

The  
United Reformed  
Church  
In  
Cheltenham

# In Touch

September 2011

Dear Friends,

Here we are at the start of a new term and a new season. Often autumn promises better weather than the summer. Let's hope so.

God often surprises us with 'something better than we had hoped'. I remember when I was a VSO working in Zambia, back in the 1970's, how I had planned to visit Australia at the end of my term and work my passage back home. That all changed when my dad died and I flew home two weeks before the end of term. An unforeseen and upsetting change to my plans, of course, but because of that change of direction, I ended up in a teaching post that led to something else.... that led to something else.....that led to me being called to ministry. I have no idea whether the original chain of events would have resulted in the same thing, but I think not.

Our young people beginning or continuing university will know all too well about change; people retiring from work also have to contend with altered patterns of behaviour and routine. But just like an Indian summer, it can pleasantly surprise us. We can blossom just as well when circumstances dictate. It does help to lean on God a little and as for His support! In Malachi 3:6 it says 'I am the Lord and I do not change.' God is the constant, regardless of which direction our lives are heading.

So, whilst we enjoy being in control, let's not give in to despair when changes throw a spanner in the works and threaten chaos. In some small way, perhaps unimaginable at present, the change may be 'better than we had hoped.'

Yours in Christ,

*Maz*

## **THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM**

**In Memorium:** It is with sadness we report the death of Betty Price who passed away in the early hours of 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Baytree Court Nursing Home. She attended Church for the last time for the 145<sup>th</sup> Celebrations at Prestbury URC and although she was as cheerful as ever we were all shocked to see how frail she was.

Betty joined Prestbury URC in 1994 on transfer from Clyro URC on the Welsh Borders. She moved to Cheltenham to be closer to her son, David, and his family. Betty was a lady of great faith to whom Christ was a constant companion and some may remember her inspirational booklet that she wrote after a visit to the Holy Land.

We extend our sympathies to her friends and to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A letter from Glyn and Sheila Jenkins (former minister of the URCic)

*Some of you will already know that Andrew McCulloch died in July - peacefully at home - having been in very poor health for some time. The funeral took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July with a private family cremation at the Forest of Dean.*

*Andrew was District Secretary for many years and also a past president of the Gloucester District. Donations are being received for the British Heart Foundation.*

*We remember his wife. Blessings, Glyn and Sheila Jenkins.*

**Our prayers:** we hold in our prayers those for whom we are concerned: Margaret and Peter Coulthurst, Mair McIndoe, Sadie Smyth, Joy Coskery, Maria Kirk, Jack Garside, John Hyde, Alice Brown, Brian and Diana Miles.

### **Congratulations:**

- To the family and friends of Victoria Clark and Carl Taylor whose daughter Chloe was baptised on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August at St Andrew's.
- To Robina and Richard Watkins who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup> August from your friends at St Andrew's, we hope you had a very happy day.
- Also congratulations to Barbara Denham-Smith, Margaret Coulthurst, and Tony Jeans who have celebrated special birthdays within the last month.

## **WORSHIP**

### **St Andrew's Communion Offering - September**

Open The Book is a national charity that aims to make the major stories of the Bible available to primary schools in an entertaining and interactive way, thus acting as a first step in getting the Christian message out into society. It links primary schools with local churches and enables children to see Christianity lived out through the lives of local Christians. It assists the schools to fulfil their obligations to provide a form of collective worship, it satisfies OFSTED and school inspection requirements, and it has been used successfully in multi-faith assemblies. Open The Book is available to all primary schools in the UK, at no cost to them other than the time required to present a 10-15 minute Bible story once a week.

The stories are presented by interdenominational teams of volunteers from local churches. They use nationally produced books and scripts that provide enough material for a three-year programme, which a number of schools now use. What costumes and properties they do use come from local sources, cast-offs, old curtains, articles and oddments no longer used etc. Training is provided if needed, and the national training co-ordinator is Julie Jefferies from Prestbury URC.

Although it is a very recent initiative (begun in 2009). Open The Book has proved remarkably successful in schools and is generally well received by the children, teachers and parents. It will be apparent that the scheme generates no income of its own, but there are costs in producing and distributing the working materials and buying supplementary items locally from time to time. The charity needs funds to enable it to extend Open The Book into areas and schools where there currently are no local churches presenting it.

