

The  
United Reformed  
Church  
In  
Cheltenham  
  
In Touch

June 2011

Dear Friends,

Each day our actions, from morning until night, depend upon having energy. Initially, we need the physical energy to propel ourselves out of bed (with or without assistance), shuffle to the bathroom, shock the system with soap and water, and end in the kitchen searching for sustenance. After that, the whole day is one chaotic jumble of movement (either yours or your carer's) which, hopefully, results in performing the right actions at the right time.

As well as physical energy, we are, of course, also dependent upon other forms of energy – heating, water, light, communication etc. This energy is not a secret or hidden power source; we know of its existence and some clever clogs even know how it works. However, we usually take this sort of energy for granted until it fails to work or until we receive a hefty bill.

In the wonderful story of Pentecost (Acts ch.2) the followers of Jesus were wondering how they could fulfil Jesus' last command to them – 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt. 28:19). Where could this confused group of people find the energy required? Without warning, on the day of Pentecost, they were given an energy source which would give them the power to perform all that Jesus had asked of them.

This same power source also provides us with the strength that we need to work through the questions and hassles that confront us each day. For some reason, though, we do not like giving credit to the Holy Spirit. Many of us in the URC are too reserved to use Pentecostal language! Does that matter? If we are more comfortable saying that 'Jesus gives me strength' or 'my faith gives me the energy' or 'God is always with me', then surely we are still proclaiming the Good News? Whatever the name, the Holy Spirit – that pilot light within each of us – has the power to 'recharge our batteries' daily. Remember that when you forget to put the teabag in the pot or when you cut yourself shaving: whatever the adversity, God is only a click away!

God bless,

*Maz*

## THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM

### **In Memorium:**

**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, Ronald Scarll, Jack Garside, Betty Price.

Maria Kirk

Maria, is now living at Brockworth Care Centre, Mill Lane, Brockworth, opposite the garden centre on the left of the road.

*Lyn Ricketts*



## **WORSHIP**

### **St Andrew's June Communion Offering**

Westminster College was founded in London in 1844 and moved to Cambridge in 1899. Although not part of the University, it is united with six other religious colleges in the city to form the Cambridge Theological Federation. The principal purpose of the college is the training of clergy for ministry in the URC, but it also caters for a number of other study options for work or personal achievement.

Most students for ministry have usually studied for 4 years, including an internship in a local church, with the aim of attaining a degree validated by either Anglia Ruskin University or Cambridge itself. However, the college now arranges part-time study courses or distant learning.

Recent and continuing redevelopment mean that, in addition to pursuing its primary role, the college is being transformed into an all-purpose centre for learning in the URC: where those already in ministry can study further and deepen their faith: where anyone involved in the life of the Church can come for refreshment and learning – and that includes people from other traditions and faiths and those with no acknowledged faith.

There is a national appeal for funds to carry out this redevelopment, which it is hoped will be completed in 2012. As part of its commitment to the URC, Westminster College offers opportunities for retreats and sabbaticals, and study courses can be arranged for groups or individuals. Facilities also exist for meetings and conferences, and college rooms are available for short stays by private individuals with a church background.

### **Services at St Andrew's**

Reminder of the singing practice on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June - 10:50am at St Andrews. Do come early and announce your choice of hymn to practice.

### **Services at Prestbury URC**

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

In general, the 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10.00am.

**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Prayer Issues</b>
7 June (12 Jun)	Numbers 11:24-30 1Cor.12:3b-13 John 7:37-39	Rodborough Tabernacle Cheltenham Centre, Churches and Schools Volunteer Bureau and Citizens Advice, Library The Salvation Army Prayers for the World
14 June (19 Jun)	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Matthew 28:16-20	Sharpness URC Sandford Park area, Churches and Schools Fire Service and emergency service Prayers for the World
21 June (26Jun)	Genesis 22:1-14a Jer.28:5-9 Matthew 10:40-42	Christ Church Tetbury Naunton Park Area, Churches and Schools Church Flower arrangers and distributors Prayers for the World
28 June (3 July)	Genesis 24:34- 38,42-49,58-67 Zech. 9: 9-12 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Wotton United Church Cheltenham centre, Churches and Schools Commercial life, businesses, Echo, Court Law and justice, Local Government Church Treasurers Prayers for the World

