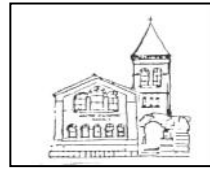
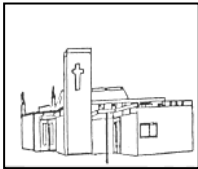


**The United Reformed Church in  
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**MAY 2010**

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Dear All,

May is a busy month liturgically. Ascension Day is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Pentecost is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The former, coming forty days after Easter tends to fall a bit flat by coming in the middle of the working week. We nonconformists, in general, make less of it than Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Yet, to ignore the message of this day is to content ourselves with an unfinished, incomplete Gospel, for Ascension reminds us that Jesus is greater than we can ever begin to imagine – one with God, before all, over all, and in all. As Nick Fawcett (former minister of Gas Green Baptists) says, ‘how many of you would read a novel only to put it aside without reading the last page? Or how many would do a jigsaw puzzle and leave out the last piece? Unthinkable, surely? ... We celebrate the birth of Jesus... the time spent in the wilderness...his triumphant entry into Jerusalem...the last supper...his death and resurrection, not to mention the giving of his Holy Spirit. But Ascension ..is the poor relation..’ So, on 13<sup>th</sup>, spare some time to think about Jesus’ ascension to the Father and his charge to those left behind: ‘you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ (Acts1:8).

Just ten days later, we have another festival and this time, the church does know how to celebrate. What a joyous day – to welcome the transforming gift of the Holy Spirit into our lives anew. We cannot thank God enough for fuelling our faith, firing our commitment and strengthening our resolve. Without the gift of the Holy Spirit, we may well have still been staring into the sky at the cloud that had ‘swallowed up’ the risen Jesus. But it doesn’t do to stare into space for too long. We need to fix our eyes on the needs of this world of ours. By engaging with our neighbours, our communities, our world, we are engaging with Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us ability, just as it did those first disciples.

So let’s celebrate this month! Let’s celebrate God’s love for us in giving us a living Lord to proclaim and an Advocate to help us do it. Enjoy!

Yours in Christ,

*Maz*

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

**In Memoriam:** It is with sadness that we record the deaths of Dan Gillies a member of St Andrew's for many years and Alice Boulter, former Prestbury member, aged 102.. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

**Our Prayers:** we hold in our prayers those for whom we are concerned: Margaret Apperley, Ann Ashworth, Jeane Combes, Margaret Coulthurst, Vicki Dunn, Mary Howes, Dorothy Lamb, Donald Lambley, Mair McIndoe, Sadie Smyth, Joan Dance, Gill Williams, Betty Lilley, Susan Nuttall, Sandy Mackenzie, Doug Macgregor, Eric Wroot, Jon Morgan, and the families and friends of Dan Gillies and. Alice Boulter.

### **Baptism**

Congratulations to Tracy and Robin Gilbert whose son Roman was baptised on Sunday 10th April.

### **Pensioners' Forum – Wednesday 5 May**

This month we have a return visit from Di Kalus, Community Nurse, who came last year and spoke about diabetes. The topic this month is 'Healthy Eating and Exercise'. Time and time again we reminded by our speakers how important healthy eating and exercise is for keeping us well and preventing the onset of many illnesses. We may think we know all the answers but I am sure there is always something to learn. The coffee bar will be open from 10am and the talk will start at 10.30am.

*Ann Lewis*

### **Tuesday Forum-Garden Room St Andrew's**

#### **Meetings for May:**

On **11 May** there will be a demonstration by the Scottish country dance U3A group followed by the opportunity to join the dance and participate in a bring and share tea.

On **25 May** there will be the Forum outing.to Leominster.

*Barbara Russell-Smith*

## **Ladies Group**

For those of you unable to attend Tuesday Forum we invite you to join us for our first meeting on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm at St Andrews URC, Montpellier.

Over coffee we will discuss our ideas for future events.

For more details please ring Donna Sutherland or Lizzie George.

## **Holiday Club at Warden Hill, 26 to 30 July**

Volunteers are required for this week of afternoon activities for 5 to 10 year old children to be held at the URC - sessions last 2 hours - help on more than one session would be welcome. Please contact Maz if you could help on

## **URCiC Walking Group**

The walk for May will be on Monday 24th May. Please see Tim Odell or Roger Little for further details.



