Abbeydale, at the Ammerdown Conference and Retreat Centre, Radstock, near Bath. Cost of the weekend inc. meals and relaxation time is £170.

For further details or to reserve a place contact Gordon Dale or Email: diandgorddale@hotmail.co.uk.

Community Film Show



Saturday 22nd October

Warden Hill URC

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

Film - 'State of Play' (cert 12)

Starring Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, and Helen Mirren
An American Political Thriller!

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome
Refreshments available

Tuesday 25th October - **Tuesday Forum** - St Andrew's Garden Room at 2:30pm.

There will be a talk by Brian and Jean Smith on 'A World Tour - Part 2'. 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 3rd November - **Qi Gong** - St Andrew's at 11.30am. £4 per session.

November/ December Events

Christian Aid Autumn Fair - Saturday November 5th - St Andrew's from 10.00am - 1.30pm. Stalls.. Coffee...Ploughman's Lunches (£4.00) Free entry....All are welcome.

"Michaelmas Fair" at St. Andrew's is held on **November 12th** in the Montpellier Hall.

"A Workshop on Children's Work" will be held on **Saturday 19th November** at Warden Hill URC. Led by Chris Burgham. Times and details to be announced later.

"Christmas Fair" at St Christopher's on **Saturday 26th November** from 10.00am to 2.00pm. To include Tea, Coffee, Lunches, and stalls etc. More details can be obtained from Debbie Cypher who is the Organiser.

"Community Films" at Warden Hill

The Community Film show for **3rd November** will be 'Kind Hearts and Coronet' (Cert U) an Ealing Comedy starring Alec Guinness. The Film show for December is provisionally booked for **17th December**, details to follow later.

"Carol Supper" at Warden Hill URC on **Monday 5th December**. Time and details to be announced.

"Christingle Service" at St Christopher's on **Sunday 11th December** at 4.00pm.

Administration

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OCTOBER DIARY				
1	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
		2.30pm	WH	Classic Film "Charade"
		3.00pm	SA	Wedding
2	Sun	10.30am	P	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	SC	Carole and Celia Family Harvest Service
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen
		6.00pm	SA	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Eucharist
4	Tues	7.30pm	WH	URCiC Church Meeting
5	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners Forum
		7.30pm	SA	Wednesday Women
8	Sat	7.00pm	SA	Quiz
9	Sun	10.30am	P	No service
		10.30am	WH	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		11.00am	SA	Peter Thornton
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
11	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum
		7.30pm	SA	Elders meet
16	Sun	9.30am	SA	Jump4Joy
		10.30am	P	Worship Group
		10.30am	SC	Revd Paul Wilkinson Communion
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen Church Meeting follows
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
18	Tues	10.00am	P	Jump4Joy
19	Wed			Worship Group Meeting
		7.30pm	H'b	Olympic Games Meeting at Highbury Church
20	Thur	1.00pm	SA	Knit and Chat
22	Sat	2.30pm	WH	Film "State of Play"
23	Sun	10.30am	P	Revd Maz Allen Communion/Church meeting
		10.30am	WH	Roy McBane
		11.00am	SA	Dr Tony Jeans
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
		6.30pm		One World Week Service at Salem
25	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum

OCTOBER continued				
30	Sun	10.30am	P	No service
		10.30am	SC	Revd Tamsin Merchant
		11.00am	SA	Revd Dr John Sutcliffe
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
NOVEMBER DIARY				
2	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		7.30pm	P	Wednesday Women
5	Sat	10.00am	SA	Christian Aid Fair
		10.30am	P	Christmas Fair
6	Sun	10.30am	P	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	WH	Val Hobbs
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen Communion and Baptism
		6.00pm	SC	All Souls Service