## Articles

### **Footslogging around Brimpsfield**

A warm and sunny day in April witnessed twelve Footsloggers (and a dog) assemble at the Foston's Ash for the customary photograph, prior to a six mile walk around the rim of the steep Climperwell valley to the west of Brimpsfield. Our walk leader, Tim Odell, led us on a northerly course through the Hazel Hangar



Woods area, before turning east towards the outskirts of the village, and then swinging south towards Longdole Barn.

In the open countryside, we stopped for refreshments at the training circuit of the nearby Polo Centre, and watched pairs of galloping horses, under the control of a single rider, as they were put through their paces. As we were also celebrating Tim's birthday that day, we toasted his health with a small libation of something bubbly (not Tango), and gave a suitably hushed rendition of the traditional Birthday Chorus.

The final leg of the route took us west, to the bottom of the Climperwell valley before a final ascent to regain the high ground and home. The morning was completed with an excellent lunch at the Foston's Ash, courtesy of The Times newspaper luncheon vouchers - thank you Tim.

Footsloggers welcomes new members - contact details can be obtained from In Touch.

*Roger Little*

## **ECO-CHURCH - Lifestyle or style for life**

### **Introduction**

The 1990s years witnessed an explosion of interest in lifestyle issues that continues today. Make-over and consumer programmes have blossomed on television, giving advice on every aspect of personal lifestyle from cooking, health and personal finance to changing rooms and gardens. Together with the flourishing lifestyle magazine market, the message broadcast is that living is about the three 'c's': choosing, changing and consuming.

Against this consumer-orientated approach there is a pressing need for the people in the richer nations to change their lifestyle. Current consumption is:

**unsustainable**, because there is a limit to the resources available on earth and the earth's capacity to absorb our waste products.

**devastating our environment.** Scientists are virtually unanimous in this view. For example, The Global Environment Outlook 2002 (GEO 3) report, published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) gives an overview of the state of the planet, highlighting the problems caused by the wasteful and invasive consumer society, coupled with continuing population growth, which are threatening to destroy the resources on which human life is based.

**out of balance**, because only a small proportion of the world's current population consume a large proportion of the resources and generate a large proportion of the pollution. It is estimated that, if everyone in the world lived the lifestyle of the average European, we would need three earths to support us all.

**How green is my life?** – Calculating your environmental footprint

Every household uses energy and water, consumes goods and services and creates waste – but some lifestyles and households have a bigger impact on the environment than others! Several organisations have devised simple ways to estimate your ‘environmental footprint’, i.e. the amount of space you take up on the planet.

Best Foot Forward has a very simple footprint calculator on their website at [www.bestfootforward.com/footprintlife.htm](http://www.bestfootforward.com/footprintlife.htm). It is easy-to-use, prompting you to input basic information about their lifestyle including travel, shopping and rubbish generated. The programme then calculates how many planets we would need if everyone lived like you! For a more detailed analysis try the earthday network’s version at [www.earthday.net/footprint/index.asp](http://www.earthday.net/footprint/index.asp).

This is the first of a series of articles on sustainable living at home. We are looking for an exchange of ‘green tips’ so send your suggestions into Ann Lewis, Alison Kerr or Carole Drummond, **Lets see if we can become ‘green congregations’ as well as ‘green churches’.**

*Ann Lewis, Alison Kerr, Carole Drummond*

## **News from St Andrew's:**

### **The Quiz Evening at St Andrew's held on Saturday 7th May**

Did you go to the Quiz? No? what an evening you missed. We had fun, we exercised our grey matter - and oh the food. There was enough food to titivate everbodies taste buds. The quiz was open to debate from some quarters which got quite heated from one end of the room - but at the end of the day we had fun, and a great sense of family was experienced. Well done to:- Lizzie, Peter & Lyn & Helen, Tim & Dorothy. During the evening £135 was raised for the St Andrew's redevelopment fund.