**‘JUMP4JOY’**

**At St Andrew’s**

**Sunday 16 May**

**9.30am – 10am**

**Informal Short Service for all the family**

# KNIT AND CHAT

Next meeting  
1pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May

(We will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month,  
evening sessions to be added. See Lizzie George)

In the Garden Room  
@ St Andrews URC

**For patterns see internet:**

***Knitted Teddy:***

**[www.allaboutyou.com/craft/knitting-pattern-teddy/v1](http://www.allaboutyou.com/craft/knitting-pattern-teddy/v1)**

***Rainbow Babies:***

**[www.jeangreenhowe.com/patterns.html](http://www.jeangreenhowe.com/patterns.html)**

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

**Programme for 2010**

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

**You are invited to the following Talks 10.30am –  
11.30am**

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|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Wednesday 5 May</b>   | <b>'Healthy Eating and Exercise'</b><br>Di Kalus, Community Nurse |
| <b>Wednesday 2 June</b>  | <b>'Best Foot Forward'</b><br>Helen Edge, Podiatrist              |
| <b>Wednesday 30 June</b> | <b>Health &amp; Well Being Fair for<br/>Older People</b>          |

**FREE ENTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Coffee Bar open from 10.00am – 12 noon**

## **The church isn't fizzling out, but sizzling to life**

*An e-mail from one church in the Synod, following on from our March Synod "Making the Synod Sizzle" and also how one church is using a 'webmag'.*

*For those who have access to the world wide web at home or in the local library, please take a look at our WebMag and see how the United Reformed Church isn't managing a crisis of declining attendances, but has a plan for growth.*

Please just click on the website below for direct access to the Elmwood WebMag without any fuss! Then all you need to do is click on the bottom right corner of each page to turn over and double click to zoom and read.

The number of people visiting the WebMag is increasing and we hope this can be an easy, attractive and powerful means of outreach beyond our own church. We have people visiting the WebMag from Russia, Canada, United States, Caribbean, Australia and Africa so it is becoming truly global. So please click and look and pass on to friends and other churches or organisations etc.

<http://www.elmwood-church.com/elmwoodwebmag/index.html>

This is not a project to build our own church but an effort to show how we can work together across the boundaries of culture and denominations to build the Kingdom of God. It is our story, and that of our brothers and sisters from the United Reformed Church and the extended Elmwood family, to encourage people to recognise how God is working in our lives in a very powerful way.

The WebMag is updated each Friday morning as we try to make our relationship with God stronger with something old, something new and something blue (I guess we borrow a bit too!). Some items will be the same for a few weeks, others will be new but always something to be encouraged by.

God Bless

Richard Becher

*Item contributed by David Black*

**URC in CHELTENHAM MORNING PRAYERS**  
**11.30am – 12noon EVERY Tuesday at Warden Hill**

4 May	Acts 16 9-15 John 5 1-9	Tewkesbury Road area, Churches and Schools Samaritans St Andrew's coffee bar Prayers for the World
11 May	Acts 16 17-34 John 17 20-26	Carlton Road area, Churches and Schools Highbury Church including day centre St Andrew's pensioners' forum Prayers for the World
18 May	Genesis 11 1-9 John 14 8-17	Charlton Kings area, Churches and Schools Glenfall house conference centre Adult Christian Education Prayers for the World
24 May	Proverbs 8 1-4 John 16 12-15	Dowdeswell, Andoversford areas, Churches and Schools Care of the environment URCiC Covenant with Oggersheim Prayers for the World
1 June	1 Kings 17 8-16 Luke 7 11-17	Hospital area, Churches and Schools St Paul's wing, Cobalt unit, Chaplaincy Medical, surgical and maternity care URCiC Team ministry Prayers for the World

### **Reading Group**

The next meeting for the Reading Group will be on Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm, at Prestbury URC. We will be discussing 'Baking Cakes in Kigali' by Gaile Parkin, a novel set in Rwanda. New members are always welcome.