There are over 17,000 primary schools in the UK and Open The Book takes place in 1,000, so there is still much to do. It is already providing a valuable introduction to the Bible in a number of our local primary schools, so we can actually see where some of our funding is producing results.



## Services at St Andrew's

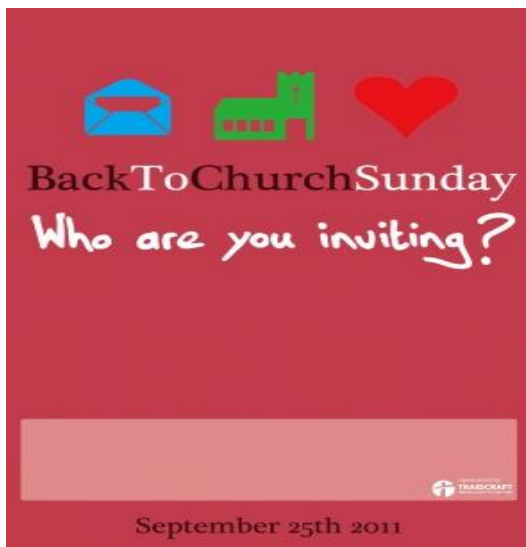
Reminder of the singing practice on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 10:50am at St Andrews. Do come early and announce your choice of hymn to practice.

## The Reading Group

The next meeting of the Reading Group will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Prestbury URC. The book we are reading is 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The book is based during World War II and the German occupation of Guernsey. The group numbers have fallen and new members are always welcome. If anyone would like to find out more about the group please contact Mary Cummings

## The URCiC is supporting Back to Church Sunday

Pick up an invitation card from your Church and invite someone to come along to the service with you on 25<sup>th</sup> September.



## 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**

4 Sept	Exodus 12:1-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Leckhampton area, Churches and Schools Sue Ryder, Star College Hospice care Church organists Prayers for the World
6 Sept (11 Sept)	Exodus 14:19-31 Matthew 18:21-35	Warden Hill area, Churches and Schools Senior Citizens, WH Elders and Lay Readers Prayers for the World
13 Sept (18 Sept)	Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-16	Up Hatherley area, Churches and Schools Pre-school education St Andrew's Elders Prayers for the World
20 Sept (25 Sept)	Exodus 17:1-7 Matthew 21:23-32	Shurdington area, Churches and Schools Chargrove Lawn, Local GP practices Playdays Prayers for the World
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

### Harvest Festival at Prestbury URC on 25<sup>th</sup> September

At Prestbury, we celebrate this year our annual Harvest Festival on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.

The church decoration will take place on Friday afternoon and the congregation are invited to bring along tinned and dried goods for the Open Door project.

We are also taking advantage of it being 'Back to Church Sunday' to enjoy a 'Bring-and-Share' lunch afterwards with old and hopefully new friends.

Anyone who hasn't been to church in a while, or who has never been, will be very welcome to join us on that day.

*Fiona Hall*

## Articles

### St Andrew's Talents: Something to Read

I'm the first to admit that my talents aren't practical ones: my carpentry falls apart, my pot plants wither and die, my wallpaper doesn't join properly, my bread making produces building bricks etc.etc. But I can use a pen and with luck produce something you might like to read, or use as a gift for someone, or even just to fill a bookshelf! "Chalk On my Shoes", the story of my childhood in the Chiltern Hills, was published in 2006 and a number of friends have already bought copies. I have obtained some more copies from the publishers at a hefty discount off the cover price. So I can offer these at £7 each. I have also been persuaded to gather together some of my poems, humorous and serious, into a small volume at £4 each. I or Elvina would be happy to sell you a copy of either - or both if you wish at £10 for the two. The proceeds of any sales will go to the St. Andrew's appeal. And in return I promise not to do any carpentry in the church or bake any more bread!

*Keith Norcott*

### Kenya Projects (UK 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2012 – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013)

At the moment, the plan is to raise funds to sink a borehole, though with the desperate situation that faces East Africa at the moment, there is much more 'red tape' to be overcome. I am confident this will be achieved before our arrival.