*Ann Standring*

### **The Gotherington Singers concert at St Andrew's**

This award winning group of ladies paid another visit to St. Andrews on 9<sup>th</sup> April. It was the first event since the hall reopened and it seemed very appropriate that they opened their concert with "The Sound of Music."

From this delightful start so it went on all evening under the very able direction of the conductor Margaret Crompton. Viv Nicholson, with others, gave us various solos, but "Send in the Clowns" was particularly special. Between whiles, Belle kept everyone informed and made us laugh with her jokes and anecdotes.

Besides giving the whole audience great pleasure; this was a charity visit for which St. Andrews is extremely grateful. Do not miss the next visit of the Gotherington Singers, whenever they come.

*Wendy Outram*

### **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) ended 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

**St Andrew's Redevelopment Fund - An Invitation**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July we plan to open our home (36 Miserden Road Benhall) to all of you and we hope you will come along and bring many of your friends with you. Coffee and home made biscuits will be available from 10.00am until noon. You can enjoy a Ploughman's Lunch between 12.30 and 2.00pm. Cream Teas will be on the menu from 2.30pm. We do hope this event will be supported not only by our church members but also by the wider community. Please publicise it at your Probus Club, Golf Club, Choral Society or any other group with which you have connections. Flyers with further details will be available in the near future. We hope the sun shines!!!!

*Tim and Dorothy Odell*

**Pensioners' Forum – meeting held on 11th May at St Andrew's  
NHFA – Care Fees Advice**

The talk last month focussed on 'Managing the Future Today'. We found out the importance of appointing Lasting Power of Attorneys to look after our Welfare and Finances should the need arise and although LPA preparation service costs £350 plus VAT, it would be far more expensive if the Court of Protection has to appoint a deputy to act on your behalf.

We also learnt how finances worked in the long-term care system, our Right of Choice, Attendance Allowances, NHS Nursing Care Contributions, entitlement of financial assistance and what happens if we run out of money. If you missed the talk and would like more information, the web site address is [www.nhfa.co.uk](http://www.nhfa.co.uk)

*Ann Lewis*

## **News from the Church in Warden Hill:**

### **Rev'd Joan Winterbottom retires.**

On a nice warm day in April a small band of folk from Cheltenham travelled to Lea Road church in Wolverhampton to join in a Service of Celebration for Rev'd Joan Winterbottom's ministry. Most people will remember Joan's ministry here in Cheltenham with Rev'd Glyn Jenkins.

The service was not only to celebrate Joan's ministry but also to send her on into her retirement. So many people said 'surely she can't be retiring, she doesn't look old enough'. They were right, Joan still looks the same now as she did when she was with us in Cheltenham.

The service started at 4 o'clock and was scheduled to finish in time for tea at 5 o'clock. However, at 5pm, Joan said something about it being time for a cup of tea – and at 5.45pm, the service did finish and we were all ready for that cup of tea, and, a fine buffet spread out for us. The reason for the later tea; so many members and friends wanted to express their personal good wishes to Joan. Good bye's and best wishes were expressed by so many people including four in other languages, gifts were given and a few tears wiped away. There were about 150 of us there and as it is a multi cultural church, it was a very bright and colourful event. Apart from some of us going from Cheltenham, some of Joan's family were there and one person who had been a 'Time for God volunteer' travelled back from Germany. Following the service and tea, the day was finished off with a Barn Dance. All concerned had a very enjoyable day.

Joan started her working life as a teacher having studied for her degree in Cheltenham and after teaching for three years, she became a Lay Worker in the Anglican Church for about 13 years. Following this she took up a post in 1981 as 50% Parish worker in the Anglican Church and 50% working in the United Reformed Church. This came about following a conversation between the late Rev'd Fred Kaan, our moderator at the time, and the then Bishop of Wolverhampton.

