

In Touch

The
United Reformed
Church in
Cheltenham

April 2011

Dear All,

‘This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!’:the first line to a well-known hymn. As our Lent course book says, *The resurrection is the hard, non-negotiable starting point of everything we know as Christian. This man Jesus, who died upon the cross and was buried in the tomb, is now alive. He has left the grave behind, and he has changed for ever the way we feel about death...we can now understand his own death: not as a failure, not only as an execution – but as the offering of his own life to God. He was indeed God’s Messiah.*(Bishop Stephen Cottrell).

Many Christians get hung up (if you will pardon the pun) on the cross and Jesus’ suffering. We rightly work through Lent materials or simply give up something in Lent, as a token of Jesus’ hardship, and we move toward Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, with our meals and our silent walk through town – everything seems geared to the agony, the Passion of Jesus. Of course we cannot celebrate Easter Day without the groundwork; but when Easter Day bursts upon us, PLEASE let us be joyful! This is a wonderful day! The tomb was *empty*. Why? Because Jesus Christ did not stop work at his death – he continues to accompany us on life’s journey, promising to be with us to the end of the age. What an amazing promise this is: a new life and a new hope for the whole of God’s humanity. Not simply in this world but for ever. And if you are worried about the ‘next life’, take heart from Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

I think there will be lots of sharing in heaven, a lot of conversation. Also, you might meet some unexpected people. God has always had a soft spot for sinners, you know. His standards are quite low!

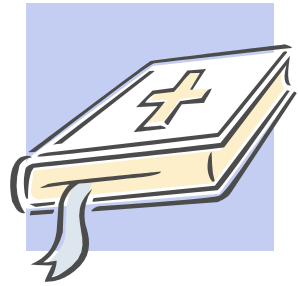
Wishing you a blessed and joyous Easter!

Much love,

Maz

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM

Our prayers: we hold in our prayers those for whom we are concerned: Nancy and Fred Champkins, Mary Scott, Betty Price, Peggy Horner, Margaret and Peter Coulthurst, Mair McIndoe, Sadie Smyth, James Spence, Kate Alger, Margaret Apperley, Joy Coskery, Molly Rideout, and Maria Kirk.



WORSHIP

St Andrew's retiring collection during April: The Samaritans

In 1953 Revd Chad Varah set up an emergency service in his London parish that people could contact if they were feeling despairing or suicidal. Samaritans is now a national charity with branches throughout the whole of the UK and Ireland. It provides completely confidential emotional support to distressed people 24 hours a day every day.

Contact with specially trained Samaritans can be made by telephone, email, letter or personal visit. The great majority of contacts are by phone and are at a peak between 9pm and 2am. As well as calls about suicide, Samaritans also now has calls about problems with depression, drugs, alcohol, debt, loneliness, illness and even exam pressures.

At the present time the branches in the UK and Ireland receive about 5 million calls a year. The costs of the service are of the order of 10 million pounds per year. In addition to its core function as a source of support for personal distress, Samaritans now works to improve people's emotional health and wellbeing in businesses, schools and prisons. The DEAL programme provides resources in a number of subjects for teachers of young people, and the LISTENER scheme in prisons trains prisoners to provide confidential emotional help to fellow inmates. There is also now a facility on Facebook which allows people to tell the Samaritans about a friend or relative who might need help.

In 2003 a world-wide dimension was added when Samaritans took over the maintenance of the Befrienders Worldwide network centres in 40 countries doing similar work. From its early days in 1953 Samaritans has become an invaluable nation-wide and now world-wide service for millions of distressed and vulnerable people.

Services at St Andrew's

On Palm Sunday, 17th April at 11:00am at St Andrew's, the service will include a Passion Drama "Seven Days in Jerusalem".

Dr Tony Jeans

Services at Prestbury URC

Just a reminder of the usual pattern of services at Prestbury **until further notice**:

In general, from March onwards Sunday morning Services will be on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month, unless otherwise stated.

The short service for babies and toddlers, 'Jump 4 Joy' takes place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Fiona Hall

The Church in Warden Hill

Note: Sunday 1st May - No service at Warden Hill - Ian Bussell's last service at St. Philip's and St. James's 11:00am. Lifts available from Warden Hill.

Sunday 8th May - **St. Christopher's** - 4:00pm. Welcome service for Revd. Jacqui Hyde.