The team will be painting some of the rooms in the Health Centre. There will be ample time to play with the children at St. Stephen's. At the end of the trip, we have two days' safari holiday

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

### **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.

July, Aug, Sept. birthdays – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

Oct, Nov, Dec. birthdays – 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

Jan, Feb, March birthdays – 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

Apr, May, June birthdays – 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012

*Maz*

### **Vacancy: St. Andrew's United Reformed Church,**

#### **DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

To promote the church's mission through new initiatives and the development of links with the wider community.

We seek someone sympathetic to the Christian ethos, who will show initiative, computer competence and who has excellent interpersonal skills.

£10 p.h. for 25 hrs. p.w. (flexible)

Further details and application form from The Church Office, URC, Salisbury Ave, Cheltenham GL51 3BY or [www.urcic.org.uk](http://www.urcic.org.uk)

Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011.

### **The Open Day at the Odell's**

Tim and Dorothy would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of their "Open Day". The kitchen staff, stall holders and customers all helped to make it a memorable day. Over £600 was raised towards the appeal. *Tim and Dorothy*

### **Talent Money**

Any money accrued should be placed into a "Gift Aid" envelope and marked "TALENTS" and put with the collection.

We are keeping a total of monies collected in this way.

*Many Thanks, Tim & Dorothy*



## **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**

Laptop bag to fit a 15" laptop

Asparagus Kettle

Contact Carol Drummond -

### **Eco Church**

Green tips - lifestyle:

Reduce waste

Re-use rather than buy

Shop locally where possible

Grow your own fruit and veg - bring surplus and swap it with a friend!

Buying non-perishable items in bulk and cut down on unnecessary packaging.

Reduce energy:

Don't leave your mobile on charge unnecessarily, they only need a few hours to charge.

Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.

Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

### Green cleaning:

Clean your fridge by washing with a solution of equal parts of water and white vinegar.

Remove coffee and tea stains from china cups by using an equal mixture of salt and vinegar.

Soften paintbrushes by soaking in hot vinegar, then washing out with warm, soapy water.

Use bicarbonate of soda on a damp cloth to clean worktops. Rinse with clean water and dry.

Sources: Green Cleaning - M Briggs & V Head

[www.energysavers.gov/](http://www.energysavers.gov/) and [www.futurefriendly.com/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.futurefriendly.com/Pages/Home.aspx)

### **Ten Tips for a Greener Holiday**

1. Before you go switch off unneeded electrical appliances.
2. Travel light; the heavier your luggage, the more fuel will be consumed in transporting it.
3. Turn air conditioning or heating off when not needed.
4. Switch off lights and TV when leaving a room.
5. Have short showers, not baths.
6. Reuse hotel towels rather than changing them daily.
7. Always carry a reusable shopping bag with you.
8. Support the local economy – buy local, and eat and drink local delicacies in restaurants and cafes.
9. Don't purchase products made from endangered or wild animals.
10. Recycle your holiday brochures once you've arrived back home.

## **Rev'd Geoff Crago of Highnam is leading two pilgrimages during 2012.**

### **The Holy Land – 12 to 20 March 2012**

1. 6 nights in Jerusalem and 3 nights in Tiberias visiting all the holy sites of Christianity, Judaism and Islam

### **Istanbul and the Seven Churches of Asia – 20 to 30 September 2012**

2. 3 Nights in Istanbul and 7 nights in Asia Minor visiting Ephesus and each of the other churches mentioned by the writer of the book of Revelation.

Full details of both these pilgrimages are available from Geoff's website: [www.crago.co.uk](http://www.crago.co.uk) <<http://www.crago.co.uk>> ; by phoning 01452 750575; or emailing: [geoff@crago.co.uk](mailto:geoff@crago.co.uk) <<mailto:geoff@crago.co.uk>> A video of the Holy Land pilgrimage can also be viewed on the website.

The visit to Syria planned for 2012 has been postponed to a future date due to the political situation.

I hope you are all keeping well. We are enjoying our 'retirement' and travelling quite a lot. Our Rector has just left so we have an interregnum for several months. I still get asked by Malcolm Leach to help out at Gloucester URC.

### **LATEST BLOG: RELIGIOUS RULEBOOKS?**

(Why do religious people turn their faith into a set of rules and regulations?)

<http://www.crago.co.uk/blogs.html>

### **WEBSITE FOR PILGRIMAGES, GEOFF'S BLOGS AND OTHER LINKS:**

<http://www.crago.co.uk>

### **BOOK NOW FOR:**

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AND - NEW!