For further information phone Mary Cummings

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHURCHES TOGETHER  
FORUM MEETING**

**7.30 p.m. Thursday, 6 May 2010**

**CLIMATE CHANGE – CON OR CONCERN?  
A CHRISTIAN VIEW**

**Speaker: Brendan Bowles  
Director of Climate Stewards, A Rocha**

**A Rocha is a global family of community-based conservation  
projects in 18 countries on 5 continents showing  
God's love for all creation**

**Ashcroft Church, Ashcroft Road,  
Cirencester GL7 1RA  
(Parking in nearby Brewery Car Park)**

**Refreshments available before the meeting**

**ALL WELCOME**

**For more information, contact:**

**Rev. Dr. Alison Evans, Britannia Cottage, High Street,  
King's Stanley, Stonehouse, Glos. GL10 3JD  
malcolm.alison@btinternet.com**

## The Revd. Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Fred Kaan and his hymns, presided over by the Revd. John Marsh – current Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, was attended by a packed congregation in St Andrew’s United Reformed Church, Cheltenham on Saturday, April 10. Fred Kaan died last November, 2009, at the age of 80.



Tributes to Fred were given by the Revd. John Marsh – a former minister of West Midlands; Fred’s wife, Dr Anthea Kaan; Dr Gillian Warson - Author of the biography - Fred Kaan, *the Man and his Hymns*; the Revd. Alan Gaunt – a United Reformed Church minister, hymn writer and poet; the Revd. Anthony Burnham – former General Secretary of the URC; and the Revd Alasdair Pratt – a Past Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church. The Reading used in the service was: Revelation 22:1-5 with its image of healing. The Prayers of Intercession concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, were led by the Revd. Mary Buchanan, Chaplain to the Revd. John Marsh.

During the service of celebration the following hymns were sung:

- *‘God who spoke in the beginning, forming rock and shaping spar’*
- *‘Sing we of the modern city, scene alike of joy and stress’*
- *‘We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise’*
- *‘Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and an eternal home’*
- *‘Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy’*
- *‘Put peace into each other’s hands and like a treasure hold it’*

- *Thank you, O God, for the time that is now, for all the newness your minutes allow'*
- *'We meet, exploring each new call of life and take the questing path: the risk of faith''*
- *'Before all time, love's logic spoke the Word that from unordered water, chaos, night'*

A song '*Imagination is a Tree*', written by Fred Kaan was also beautifully sung by Jenny Canham and Alan Gaunt:

The Revd. John Marsh – a former minister of West Midlands said that Fred was a great friend and not only a true theologian but a great poet. His creative work has broadened the church not only east and west but north and south. His hymns are now sung all around the world.

The organist at the celebration was Revd. Michael Hodgson, URC minister, Brecon Beacons Group.

A much loved hymn writer of the Twentieth Century and former Moderator of West Midlands Synod, Revd. Fred Kaan, died at the age of 80 during the early hours of Sunday October 4 2009. During his life, two more of his best well known Hymns found in many hymn books are: 'Now let us from this table rise' and 'For the healing of the nations'.

Netherlands born, Fred spent the war years under Nazi occupation. His experiences of these years gave him a deep insight for peace and justice amongst humanity. In his teens he attended church regularly and was confirmed at the age of 18. He studied theology and psychology at Utrecht University and Christian ministry at the UK Western College, Bristol, in 1952.

His first preaching appointment was in Barry after which he was called to Pilgrim Church in Plymouth where he was known for his hymn writing.

After 5-years he became the executive secretary of the International Congregational Council which united in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. His period in Geneva involved many other roles including staff member of the World Council of Churches working on Cantate Domino - the international and ecumenical hymnal. In 1978 Fred returned to England and became the Moderator of the West Midlands Synod. He also served as an officer of the Council for World Mission and later became its chairman. His final pastorate was in Swindon where he retired in 1990.

His first marriage to Elly, gave him two sons, Martin and Peter and a daughter, Alison. After Elly's death, Fred married Anthea, who cared for him devotedly during his retirement and last few years of life.

The Revd Roberta Rominger, general secretary of the United Reformed Church also says of Fred Kaan's life "We thank God for the gift to us of Fred Kaan, whose passion for peace and justice, ecumenical drive and ability to enable the Church to sing the faith in plain but moving speech has a major influence for us in the last half of the Twentieth Century".

*Assembled from the service sheet and website of Fred Kaan's life*



### **Christian Aid Week 2010—from the 9th to 15th of May 2010**

Every May, during Christian Aid Week, something amazing happens: 300,000 people from over 20,000 churches across the UK take to the streets to raise money that will transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world. The money raised during CA Week provides nearly one fifth of Christian Aid's total income.