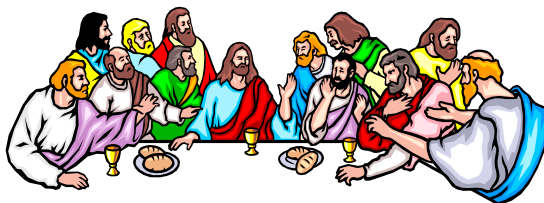
Brian Miles

Don't forget Mothering Sunday on the 3rd of April.



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**

5 April (10 April)	Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 11:1-45	Brockworth URC Leisure and Entertainment In Touch team Prayers for the World
12 April (17 April)	Isaiah 50:4-9a Matthew 21:1-11	Ashcroft Church Cirencester Small business and industry URCiC World Church and Mission Prayers for the World
19 April (24 April)	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Matthew 29:1-10	Dursley Tabernacle Cheltenham Community Projects, Homelessness St Andrew's Junior Church Prayers for the World
26 April (1 May)	Exodus 15:1-11 John 20:19-31	Quarry URC Samaritans St Andrew's coffee bar Prayers for the World
3 May (8 May)	Isaiah 51:1-6 Luke 24:13-35	Brierley URC Highbury Church including day centre St Andrew's pensioners' forum Prayers for the World



MAUNDY THURSDAY

21 April

7:00pm at Warden Hill URC

Led by Revd. Maz Allen

United Maundy Service with Agape meal. If attending you will need a ticket (free) from the your church secretary



GOOD FRIDAY

22 April

11:00am Communion Service at St Andrew's

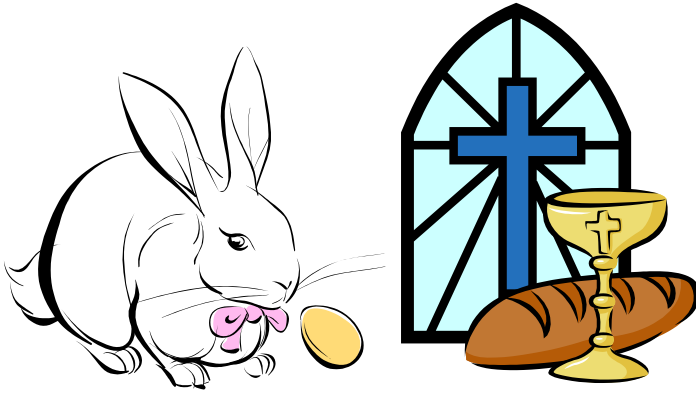
Led by Revd. Maz Allen

Walk of Witness will take place at 12 noon meeting at Imperial Gardens and walking to St Mary's followed by a short service.

10:00am Communion Service at St Christopher's

Led by Revd. Canon Owen Barraclough

7:30pm Easter Oratorio at St Christopher's



EASTER DAY
24 April

**Open Air Celebration Service in Imperial Gardens
followed by breakfast at St Andrew's, at 8:30am**

11:00am Communion Service at St Andrew's
Led by Revd. Maz Allen

10:30am Communion Service at Warden Hill URC
Led by Revd. Canon Owen Barraclough
Owen's last service before retiring

10:30am Service at Prestbury URC
Led by Revd. Ernest Marvin

Reading Group

The Reading Group will next meet on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 at Prestbury URC. The book we are reading is 'Maisie Dobbs' by Jacqueline Winspear.

Maisie Dobbs is a private investigator in 1929 London - an era of great change - and her investigations looks back at the impact of the Great War in both her private and professional life.

All our welcome, please contact Mary Cummings if you would like to know more.'

Mary Cummings

Celebrating Together

On Sunday 8th May 2011 Bob Alger and Julie Jefferies will be leading an All Age worship service at St Andrews. We will be joined by the Ladies College and St Mark's Methodist worship band - the Lamplighters.

The Lamplighters have asked if we could provide at least 4 singers - so if you love singing, are available on Sunday 8th May and able to make a rehearsal on Friday evening 6th May, please contact Julie on

We would also like to have an Open the Book style bible story and will need 4 adults to help us do this. If you are part of an Open the Book team or would enjoy a bit of acting please let us know. We will have a short rehearsal before the service at about 10.00am on Sunday 8th May. If you are able to help with this please speak to either Bob or Julie.

Planning a service enables us to come closer to God and share our gifts. We hope you will also share your talents so that we can together glorify and praise God.