ISTANBUL AND THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA 20 – 30  
SEPTEMBER 2012

<http://www.crago.co.uk/turkey.html>

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**Visits to Church of North India - Margaret Marshall**

As you are aware we have partners with the Church of North India - Durgapur and Amritsar. For several years a group of members from our Synod have visited Durgapur and last year Amritsar.

I am now starting to organise two visits - to the Amritsar Diocese for their Diamond Jubilee of the Diocese in November.

The second visit is to Durgapur in February for the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese, the Thanksgiving Service on 5th February, Roy Lowes will be preaching.

Enquiries to be received by 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Do not hesitate to contact me for further details:  
margaretfmarshall@btinternet.com

Best wishes

Margaret Marshall

Deputy Synod Clerk, W Midlands

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**HOME-MADE CAKES AND SOUPS TO ORDER**

**Cakes 1lb tin - £2.50**

**Soups 1pt - £1.25**

**Contact Lyn and Peter Ricketts . THANKS L AND P**

## Letters:

*A letter from Richard Cleeve*

Dear All,

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2012 Cheltenham will be one of the first places to host the Olympic Flame overnight as it makes its way round the country.

It will be only one of many opportunities we have in the churches to be part of what will be a very exciting, once-in-a-lifetime event.

‘Morethangold’ is the organisation that has for about twenty years co-ordinated the involvement of churches at each Olympic Games. They have very exciting plans for 2012 in the UK ... and we can be part of what is going on.

Steve Ward and others from Morethangold will be here in Cheltenham on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7-30pm at Highbury Congregational Churches to help us get our planning for the Olympics off the ground, and to give us an insight into all sorts of ways churches will be getting involved in the Olympics.

It would be great to see people from as many churches as possible at that evening so that we can come together and play our part on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and on into the Olympic festival as well.

Please note the date in your diary and publicise it too.

Every blessing,

Richard Cleaves

[www.morethangold.org.uk](http://www.morethangold.org.uk)

### **From the morethangold web site ...**

The churches in the UK have a **once in a lifetime opportunity** thanks to the 2012 Games being awarded to London. We are here to be a **one-stop-shop** that helps the churches seize the moment.

## **Our mission**

Put simply, the reason we exist is -

**To enable the UK churches to engage with the 2012 Games**

### **Our vision**

When the dust has finally settled we hope to have fulfilled our dream for the 2012 Games to have enabled –

**Thousands of churches to taste the excitement of reaching their community in fresh and ongoing ways in Jesus' name**

We are doing it by –

- Helping people catch the vision for the impact that can be made and the role they can play
- Making connections between the many agencies and thousands of churches that can make it happen
- Coordinating the production of the resources and action needed

## **Serving our land**

All too often the churches are seen negatively. As out of touch and only interested in themselves. The 2012 Games provides a unique opportunity for UK churches to be **seen for what they really are.**

By playing their part in the programmes of **outreach, hospitality and service** every church can help tell a different story. And waken fresh interest in who it is **who makes us different** and how they can know him for themselves.

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SAT. 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT. 11 am - 7 pm

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Programme

11.00 - Bible Party opens. Donkey rides begin

12.00 - Drama - Bible History in action

12.30 - KJV in modern Music

12.30 - 1.30 BBQ

12.45 - **Why did King James want a new translation?**  
- Graham Chewter

1.30 - Salem Baptist Church Choir

2.00 - *Thank You, King James* - Book review

2.30 - Close of entries for the Bible-theme Cake Competition  
(Best Overall, Best Old Testament, Best New Testament,  
and Most Original, plus all categories for 12 and ~~over~~ <sup>under</sup>)

2.30 - **All the Kings Men and Life in 1611** - Graham Chewter

3.00 - Announcement of Prizes for the Cake Competition

3.20 - Afternoon Tea and Choir - *CHERTENHAM GOSPEL CHOIR*

3.45 - **The Influence of the King James Bible** - Graham Chewter

4.30 - Gloucester Salvation Army Songsters

5.00 - *Thank You King James* - Book review  
Donkey rides end

5.00 - 6.00 BBQ

5.30 - The Bible today - a reflection

6.00 - Gloucester Salvation Army Songsters/*CHURCHDOWN SINGERS*

6.30 - Sing-a-long

7.00 - Close

Programme subject to change on the day

## **Christian Aid Week 2011**

The collectors coordinated by St Andrews raised £317 from their house-to-house collection this year - the total was down a lot, mainly reflecting the decreased coverage (due to fewer collectors) and to some degree the current economic climate.