#### *Volunteer to be a collector*

Please consider volunteering to be a collector this year – the URC in Cheltenham collects in several different areas and we can arrange for you to collect in your own neighbourhood if you prefer. Please contact Andrew Veal ([arveal@waitrose.com](mailto:arveal@waitrose.com) or Cheltenham 515797) if you can spare a few hours in CA Week.

#### *Gift Aid your donations*

Please complete the Gift Aid declaration with your donation. Last CA Week, Christian Aid reclaimed around £1 million through Gift Aid. Just £16 could buy the materials needed to build five metres of new drainage in Kenya, to prevent sewage flooding into streets and houses, protecting families from disease. It's not hard to work out the scale of the difference that your Gift Aid contributions could make. And the good news is that it comes at no extra cost.

Christian Aid receives thousands of donations without Gift Aid declarations, each of which means less money to work with the world's poorest communities. So please take a moment to fill in the Gift Aid form, and encourage other people to do so when you are collecting. A minute of your time could help thousands of the world's poorest people.

*Donations can be made via the CA Week envelopes or online – see the website: <http://www.caweek.org.uk>*

*Dr Andrew Veal*

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### **Birmingham Churches Together & Council of Black Led Churches**

*Address: St. George's Community Hub, Great Hampton Row, Newtown Birmingham B19 3JG. Telephone: 0121 236 3966 & 0121 236 3001 E-mail: [office@birminghamchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@birminghamchurches.org.uk) & [admin@cblcuk.com](mailto:admin@cblcuk.com)*

Pentecost is one of the most significant events in the Christian calendar. The first Pentecost was a watershed for early Christians as the Holy Spirit united them in prayer and witness.

We invite Christians of all traditions, denominations and cultural backgrounds to come together in: **Victoria Square on Pentecost Sunday 23rd May from 4.00pm to 5.30pm** - to join with millions world wide on this Global day of Prayer to worship, pray and praise God together as one family. It is being hosted by Birmingham Churches Together and the Council of Black Led Churches.

**Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra**  
**Saturday 15 May 2010 at 7:30pm**  
**St Andrews, Montpellier, Cheltenham**  
**Conductor: Toby Purser**  
**Leader: George Ewart**

Tickets: All unreserved £15, Concessions £12 Senior Citizens,  
 £6 Students or free if accompanied by a paying adult

Tickets available from Peter Kerr, The Showcase Fancy Dress shop,

## **Prestbury News**

### **Alice Boulter**

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Alice on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Shocked too, for Alice, like the Queen Mother, seemed to go on for ever. At 102, Alice was still living life to the full. Always cheerful and elegantly dressed, she loved people and had a keen interest in family and friends. A true 'party animal' she loved playing cards – staying up till the early hours if necessary. She was an intrepid traveller – with trips to Russia when she was 99, the South of France at 100 and Africa only this Christmas. With her late husband, Charlie, who died in 1993, they were early and very active members of the Prestbury Seniors Club. They became members of Prestbury in 1991 and Alice continued to attend regularly until she moved to Middlesbrough in 2005 to live with her daughter Josie but we continued to see her at Church when she came down to visit. Our prayers and condolences go to her daughters Mavis, Margaret and Josie and their families.

### **May Fair**

Our annual May Fair will take place from 10.00am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Do join us for coffee and then have a browse round the stalls – cakes, tombola, books, plants (including filled hanging baskets), produce, raffle etc. Light lunches will be served from Noon. Donations of cakes, produce and plants will be most welcome.

### **North Cheltenham Churches Together**

A United Christian Aid service will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm at Prestbury URC. All are most welcome.

### **Talent Scheme**

Join in the Harvest of the Talents by collecting £2 from Brian and seeing if you can multiply this several times by Harvest.

## **Cooking up a storm !**

For my talent this year, I would like to produce a recipe book of our favourites. So if you have any special recipes for family meals, low fat, low sugar, just desert, cakes and bakes, special meals for One or vegetarian then please send or E-mail me your recipes to Julie Jefferies; juliecjefferies@googlemail.com or In the Autumn when the book is produced we will have a Recipe Tasting evening

*Julie Jefferies.*

## **Jump 4 Joy !**

A new half-hour service for pre-school children and parents begins at Prestbury URC on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June ; 10.00 to 10.30am. Includes songs, stories, prayers & activities. This service will take place every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month.