This went on for about five years when in 1986 Joan decided to become full time in the URC and was ordained and was minister at the Old Fallings Church in Wolverhampton. Following this Joan came to Cheltenham and ministered for many years to us here with Glyn until she moved to Lea Road Community Church in Wolverhampton. She has been there for six years.

On her retirement Joan will have completed almost 25 years of ministry of which well over half of it was at Cheltenham.

Thank you Joan for your ministry, especially at Cheltenham, and for all the friendships that you made. Enjoy your retirement.

### **Home Produce Sale at the URC in Warden Hill**

Ann Johns has agreed to be in charge of this years Home Produce Sale to be held at the URC on 11<sup>th</sup> June from 11.00am to 2.00pm. All the usual stalls including Cakes.

Please give your help and support to Ann to make this sale a successful event.

*Brian Miles*

**News from Prestbury:** (see also coffee morning details on page 20)

### **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.

### **Prestbury Cook Book**

There are a few remaining copies left (only £4 each) - buy now to avoid disappointment! If you require more information on any of the above events / items, then please call Fiona Hall or via email [prest-bury@urcic.org.uk](mailto:prest-bury@urcic.org.uk)

**Advance notice:**

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July. If you like to help at the Holiday Club at Warden Hill in the afternoons from 2-4pm, please sign the list on the church notice boards. This years theme is “Desert Detectives”.

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.

A message from our young folk at St Andrew’s!



## **Creative Cards Report**

We are pleased that a small profit of near £800 was made during 2010 with the Creative Cards on display at the three URChC churches

Thanks once again go to Wendy and Godfrey Outram who have kept the printing costs low compared with other years where we had to use the commercial printing outlets for our cards.

Card sales are very much down this year but there are new designs available and we are now seeing fresh sales response from outside the URChC.

During the year, the team would like to donate the profit made on creative cards between the three URChC churches. For example, some things like projector bulbs can cost £200 or more. Ideas for how we spend this money can be forwarded to Wendy Outram or John Standring.

The accounts although not on show have been audited by Geoffrey Harmsworth. We are very grateful to Geoffrey for doing this.

*In Touch Team members: Wendy and Godfrey Outram (Card Creation), Ann Standring (Distribution), and John Standring (Treasurer).*

## **Christian Aid Report**

The URC in Cheltenham Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection raised £570.50 in 2010 – this total was further enhanced as £236.50 was Gift-Aided. Thanks to all those who collected – also thanks to those in the URC in Cheltenham who collected from a wider Cheltenham Area.

### **Area groups.**

The Grand Total raised by the Cheltenham Area Christian Aid Committee during Christian Aid Week was £33,126.47. Christian Aid Week 2011 began during the week Sunday 15th May to Saturday 21st May.

The Cheltenham Christian Aid Committee held its Autumn Fair on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 at St Andrews URC. The amount raised so far is £1467.08. The Autumn Fair 2011 will be at St Andrews URC on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Last December, carol singing by URC at Morrisons raised over £100 with further session from the church in Warden Hill contributing to a grand total for Cheltenham of £2374.86.

### **Commitment for Life**

The Church Council agreed that we should introduce a new partner as our focus, and in October 2010 – we changed our focus from Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory (which we have kept for two years) to Bangladesh for the next two years.

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.

*Dr Andrew Veal*

## Learning for Leisure Report

The Reading Group, meets at Prestbury URC, and have had another interesting year. Our aim was to read books written by modern authors giving insight into other countries. This year we read and discussed the following books:

### **Baking Cakes in Kigali** by Gail Parkin

A novel which gentle humour brings Rwanda to life but also touches on the genocide and aftermath.

### **The Island** by Victoria Hislop

The novel is based on the island of Spinalonga which lies off the north coast of Crete and between 1903 and 1957 was Greece's main Leper Colony.