Joan Sampson (Cheltenham's Christian Aid Coordinator) reports that the total for Cheltenham is also down this year:

*"Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication. We have done very well, but the result does reflect the economic situation again. We have raised about £30,000.00. This is a fantastic result but is about £4000 down on last year. The economic situation is not going to improve in a hurry. So where does that leave the poorest in the world ? And what can we in Cheltenham do about it? There is obviously no easy answer. But I would encourage you all to think and pray about it."*

## **Commitment for Life**

Gill Hillman from URC HQ has sent a letter to thank the URC in Cheltenham for our donations of £4852.20 to Commitment for Life in 2010. She has written to all three Cheltenham Churches and wishes to convey her thanks to all the congregations.

## **Christian Aid Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Autumn Fair (St Andrews)**

Our next big event will be the Autumn Fair on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 £45000.00

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.

*Andrew Veal*

### **My previous Home Church – Joyce Goldring**

When, in 1967, Dennis and I presented our Five Goldrings, including 2 boys & a girl, at St Paul's Gravesend, we were enthusiastically welcomed as replacements for a similar family who had recently left.

St Paul's is an interesting building which looks like an upturned boat inside. Very appropriate as Gravesend lies on the bank of the Thames opposite Tilbury Docks. A number of river pilots live in Gravesend.

When we arrived the Church was fairly new, the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists having sold their premises and started afresh. They came together well before URC came into being in 1972. At that time Dennis Goldring was Session Clerk so he became St Paul's first Church Secretary.

The family who left went to the North of England, and the father, a qualified accountant was of the group who founded Tradecraft. We subsequently got to know him well and our family regularly purchase Tradecraft goods. In the early years of their marriage one of our sons and his wife were agents, selling from their home and Church. Despite the higher prices and lower incomes we are experiencing, I hope we can continue to support Tradecraft at our three Cheltenham URC's. The hard-working people in far-off lands really need our help, so that Tradecraft can continue to give a guaranteed market for their produce. If not, they will fall back into that larger group of "have-nots" which have to rely on (our) cash hand-outs.

*Joyce Goldring*

## **News from Prestbury**

Please see the ‘In Memoriam section’ regarding Betty Price who passed away on the 3rd of August.

Please see the ‘Worship section’ regarding the Harvest Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> September (see page 5).

### **Clutter Clearance – Bargain Sale & Coffee Morning**

This event will take place at Prestbury URC on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10.00am -12.00pm. There will be bric-a-brac, books, household goods, plants, toys and much more. Coffee, tea and cakes will also be available.

Please take this opportunity to declutter and donate good quality items (contact Sylvia or Catherine ) and then come along for a good rummage through the bargains.

Please note that all items left unsold will be donated to charity unless collected.

Please join us as we’d love to see you there ! *Fiona Hall*

### **Urchins**

Prestbury Urchins restarts for its 15<sup>th</sup> year on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am – new and old members all very welcome !

### **Other News:**

The Patesian Players (Pates Former Pupils) present “The Accrington Pals” by Peter Whelan, Directed by Rory O’Sullivan. At various venues: 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm.

A play about the young men who went off to fight in the Great War and the women they left behind.

Winchcombe School (14<sup>th</sup>), Pates Grammar School (15<sup>th</sup>), Sacred Hearts Hall, Charlton Kings (16<sup>th</sup>) and Whittington Village Hall (18<sup>th</sup>)

Tickets: £10 or £5 (Concessions) Box Office : 01242 820418.

## **St. Andrews URC Fund Raising Committee**

Christmas fair. The committee felt that an earlier date for the Christmas Fair would yield more income since last year it coincided with a number of other events in the town.

It was agreed that it would now be a “**Michaelmas Fair**” and would be held on **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. It was recognised that the Sanctuary would not be available on that date due to the Everyman Panto rehearsals but we could cope with the main stalls being in the Montpellier Hall.