Articles

Footsloggers Walk - February 2011

No two walks with the “Footsloggers” are the same. Non more so than the February 18th walk around Woodchester Park.

We were ably led by Lizzie, not forgetting Molly (the dog) our mascot.

After finding the National Trust car park after a journey shrouded in mist, we intrepid 10 set off.

I must add that we were without 7 of our stalwart walkers namely Dorothy, John Standring, Peter and Lyn Rickets, Kate Florence and Peter Kerr who for very legitimate reasons were unable to join us!!

What a fascinating area this is with the partially constructed mansion dominating the surrounding estate and man made lakes.

Although it was quite a short walk (some 4 miles) it was nevertheless most enjoyable and relatively flat!

As is our custom we retired to the local hostelry, the Bell Inn at Selsey, and having persuaded the landlord to start the log fire we had a very pleasant and varied lunch.

Another success thanks to Lizzie and we would invite any who enjoy the beautiful Cotswolds at leisure to contact Tim Odell on Cheltenham

Tim Odell

Thank you

The Coffee Morning/Grand Bric-a-Brac Sale at Prestbury on Saturday 5th March raised around £260 - congratulations to all who helped and donated.

Singing Practice at St Andrew's

We are to have a monthly singing practice for new hymns on 3rd Sunday of month starting 17th April. This will be at 10.50am before the service.

We would also like to invite members to suggest hymns we might try.

Letters:

From: Kevin O'Brien [mailto:kevob33@hotmail.co.uk]

Sent: 19 February 2011 11:19

The Music/Worship Team

I am writing to bring your attention to Sunday Night Live (SNL).

This is a new initiative for outreach, providing entertainment, with a twist of faith, in the Cheltenham Promenade Costa Coffee store.

We operate on the first Sunday of every month – doors open at 7.00pm and we finish at 9.30pm.

The sundaynightlive.org.uk website will give you a good idea what's happening and the good news is: that it's very popular and growing quickly.

We are keen for SNL to involve other churches and I would like to invite you come along and see if you feel there is scope for us to work together.

If you have budding Singer/Songwriters at church and they would like to perform, then we would be happy to hear from them. There will also be opportunities within the Christian Music Industry as SNL are compiling a list of artists wanting to contribute to a compilation CD. (More info is available on the SNL website).

We are also looking for speakers (testimonies are great!) who would feel comfortable sharing their faith with a secular audience.

I would be grateful for your prayerful consideration and I hope you feel, as we do, that there is potential for delivering the simple message of God's love through our love of music and entertainment.

Please read the testimony of Johnny Kinch (SNL founder) - His book 'Johnny be good' is available through Amazon or Christian book shops. Johnny has been instrumental in setting up Cheltenham's SNL and is keen to see the concept grow for the glory of our Lord.

Our next Sunday Night Live is Sunday 3rd April at Costa, 24 The Promenade (the old Dobell's)

My E-mail address is at the top of this letter. Please let me know your thoughts.

Yours, in faith,

Kevin O'Brien (On behalf of The Salvation Army)

Recycling – Ink Jet Cartridges

I have now opened a Church Account with Cartridge World which is based at the lower end of the High Street. They are happy to take in used ink jet cartridges and where possible refill them for resale and add a credit to our Church Account. When this reaches £20 they will send us a cheque for us to use as we wish. You will find box in the link gallery in which to place your old ink jet cartridges, or you can take them direct to Cartridge World asking them to credit St Andrew's Account.



Ann Lewis

St Andrew's URC - Redevelopment Update - April 2011

David Black

Work completed so far:

Stonework cleaned on the whole of Montpellier Street elevation and around the tower;

Priority eroded stonework replaced;

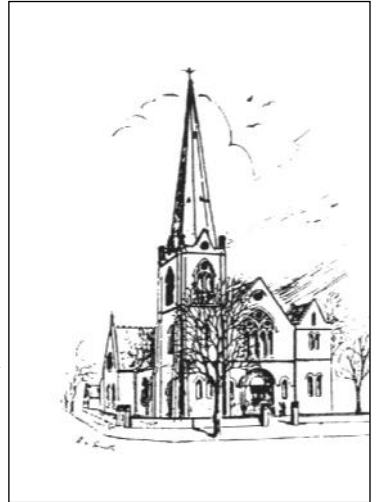
All gutters and downpipes replaced;

Hall on schedule to finish on 31 March

Exterior work will finish later - probably end of April, although the contract has been formerly extended until the end of May at no extra cost.