### **The Other Hand** by Chris Cleave

From the jungles of Africa via a shocking encounter on a Nigerian beach to the leafy suburbia of London. The novel touches on the issues such as immigration and political violence.

### **Sacred Hearts** by Sarah Dunant

Set in 16<sup>th</sup> century Italy in Ferrara the novel tells of a 16 year old girl forced into a convent by her parents after she had an illicit love affair. It follows the extraordinary challenges faced by the characters following the Council of Trent and the reforms of the Nunneries.

The group discusses the story and characters. We also look at the social background of the author and how this may have had an impact on their writing. We read and explore novels that we may not have considered before. Our aim is to broaden our knowledge of literature. It is interesting to discuss the differing views people have of the novels we read and the characters portrayed in it!

We are currently reading **Maisie Dobbs**, a detective story by Jacqueline Winspear set about ten years after World War I but reflecting back to the war and the many ways in which life and people have been changed by what happened then.

Despite my publicity in the Gloucestershire Echo, the average number of people in the group has unfortunately fallen of late. It is always a pleasure to welcome new members. If anyone would like to know a little more about the Group please contact me on

*Mary Cummings - April 2011*

## **Free Grow Your Own Workshops in Cheltenham**

### **Learn to grow your own fruit and vegetables**

Due to popular demand Vision 21 is running another series of FREE informal workshops (approx 1hr long)

### **Dates of Summer Workshops:**

#### **Baby Steps in Permaculture – Inspiration for practical ideas you can start tomorrow**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June – 7.30pm – Vision 21 office

#### **Looking After Crop**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm - Hayden Road Allotments

#### **Biodynamics**

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm – Vision21 office

#### **Worm Poo, Comfrey Tea and Compost!**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings

Places are limited, to book please Email:

[office@vision21.org.uk](mailto:office@vision21.org.uk)

## **Future Events:**

**Classic Film at the Church in Warden Hill on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 2.30pm**

**Les Vacances de M.Hulot – M Hulot’s Holiday  
(France 1953; B&W, U certificate) by Jaques Tati**

After the gem of British cinema last time, we now have a great movie from France. Jaques Tati (1908-1982) was a mime artist who played the music halls with great success before he moved into film in 1947.

Les Vacances de M.Hulot was shot in the summer of 1952 in the small Breton resort of Saint-Marc-sur-mer. It is from a very different age to now and all the humour is in the visual gags and incidents. There are sub titles but there is almost no dialogue. Tati only ever says one word – “Hulot”.

Tati directs a cast (with many non professional actors) portraying people on holiday in a gentle slow moving series of incidents, beautifully observed and full of irony and human foibles. It is all centred around the old world Hôtel de la Plague (which is still there) and its adjacent beach.

Tati, himself, plays Hulot, tall, shambling (you will never forget his walk), ever courteous and well meaning but always a bringer of chaos and disorder. Even his car, a tiny 1924 Amilcar, is completely in character.

What we have here is totally unlike much of modern humour especially in terms of pace and vulgarity. However, it has delighted audiences world wide since it was made. If you find you need hankies for this one, it will be for tears of laughter.

*Dr Tony Jeans*

**Cheltenham Borough Council - 'Transition Town Cheltenham - Supported by Vision 21'**

We are increasingly dependent on imported food and goods. Old and new skills are needed if we are to create sustainable communities and learn self-reliance. These events aim to inspire and re-energise our communities and ourselves and embrace the possibilities opened up by teaching and learning new skills. Come and join the learning and fun for a positive future.