The **Barn Dance** will be held on **17<sup>th</sup> September** in the Hall. We will be dancing to Hetty Pegler’s Tump with Martin Hewitt calling the dances. Cost will be £10.00 per head which will include a hot fork supper.

Maz’s “Puddings & Pimms” Garden Party in the afternoon of June 4<sup>th</sup> raised over £300. Thanks to Maz and all who helped.

The “Talents” fund raising project which kicked off on May 1<sup>st</sup>. is already yielding income. The “Open House” event organised by Tim and Dorothy raised circa £600.

There will now be a regular “cake stall” once a month on the **1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday of every month. – Volunteers required please.**

## **Appeal from the Tuesday Forum**

The Forum outing has, for too many years to remember been organised by Morag Notman. Morag would now like to hand over to a willing volunteer please for next year.

Next year’s event is planned for Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. and Morag would, of course, give any new organiser all the help they need.

## **Belated Thanks from Joan Thomson**

Now that I have fully recovered from my hip replacement op. I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, flowers, visits, chocolates, fruit, ....the list is endless.

Also my sincere thanks for the messages of congratulation sent following the unexpected announcement of my Birthday Honours List award.

*Joan Thomson*

## **EVENTS .....September**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September** - Qi Gong -St Andrew's at 11.30am £4 per session. See also Qi Gongs meeting dates on 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - Coffee Morning - Prestbury URC

Please do come along to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10.30am to 12.30pm; you can be sure of a very warm welcome!

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - Bible Party - see centre pages.

### **Community Film Show**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

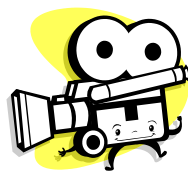
**Warden Hill URC**

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

**Film - film to be announced**

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome

Refreshments available



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - Prestbury URC - Prestbury Urchins - restarts for its 15<sup>th</sup> year at 10.00am – new and old members all very welcome !

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Wednesday Women - Warden Hill URC at 7.30pm. Film Night.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Pensioners' Forum - St Andrew's at 11am

We have the Healthy Lifestyles Development Officer coming to talk to us at our first meeting. Walking for Health encourages people to become physically active in their local communities. They support the largest network of health walk schemes across England and locally they offer free walks that last between 20-60 minutes which take place in different areas of the town throughout the week. Come along and find out about the local programme; enjoy fresh air, make friends and feel the difference.

Coffee bar will be open from 10am as usual.

*Ann Lewis*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Heritage Open Days**

**Christ Church** is taking part in the Open Heritage Weekend this year.

There are Guided Tours of the church, an Art and Photograph display, a 'home grown stall', and a 'recital of music'. See church notice boards for more details.

**St Mary's, Prestbury** will be open as part of the Heritage Open Days on the **9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September** from 2.00pm-5.00pm. The Exhibition Theme will be 'People of Prestbury' giving an account of old village families and characters who have influenced our village history. Rather conveniently, the Plough (just across the road) will also be open to provide the refreshments!

**Pensioners' Forum  
at**

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

**Programme for 2011**  
**Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month**

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

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Healthy Walks Programme</b> Healthy Lifestyles Development Officer
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> Don Kempster, Chairman
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Eyes - Macular Degeneration</b> Macular Disease Society
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Dental Hygiene for the over 60's</b> Tim Eldridge, Dentist

**FREE ENTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Coffee Bar open from 10.30am – 12 noon**  
**Coffee/Tea 50p**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - Elders' Training at St Christopher's, time to be agreed.



**12<sup>th</sup> September** - **Footsloggers Walking Group**. Details of the walk to be led by Jill and Bob Glen are to be found on Church Notice Boards nearer the time. All are welcome.



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** - **Tuesday Forum** - St Andrew's Garden Room at 2.30pm.

Introducing Revd Jackie Hyde. 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*

***KNIT AND CHAT***

Next meeting  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Qi Gong -St Andrew's at 11.30am £4 per session.