## **Coffee and Flower Rotas**

There a still plenty of blank slots on the 2010 rotas so please sign to provide flowers (you don't have to arrange them !) for Church or to help run a coffee morning.

## **Hire of the Church**

We are now starting to take bookings for the Hall and Church. Please think of us when planning a party or meeting. We charge £10 per hour or £25 per half day. Church availability can be found at:

<http://www.urch.org.uk/prestburycalendar.php>

*Items contributed by Fiona, Julie and Maz.*

## **In Touch – Contributions always welcomed**

Please either see Ian Brooks at Church or forward all contributions to him directly via e-mail (ianbrooks444@btinternet.com).

# **Teatime Praise**

**PRESTBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,  
DEEP STREET**

**4pm – 5pm (monthly)**

**Get closer to God through creating your own worship  
Make craft on a theme  
Storytelling that helps you learn more about the Bible  
plus  
Bring-and-share tea**

**starts 13 June**

**For the whole family**

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Gloucester Cathedral  
Free lunchtime organ recitals (with retiring collection)  
by Matthew Martin, Westminster Cathedral  
on Bank Holiday 3rd May at 12.30pm  
by Carleton Etherington  
on Bank Holiday 31st May at 12.30pm

also in the Cathedral on  
Friday 14th May at 12.30pm  
a free lunchtime concert given by  
St. George's Motet Choir from Stockholm, Sweden

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## **St Andrew's News**

### **May Communion Offering**

#### **Cheltenham Samaritans**

Samaritans is a confidential emotional support service for anyone in the UK and Ireland. The service is available 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide. Volunteers offer support by responding to phone calls, emails and letters. Alternatively people can drop in to a branch to have a face to face meeting. The service is offered by 17,000 trained volunteers and is entirely dependent on voluntary support. There are 202 branches of Samaritans in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

"There's very few places you can go to in the world where you can pick up a telephone and another human being, no matter why they're doing it, will listen to you unconditionally. If you want to pour out in a phonecall, they will listen for hours."  
*Samaritans caller*

#### **Junior Church**

Junior Church is run by a small group of volunteers and is offered on three Sundays every month, except the third Sunday, when Jump4Joy takes place.

It is an all age group led by one teacher, with help from a duty elder, if required. The group follows the Lectionary, using materials from Roots. The attendance numbers vary, but Easter Day proved popular, with a large group attending.

Children and their families, who attend baptisms, are also invited to join in the activities, and many take up the opportunity to do so.

*Ann Lewis*

#### **Jump4Joy**

Jump4Joy is a Sunday service running from 9.30am to 10am held on the third Sunday of each month at St Andrew's. The format we have developed is one where we take a story from the Bible, with songs and fun activities to illustrate the theme. Starting with a small number of children our numbers have now risen to around twelve children with their families at each service.

We are also supported by members of the church congregation who join in our services.

Although we began this to attract the young, it is for the young at heart, so if you wish to attend an earlier service do come along and join us. You will have a lively start to your Sunday and will be delighted to see you.

*Elizabeth Floyer-Moss*

### **St Andrew's AGM**

The following posts were filled as shown:

<p><b>Church Secretary**</b>  Assistant Secretary **  Stewards Secretary  Flower Secretary  Church Council additional elder  Minute Secretary  Bookings Officer  Deputy Bookings Officer  Lead Concert Steward  Wedding Steward</p>	<p><i>Dr Tony Jeans</i>  <b>Vacant</b>  <i>Mrs Jean Wilson</i>  <i>Mrs Barbara McGregor</i>  Mrs Marie Birchley  <i>Mrs Madeleine Hyde</i>  <i>Mr David Black</i>  <b>Vacant</b>  <b>Vacant</b>  <i>Mr Tim Odell</i></p>
<p><b><u>Finance:</u></b>  Church Treasurer  Independent Examiner  Free Will Offering Secretary  Free Will Offering Treasurer  Banking Rota  Gift Aid Secretary</p>	<p><i>Mrs. Donna Sutherland</i>  <i>Andorran Limited</i>  <u><i>Mr. Marcus Dann</i></u>  <i>Mr John Standring</i>  <i>Mr Peter Kerr</i>  <i>Miss Anne Strathie</i></p>
<p><b><u>Worship and Education</u></b>  Communion Table   Church Organist  Assistant Church Organist  Pulpit Supply  Transport Officer &amp; deputy</p>	<p><i>Tim and Dorothy Odell, Mrs. Ann Lewis</i>  <u><i>Mr Peter Meason</i></u>  <i>Mrs Andrea Board</i>  <i>Mrs Ann Lewis #</i>  <i>Mrs Joan Thomson &amp; Tim and Dorothy Odell</i></p>