There are two possible items which could incur additional cost.

1. We would like to clean the stonework on the Fauconberg Road elevation.
2. We do not know at this stage what the situation is with the rainwater drains along the Montpellier Street side of the Church. This cannot be investigated until the scaffolding is down.



Finally, thank you to the rest of the committee who have worked very hard this year.

From the Fund Raising Committee - St Andrew's

.....A look back at last month's Initiatives...

Forthcoming events for your diaries:-

Quiz Evening on Saturday 7th May.

They have promised that the questions will be a little easier this time. There will be an Irish round of questions included in the evening. Irish? Simple – “Here is the answer, what is the question?!”

*In mid June (mid summer hopefully) Maz is organising a “**Puddings and Pims**” evening for us.*

So lots going on but then lots of money to be raised and we look forward to your continuing support and help.

*As previously mentioned David Black is organising a concert with the **Gotherington Singers on April 9th**. They are always very very popular so get you tickets early.*

We are having fun, we hope you are too!

Joan Thomson

From the Fund Raising Committee – March 2011

The Committee is working its socks off to help willing volunteers to organise events for the church and there is now a very busy calendar for this year.

- Tony Jeans is running a book fair on 16th April, before other users start using the Hall. **Volunteers are needed to sort books in the days before the fair**
- David Black has a concert planned for April 9th. with the Gotherington Singers. Posters have been delivered, Ian has tickets at £8.00. Dorothy and Tim will manage refreshments and a bucket collection. Further volunteers are needed to help on the night.
- A “Talents” fund raising project will be kicked off on May 1st. when Maz will use the “Talents” as a basis for her sermon. We give you £10, you go away for three months and do things to add value to this amount. Then, after that time, you give us back the £10 PLUS all the additional monies raised with it, by using your talents.
- Lizzie George and Lyn & Peter Ricketts will be arranging another Quiz Evening on 7th May and they have promised that the questions will be a little easier this time.
- Maz has volunteered to help arrange a “Pudding Event” on 4th. June. “Pims and Puddings” Garden Party in the afternoon.
- A Barn Dance will be held on 17th September in the Hall! **Dorothy and Tim Odell are organising**
- Doreen Steele has confirmed that the Scottish Society will organise a dance with profits to the appeal. Date not yet fixed ... watch this space
- A second quiz evening is being planned for October 8th.
- Maz has suggested that a “Last Night of the Proms” event could be organised.
- The committee agreed that we should ask our supporters (i.e. everybody!) to fill small containers (Maz has these) with pound coins and kick this off on May 1st.

So lots going on but then lots of money to be raised; and we look forward to your continuing support and help.

We are having fun, we hope you are too!

Joan Thomson

That Quiz!!!!!! - Notes for your diary

Following the success of the fun quiz last autumn, two more are being planned, first on Saturday 7th May and the second Saturday 8th October at St Andrew's, at 7.30pm, cost £8 per ticket, purchase at the door. The ticket price includes a fork supper.

Three promises:

1. There will certainly be as much fun as last time. **The somewhat arrogant questionmaster dictated that he was always right (even when the answer was debateable or - dare we say it - wrong!!)**
2. **The questions WILL be easier. As the questionmaster knows nothing about soaps, sport and pop, these subjects will be excluded.**
3. **As last time, an excellent fork supper will be provided.**

To help with catering please phone Lyn and Peter in advance to let them know numbers attending.

All welcome, please bring family, friends. Looking forwards to a night of laughter.

Lyn and Peter Ricketts

Stop Press:

News from Prestbury URC:

Prestbury Coffee Morning

Please join us for our monthly coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday 2nd April.

Easter

Prestbury URC will again be hosting the village Cross over Easter. The Cross will be floodlit in the evenings and will be decorated, in turn, with palms, a crown of thorns and, on Easter Sunday, a garland of flowers to represent the Resurrection and new life.

Prestbury Cook Book

There are a few remaining copies left – £4 - buy now to avoid disappointment!

Advance notice:

Prestbury May Fair

The annual Spring Fair takes place on 7th May from 10.30 – 12.30. Stalls, Raffle, Tombola and Cakes. Light Lunches will also be served.

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.

Prestbury Gift Day Appeal

The annual appeal was launched on 20th March. All Members and Friends of Prestbury URC who wish to make a gift can bring or send in their donation (gift-aided if possible) at anytime until Sunday 3rd April.