**JUNE events:**

**2nd June - Food Group [meeting](#):** 7:30pm at Well Close House. You will all be able to see how Peter's "Helping Hand" is progressing

**4th June - Crocheting & Knitting:** Drop in session. Footsteps Cafe. 2pm

**7th June - Film: [Permaculture: The Growing Edge](#):** Footsteps cafe, Portland St. 7.30pm.

**12th June - Working picnic:** Gardening & outdoor community crafts: St Pauls - 11am – 6pm. Email [astibbe@glos.ac.uk](mailto:astibbe@glos.ac.uk) to book

All events are free unless otherwise stated. Donations welcome. Programme subject to change & additions. For up to date info please check the website or FootSteps Café (Winchcombe Street) or call 01242 577671. [www.transitiontowncheltenham.org.uk](http://www.transitiontowncheltenham.org.uk)

## EVENTS

June:

# **WEDNESDAY WOMEN**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Prestbury URC, Deep Street

@7.30pm (open 7.15 for refreshments)

This month's event is a

**'French Experience'**

By Michele Dawber-King

French Conversation and Food



**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Pensioners Forum - A talk ‘What can Age UK do for You’ - St Andrew’s – 11am**

Age UK provides vital direct services to people in later life. Local services can include; information, advice and advocacy services; day centres and lunch clubs; home help and ‘handyperson’ schemes; and IT and other training, so why not come along and see what is available.

We start at 11am and a soup lunch will be available after the talk until about 1.30pm. Invite your friends and neighbours to come along.

*Ann Lewis*

**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**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Prestbury Coffee Morning**

Please do come along to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am to 12.30pm; you can be sure of a very warm welcome!

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. - Pimms and Pudding Garden Party - St Andrew’s from 2.00pm - 4.30pm.**

Only £5. Enjoy a Summer Afternoon Treat.

Tickets from: Maz Allen, Lizzie George, The Odells, The Ricketts, the Thomsons,

Do come and sample as many pudding as you can eat! Proceeds in aid of the St Andrew’s Redevelopment Fund.

**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 – 12.00noon**

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| <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> | <b>'What Can AgeUK Do For You?'</b><br>AgeUK Gloucestershire            |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>'Bowel Cancer Screening Programme'</b><br>Specialist Screening Nurse |

**FREE ENTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Coffee Bar open from 10.30am – 12 noon**  
**Coffee/Tea 50p**  
**[www.urcic.org.uk](http://www.urcic.org.uk)**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Science Festival - St Andrew's  
(Held in the Garden Room all day).

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – **Tuesday Forum Outing** to Claverton Manor  
American Museum and a beautiful garden. If you like to go on this outing,  
please see Barbara Russell Smith for details as there may be spaces left on  
the coach.

**THE CHURCH in WARDEN HILL**

**are holding their**

**HOME PRODUCE SALE**

**on**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**from 11am to 2pm**

**Cakes Preserves**

**Tombola & Raffle**

**Refreshments and Lunches**

***KNIT AND CHAT***

**Next meeting**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 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 please call in.  
Coffee and Tea provided (cake if we are lucky)**

**More information from Lizzie George**



**C4 CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
present  
**SPLASH**

A musical comedy straight out of the Ark.

**Friday 17 June 7pm Prestbury URC**  
**Saturday. 18 June 3pm Warden Hill (URC)**

Admission Free  
Come and support our children



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Footsloggers Walking Group.** Details of the walk to be led by Roger Little are to be found on Church Notice Boards nearer the time. All are invited.

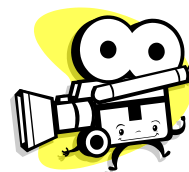


**'JUMP4JOY'**  
at St Andrew's  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
**9.30am – 10am**

**Informal Short Service for all the family**



## **Community Film Show**



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Warden Hill URC

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

**Film - The Kings Speech - Cert 15**

Free entry - Family and Friends welcome  
Refreshments available



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# *Cheltenham Choral Society*

Conductor: Ian Higginson

Present an

## *Evening in Vienna*

Works by Johann Strauss – Mozart - Haydn

Soprano: **Rebecca Rudge**

**St Andrews Church**  
**Montpellier**  
**Cheltenham**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011**  
**at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £10, under 13's free**

In advance from

**Tourist Office, 77 Promenade,**  
**Cheltenham. 01242-522878**

**Or Web: [www.visitcheltenham.info](http://www.visitcheltenham.info)**

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**‘JUMP4JOY’**  
**at Prestbury URC**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**at 10am**



**Informal Short Service for all the family**

## **July / August Events**

**For your diary:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Cotswold Childrens Choir - St Andrew's at 7.00pm**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Charlton Kings Choral Society - St Andrew's at 4.00pm.**

### **Saturday and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July**

St Christopher's are celebrating their 50th anniversary. There will be a full day of events on Saturday and a visit from Bishop John of Tewkesbury on Sunday morning to the service at 10.30am. Further information in next month's magazine.