# Barn Dance

At St Andrew's Montpellier  
**SATURDAY 17. Th. SEP. @ 7.30**

with  Caller:-  
Martin Hewett

**£10 or Family Ticket £25**

**HOT Fork Supper - Soft Drinks  
Demo of Scottish Dancing**

Tickets from Lizzie George, The Odells,  
The Ricketts, The Thomsons, or phone  
**01242 243398**

**WE ARE APPEALING**

**“Finding the Quiet Within”**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 10am-3pm**

**The Little Chapel at Rodborough Tabernacle**

**Led by**

**Francesca Tolond, Associate Member, Iona Community**

**Tickets £5 – bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be provided**

**Bookings – S Collins 01453 832897**

Using our 'talents' for St Andrew's Redevelopment Fund **YOU ARE INVITED** to the home of Mary and Fred Cummings, 'Karinya' Swindon Lane, Cheltenham, on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** for **AFTERNOON TEA** from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Please come and bring your friends, family and anyone else you can think of for sandwiches, cakes, tea/coffee at a cost of £4.00. We have ordered good weather!!!  
Directions: from Racecourse roundabout, ninth house on left after St Nicholas Church

**‘JUMP4JOY’  
at St Andrew’s  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
9.30am – 10am**

**and at Prestbury URC  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Informal Short Service for all the family  
at 10am**



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Harvest at St Andrew's - **Jump4Joy** service at 9.30am, breakfast at 10am everybody invited, followed by Harvest Service at 11am. We will be supporting Water Aid this year.



St Andrew's Harvest Services on  
**Sunday 18 September**

**9.30am Jump4Joy**

*Jump4Joy invite you to join them for a  
 Harvest Breakfast at 10am*

**11.00am Harvest Service**

Donations for Water Aid

We are collecting tinned and dried goods  
 for Salvation Army

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra - St Andrew's at 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**– **Tuesday Forum** – St Andrew's Garden Room at 2:30pm.

There will be a talk by Bill Cowie on 'about life on the farm'. 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 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Qi Gong -St Andrew's at 11.30am. £4 per session.

## October/November 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** will be held on **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. It was recognised that the Sanctuary would not be available on that date due to the Everyman Panto rehearsals but we should cope with the main stalls being in the Montpellier Hall.

A Workshop for all involved in children's work will be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at Warden Hill. Further details nearer the time, but please put this in your diary.

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### **CLASSIC FILM AT WARDEN HILL**

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

## **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](http://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](mailto:ianbrooks444@btinternet.com)). Ian can also be contacted on 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 on or via email [prestbury@urchic.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:magazine@urchic.org.uk) or to church office, [office@urchic.org.uk](mailto:office@urchic.org.uk). Likewise contributions very welcome.

### **St Andrew's**

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SEPTEMBER DIARY				
1	Thur	11.30am	SA	Qi Gong
2	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study re-starts
3	Sat	10.00am	P	Coffee Morning and Clutter Clearance
4	Sun	10.30am	P	Revd John Beardsley
		10.30am	SC	Mr Roy McBane Family Service
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		6.00pm	SA	Mr Bob Alger
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Eucharist
7	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		7.30pm	URC	Wednesday Women Film Night
8	Thur	7.30pm		ECC Management meet
9	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study
10	Sat		SC	Elders Training
		2.30pm	SA	Wedding
11	Sun	10.30am	P	No service
		10.30am	URC	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		11.00am	SA	Mr Bob Alger
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
13	Tues	7.30pm	SA	Elders meet
14	Wed	7.30pm	P	Reading Group
15	Thur	11.30am	SA	Qi Gong
	Thur	1.00pm	SA	Knit and Chat
16	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study
17	Sat		SA	Barn Dance
18	Sun	9.30am	SA	Jump4Joy and Breakfast
		10.30am	P	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	SC	Revd Jacqui Hyde Communion
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen Harvest Service
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
20	Tues	7.30pm	URC	Church Council
23	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study
24	Sat	10.00am	SC	Autumn Fair - Table Top and Boot Sale

SEPTEMBER continued				
25 - Back to Church Sunday				
		10.30am	P	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		10.30am	UR C	Revd Jacqui Hyde Harvest Service
		11.00am	SA	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Service
27	Tues	10.00am	P	Jump4Joy
		7.30pm		ECC Management meet
29	Thur	11.30am	SA	Qi Gong
30	Fri	10.30am		Bible Study
OCTOBER DIARY				
1	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
		2.30pm	UR C	Classic Film "Charade"
		3.00pm	SA	Wedding
2	Sun	10.30am	P	Worship Group
		10.30am	SC	Carole and Celia Family Service
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen
		6.00pm	SA	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		6.00pm	SC	Evening Eucharist