Fiona Hall

News from Warden Hill:

Classic Film at Warden Hill.

Family Film is now well established and popular at Warden Hill. We are going to add an extra offering in the form of Classic Film. We will be looking to offer films in different genres (drama, comedy, thrillers, musicals etc.) roughly from before the 1970s and we will not be restricted to films made in the US or UK .

The first film will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th May and we will be showing "Brief Encounter".

St Andrew's:

Free Will Offering Envelopes at St Andrew's

A reminder to all members holding free will offering envelopes that the present scheme (that is coloured envelopes) ends on the last Sunday in March. PLEASE use the white envelopes in the link gallery using your same number. To use direct debit, cheque or bank transfer; use a form obtainable from Donna Sutherland, David Black, Marcus Dann or Roger Little.

Free Will Offering Secretary

Marcus Dann

EVENTS

April:

Friday 1st April - The Big Society - A public meeting with Martin Horwood MP at Christ Church 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd April – Poetry Festival – St Andrew’s from 10:00am.

Wednesday 6th April - Pensioners’ Forum – 11.00am to 12noon

This month on **Wednesday 6th April** we will be having a food demonstration from Wiltshire Farm Foods. It is the perfect way for you or a relative to eat well without having to worry about long trips to the supermarket, preparing food or managing boiling pots and pans and they will deliver the frozen meals straight to your door. Many of their customers have special dietary needs and they provide meals and deserts to meet the best nutritional standards.

Please note that from now on the talks will start at 11am and last for about an hour. We have changed the time as from April, we will be unable to use out bus passes until 9.30am in the morning. The coffee bar will be open at 10am and we are also running ‘Soup and Chat’ from 12 noon closing at **1.00pm**. Please invite friends and neighbours.

Last month we had an excellent talk from a Continnence Specialist Nurse and she has provided me with information leaflets for those who missed the talk.

The meeting in May is on Wednesday 4 May again starting at 11am when we have a talk on ‘How to Fund Your Care’ from the Nursing Home Fees Agency.

Ann Lewis

Wednesday 6th April - Wednesday Women – Sugar chicks cancelled..

It is now a ‘Reading Group’ doing *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake. Prestbury URC 7:30pm

**Cheltenham Opera Society
English Touring Opera
Recital**

**Thursday 7th April 2011
St Andrew's Church, Montpellier Street, Cheltenham**

**Shuna Sendall Soprano
Helen Johnson Mezzo
Timothy Carey Piano**

Arias and duets from operas by
Bellini, Mascagni, Monteverdi, Mozart, Puccini, Verdi

They will talk about their careers and answer questions
Shuna won the BBC Radio 2 Kiri Te Kanaawa in 2010

Tickets £5

from Showcase Dancewear and Fancy Dress
13-15 Montpellier Arcade, Montpellier Street (01242 224144)
or at the door

Tea and coffee will be served from 11:30am
Soup and Roll (£2) and Ploughman's (£2) after the recital
www.cheltenhamoperasociety.org.uk

Saturday 2nd April - Prestbury Coffee Morning

Please join us for our regular monthly coffee morning on Saturday
2nd April at 10.30am. Books, Cakes and Raffle.

Be inspired by an Icon Artist, Ian Knowles, at Christ Church, Cheltenham
Exhibitions, talks, workshop and
Artist-in-Residence.

Ian Knowles is a restorer of churches in the Holy Land and a teacher of courses at the Emanuel Monastery, Bethlehem.

Friday 8th April at 7.30pm
Opening Talk - Living with Icons.

Saturday 9th April at 7.30
Practical Workshop: Learn how to paint your own Icon using ancient traditional process (limited places).

Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm
Closing Lecture: Palestine and the Early Origins of Christian Iconography.

For more information on times to view artist at work, exhibition in the church and to book workshop, visit: www.eliasicons.co.uk or admin.christchurch@googlemail.com

SONGS

FOR AN APRIL EVENING

With

THE GOTHERINGTON SINGERS

Conductor Margaret Crompton

Accompanist Michael Barrett

St Andrew's Church, Montpellier, Cheltenham

Saturday April 9th 2011, 7.30pm

**Tickets £8, available at Showcase Fancy Dress & Dance Hire,
Montpellier, Cheltenham Tel: 01242 224144**

Or from 01242 604614

www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk

Supporting St Andrew' Church Redevelopment Appeal



SOUP AND CHAT
on
The first Wednesday of the Month
at
St Andrew's URC
12 noon – 1.30pm
Cost £2.50