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Classic Film at Warden Hill.**

The second film will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and will be "Mr Hulot's Holiday".

### **26th to 29th August - Greenbelt Festival**

**Stop press....**

### **Music in churches / Cathedral**

**Gloucester Choral Society - Summer Proms 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Cathedral**

Programme includes Dvorak: Te Deum, Elgar: Nimrod, Give unto the Lord and Pomp & Circumstance March no.4, Vaughan-Williams: O Clap Your Hands, Barber: Adagio (Choral version), Saint Saëns: Organ Symphony, Parry: Jerusalem

Tickets £20 to £5 for this event can be ordered online at [www.gloucesterchoral.com/programme](http://www.gloucesterchoral.com/programme)

## **Administration**

All contributions for next month's issue of In Touch to be in by Tuesday 14th June please.

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### **The Church in Warden Hill**

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<b>JUNE DIARY</b>				
1	Wed	11.00am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		12noon	SA	Soup and Chat
		7.30pm	P	Wednesday Women – French Experience
3	Fri	10.30am	P	Bible Study at New Barn Lane
		6.00pm	P	C4 Choir
		3.15pm	URC	“Toast” after-school
4	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
		2-4.30pm	SA	Pimms and Pudding Garden Party
<b>5</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Julie Jefferies</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>URC</b>	<b>Dr Rachel Tarling <i>Family Service</i></b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	Revd Maz Allen
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SA</b>	Revd Maz Allen Communion
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Evening Eucharist</b>
7	Tues			Forum Outing to Claverton Manor
		10.30am	SC	Tuesday Prayers
		7.30pm	SA	Elders meet
8	Wed	7.30pm	WH	TCIWH Ecumenical Council
10	Fri	10.30am	P	Bible Study at New Barn Lane
		6.00pm	P	C4 Choir
11	Sat	1.00pm	SA	Wedding
<b>12</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>No service</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i></b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Dr John Sutcliffe</b>
		6.30pm	SA	Ladies College Service
14	Tues	11.30am	URC	Tuesday Prayers
17	Fri	10.30am	P	Bible Study at New Barn Lane
		7.00pm	P	“Splash” by C4 Children’s choir
18	Sat	3.00pm	URC	“Splash” by C4 Children’s choir
<b>19</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Jump4Joy</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>URC</b>	<b>Revd Richard Atkins <i>Communion</i></b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen</b>

<b>JUNE</b> continued				
21	Tues	11.30am	URC	Tuesday Prayers
23	Thu	2.00pm	URC	Area meeting at Warden Hill
24	Fri	10.30am	P	Bible Study at New Barn Lane
25	Sat	7.30pm	SA	Cheltenham Choral Society
<b>26</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30a m</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
		<b>10.30a m</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Revd Jacqui Hyde <i>Communion</i></b>
		<b>11.00a m</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Ernest Marvin</b>
28	Tues	11.30am	URC	Tuesday Prayers
	s	10.00am	P	Jump4Joy
30	Thu	7.30pm	SC	Ecumenical church management meeting
<b>JULY</b>				
2	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
		7.00pm	SA	Cotswold Children's Choir
<b>3</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30a m</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Julie Jefferies</b>
		<b>10.30a m</b>	<b>URC</b>	<b>Worship Group</b>
		<b>11.00a m</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Dr John Sutcliffe Communion</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Evening Eucharist</b>