<p>Junior Church staff</p> <p>Information Officer for work with Children and Young People</p> <p>Church Readings Secretary</p> <p>Wedding Secretary</p> <p>Wedding Registrar</p> <p>Additional Authorised Persons</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship Handbooks &amp; Bible Reading Fellowship</p>	<p><i>Miss Anne Gimingham, Mrs Andrea Board (Music) Mrs Dorothy Odell, Mrs Ann Lewis, <u>Mrs Elizabeth Floyer-Moss</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Mrs Elizabeth Floyer-Moss</u> <u>Mrs Carol Drummond</u> Mrs Diana Miles # Mrs Alison Kerr Revd Maz Allen, Mrs Carol Drummond, &amp; Mrs Ann Standring Mr Bob Alger #</i></p>
<p><b><u>Catering/Hospitality/Social events</u></b></p> <p>Sunday Coffee Rota</p> <p>Thursday Coffee Rota</p> <p>Saturday Coffee Rota</p> <p>Kitchen Co-ordinator</p> <p>Christmas Fair 2009</p>	<p><i>Mrs. Florence Dann Mrs Margaret Harmsworth Mrs Alison Stagg Mrs. Margaret Harmsworth Committee to be appointed</i></p>
<p><b><u>Representatives</u></b></p> <p>Commitment for Life &amp; Christian Aid</p> <p>Traidcraft</p> <p>West Midlands Synod</p> <p>West Mids Area Representative</p>	<p><i>Dr Andrew Veal</i></p> <p><i>Warden Hill team # Mrs Ann Lewis Mr Brian Smith</i></p>

**Note:**

**from St Andrew's Elders**

The Elders have agreed that Tony Jeans will serve as Church Secretary for one year to April 2011. Ann Lewis will be acting Assistant Church Secretary, responsible for Elders' and Church meetings, until a replacement Assistant Church Secretary can be found.

## Committees

<p><b><u>Premises Committee</u></b></p>	<p>Mr Peter Meason (Convenor), (Secretary - <b>Vacant</b>) Mr Bob Alger. Mr Marcus Dann.</p> <p><i>Ex Officio members: Bookings Officer, URiC Treasurer and Catering Representative</i></p>
<p><b><u>Finance Committee</u></b></p>	<p><i>Mr. David Black (Convenor), Dr Tony Jeans, Mr Peter Kerr (Secretary), Mrs Lizzie George</i></p> <p>Ex officio: Mrs Donna Sutherland – Treasurer; Church Secretary; Bookings Officer; Miss Anne Strathie – Gift Aid, Mr John Standring – Free Will Offering</p>

# URiC Appointments

\*\* Appointed by the Elders

Mrs Joan Thomson and Mrs Ann Lewis were elected to the eldership for three years terms, and Dr Tony Jeans and Mr Marcus Dann were elected for a year.

### **Vacancies**

A vacancy exists for Assistant Secretary, Deputy Bookings Officer, Lead Concert Steward and the St Andrew's co-ordinator/editor of In Touch. Anyone who is interested in taking on any of these positions is requested to contact the church secretary.

### **Gift Aid**

The annual Gift Aid certificates will be available during May. If you require a certificate, please contact Roger Little, on

## News from The Church in Warden Hill

The first months of 2010 have been both busy and exciting as we officially became a L.E.P (Local Ecumenical Partner) on 16th January. There is a greater sense of unity developing between our two congregations as we strive to grow to become “The Church in Warden Hill”.

You may like to know about some of the work that has been going on “behind the scenes” in addition to the well advertised events and meetings.

Towards the end of 2009, a committee of people (5 from each Church) was formed called the Ecumenical Council Management Committee. This committee of Lay Church Members, meeting more or less fortnightly, has worked very hard to put in place a number of committees and individuals to undertake the future running of the single Church from the date of the First Annual General Meeting held after morning service on Sunday 18th April.