Lunch includes soup, bread and coffee/tea

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 – 12.00noon

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| Wednesday 4 May | 'How to Fund Your Care'
Nursing Home Fees Agency |
| Wednesday 1 June | 'What Can AgeUK Do For You?'
AgeUK Gloucestershire |
| Wednesday 6 July | 'Bowel Cancer Screening Programme'
Specialist Screening Nurse |

FREE ENTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME

Coffee Bar open from 10.30am – 12 noon

Coffee/Tea 50p

www.urcic.org.uk

C4 CHILDREN'S CHOIR – *SPLASH!*

Due to Easter school holidays and the royal wedding, rehearsals recommence on Friday 25th March and each Friday -7pm at Prestbury URC unless specified otherwise.

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The St Andrew's Saturday Stall in aid of the redevelopment appeal will re-start on Saturday 9 April from 10am until noon – the organisers (Donna and Lizzie) would be grateful for donations of cakes, preserves and craft items.

Evening Services at St Andrew's on the first Sunday of the month

The Sunday evening service at St Andrew's starts again on 3rd April at 6:00pm.

Tuesday 12th April – Tuesday Forum – St Andrew's Garden Room at 2.30pm.

There will be a talk by Dennis Halliday on 'Images and Oddities'. 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

Wednesday 13th April - Qi Gong – Warden Hill URC at 12:15pm



Friday 15th April - Footsloggers Walking Group. Details of the walk to be led by Dorothy and Tim Odell are to be found on Church Notice Boards nearer the time. All are invited.



Thursday 14th and Friday 15th April - St Andrew's - 10am to 4pm - collecting, sorting stock and setting up .

Saturday 16th April - **Book Fair Sale Day** - St Andrew's - 10am to 4pm

Saturday 16th April- **Cheltenham Opera Society** – St Andrew's at 5.00pm. AGM+DVD, Tea plus meal.

Jon Morgan
Sam Walter

Songs of War and Peace

An evening of Traditional and Contemporary Music
Saturday 16th April at 7:30pm

Holly Mount URC
Queens Drive
Great Malvern

Tickets £5/£3 under 26 and concessions, available at door or Email event@urcinmalvern.org.uk

Community Film Show

Saturday 16th April

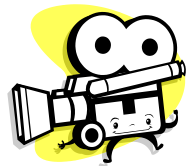
Warden Hill URC Building

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

Film - Marley & Me - cert. PG

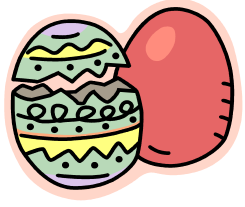
**'Laughter, tears &
the naughtiest dog in the world'**

Free entry - Family and Friends Welcome
Refreshments available





**St Andrew's
'JUMP FOR JOY'
Sunday 17 April
9.30am-11.10pm**



**Informal Short Service for
all the family
Followed by Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday 17th April .Reminder of the singing practice at 10:50am at St Andrews. Do come early and announce your choice of hymn to practice.



KNIT AND CHAT

**Next meeting
Thursday 21st April - 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 like to join please call in.
Coffee and Tea provided (cake if we are lucky)**

More information from Lizzie George

Friday 22nd April – St Christopher’s at 7:30pm. Please come along, the choir are singing the Easter Oratorio.

Tuesday 26th April – **Tuesday Forum – St Andrew’s Garden Room** at 2.30pm.

There will be a talk by Ann Grant on ‘British Lighthouses’. Please come along and support this meeting which begins at 2.30pm in the St Andrew’s Garden Room, followed by tea and biscuits.

Note: There is a change of date for the Tuesday Forum Annual Outing. It is now on the 7th June, the venue, Claverton Manor American Museum and a beautiful garden.

Barbara Russell-Smith

Tuesday 26th April – **Jump for Joy – Prestbury URC** at 10am.

Wednesday 27th April - **Qi Gong – Warden Hill URC** at 12:15pm

May Events

For your diary:

Wednesday 4th May - Pensioners Forum

Wednesday 4th May - Wednesday Women. ‘Style your wardrobe for life’. Prestbury URC 7:30pm.

Saturday 7th May - Quiz Evening - St. Andrew’s at 7:30pm. All proceeds in aid of the St. Andrew’s Redevelopment Fund.

Saturday 14th May – Cotswold Churches Festival – St. Andrew’s – 10:30am-1.30pm.

Saturday 21st May – Cotswold Churches Festival – St. Andrew’s – 10:30am-1.30pm.

Saturday 21st May – Primary Schools Live – St. Andrew’s – All Day.

Classic Film at Warden Hill.

The first film will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th May and we will be showing "Brief Encounter".

The second will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 16th July and will be "Mr Hulot's Holiday" (*Les Vacances de M.Hulot*).

Administration

All contributions for the May issue of In Touch to be in by **Tuesday 12th April** please. It is earlier than usual in the month so that printing the issue does not coincide with the Easter Bank Holiday.

The In Touch Coordinators for respective churches are as follows:

Prestbury

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

The Church in Warden Hill

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

St Andrew's

Please see John Standring directly or forward contributions via e-mail: magazine@urcic.org.uk or to church office, office@urcic.org.uk.. John can be contacted on **Stop Press**

Music in other churches/cathedrals

Music in Gloucester Cathedral:

Organ recital by Adrian Partington, Director of Music, Gloucester Cathedral
at the Cathedral, 2nd April at 7:30pm

with large screen projection of the performer

Music by Gibbons, Mulet, Dupre, and Bach

Admission free with retiring collection for Gloucester Cathedral Choir Tour Fund.

No ticket required

Bank Holiday Organ Recital - Alex Mason - St David's Cathedral. 25th April at 12:30pm

Music by: Elgar, Buxtehude, Alain, Langlais, Frank, and improvisations

Admission free with retiring collection

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APRIL				
2	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
			SA	Poetry Festival
Mothering Sunday				
3	Sun	10.30am	P	Mrs Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	SC	Carole Pennington and Celia Hodges
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen
		6.00pm	SA	Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i>
5	Tues	2.30pm	URC	Lent Group
6	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		12noon	SA	Soup and Chat
		7.30pm	P	Wednesday Women
		7.30pm	P	Lent Group
7	Thur	12noon	SA	Recital by English Touring Opera
	Fri	10.30am		Lent Group at New Barn Lane
8	Fri	6.00pm	P	Children's Choir
9	Sat	10.00am	SA	Saturday Stall re-starts
		7.30pm	SA	Concert by Gotherington Singers
10	Sun	10.30am	P	No service
		10.30am	URC	Revd Canon Owen Barraclough <i>Communion</i>
		11.00am	SA	Revd Eric Massey
		6.00pm	SC	Farewell Evensong (<i>Canon Owen Barraclough</i>)
12	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum
		2.30pm	URC	Lent Group
		7.30pm	SA	Elders meet
		7.30pm	URC	AGM of The Church in Warden Hill
13	Wed	7.30pm	P	Lent Group
14	Thur	10.00am	SA	<i>Book Fair (collecting, setting up book stalls)</i>
15	Fri	10.00am	SA	<i>Book Fair (collecting, setting up book stalls)</i>
		10.30am		Lent Group at New Barn Lane
		6.00pm	P	Children's Choir
16	Sat	10.00am	SA	Book Fair sales
		2.30pm	URC	Community Film "Marley and Me" PG
		7.30pm	Malv	"Songs of War and Peace" - Holly Mount URC

Palm Sunday				
17	Sun	9.30am	SA	Jump4Joy
		10.30am	P	Revd Maz Allen
		10.30am	SC	Revd Canon Owen Barraclough <i>Communion</i>
		11.00am	SA	Dr Tony Jeans
19	Tues	2.30pm	URC	Last Lent Group
20	Wed	7.30pm	P	Last Lent Group
21	Thur	1.00pm	SA	Knit and Chat
		7.00pm	URC	Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday				
22	Fri	11.00am	SA	Communion Service
		12noon		Walk of Witness
		7.30pm	SC	Easter Oratorio
Easter Day				
24	Sun	8.00am	Imp	Open Air Service
		8.30am	SA	Breakfast
		10.30am	P	Revd Ernest Marvin <i>Communion</i>
		10.30am	URC	Revd Canon Owen Barraclough <i>Communion</i>
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i>
26	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Tuesday Forum
28	Thur	7.30pm	SC	ECM meet
MAY				
1	Sun	10.30am	P	Julie Jefferies
		10.30am	WH	No service in Warden Hill
		11.00am	SA	Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i>
		6.00pm	SA	Revd Maz Allen

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