At this AGM we elected a full Ecumenical Church Council to be responsible for running the Church in Warden Hill together with the help and guidance of our Clergy and others, both from the Church of England and the United Reformed Church. After the AGM there followed a bring and share lunch to celebrate this historic occasion.

On Sunday 25th April there was no service in Warden Hill when we attended the United Pastoral Service at St Andrews when the preacher was Revd. Roy Lowes and after Lunch there was held the URCiC Annual General Meeting. At 6.00pm the same day the Evening Communion Service at St Christopher’s, was led by Bishop Michael of Gloucester followed by light refreshments. A busy day for all!.

### **Dates for May**

On the **8th May**—Prom Praise—Royal Albert Hall, London. Coach departs Priors Road (junction of Prestbury Road) at 3.30pm and from Warden Hill (URC) at 3.50pm

Also on the **8th May**, there is a scouting display at St Christopher’s (for those interested in formation of a new troop).

**18th May**-ECC meeting at URC 7.30pm.

**22nd May**-Community Film Show at Warden Hill URC 2.15 for 2.30pm.  
Film to be announced.

**26th May**- URCiC Council Meeting at Warden Hill URC-7.30pm.

**Some advanced Notices for June:**

**2nd June.** ECC meeting at URC 7.30pm.

**9th June.** Area Meeting at Nailsworth. 2.00-3.30pm.

Also on the **9th May there is a Home Produce Sale**  
at URC 11.00-1.30pm.

*Elsie and John Hutton*

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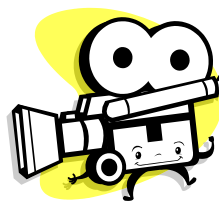
**Saturday 22 May**

**at 2:30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)**

**Film to be announced**

**Free entry - Family and Friends Welcome**

**Refreshments available**





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1	Sat	10.30am	P	May Fair
2	Sun	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Revd John Beardsley</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Family Worship with Val Hobbs</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen <i>Ladies College</i></b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i></b>
5	Wed	10.30am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		3.30pm	WH	"Toast" drop-in youth club
6	Thur	7.30pm	SC	ECC meet
8	Sat	London		Prom Praise
9	Sun	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen <i>followed by Elders' meeting</i></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>WH</b>	<b>Revd Ernest Marvin <i>Family Communion</i></b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Dr John Sutcliffe</b>
11	Tues	7.30pm	SA	Elders meet
		3.30pm	WH	"Toast" drop-in youth club
13	Thur	7.30pm	SC	Ascension Day Service
15	Sat	7.30pm	SA	Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra
16	Sun	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Jump4Joy</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mrs Julie Jefferies</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Revd Canon Owen Barraclough <i>Communion</i></b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen <i>Baptisms</i></b>
18	Tues	7.30pm	WH	ECC meet
		3.30pm	WH	"Toast" drop-in youth club
20	Thur	1.00pm	SA	Knit and Chat
21	Fri	2.00pm	SA	Wedding
22	Sat	2.30pm	WH	Community Film
23	Sun	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen <i>Family Worship</i></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>WH</b>	<b>Revd Canon Owen Barraclough <i>Communion</i></b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Mr Bill Cowie</b>
26	Wed	3.30pm	WH	"Toast" drop-in youth club
		7.30pm	WH	URCiC Council meet
		7.30pm	P	Reading Group
30	Sun	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dr Tony Jeans</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Revd John Johansen-Berg</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>NO SERVICE - short prayer service only</b>

<b>JUNE DIARY</b>				
1	Tues	5.30pm	SA	Premises Committee
2	Wed	10.30am	SA	Pensioners' Forum
		3.30pm	WH	"Toast" drop-in youth club
		7.30pm	WH	ECC meet
5	Sat	10.30am	P	Coffee Morning
<b>6</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>P</b>	
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>WH</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen Communion</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Revd Maz Allen</b>
<b>Weekly Meetings</b>				
	Mon	9.30am	SA	Mah Jong
		9.00am	WH	Warden Hill Urchins
		10.00am	P	Prestbury Urchins <i>not summer holidays</i>
	Tues	11.30am	WH	Morning Prayers
		10.00am	SA	Parent and Toddler Group
	Wed	9.30am	WH	Warden Hill Urchins
		9.15am	SC	Little Shepherds pre-school worship <i>term only</i>
	Thurs	10.00am	SA	Morning Coffee
	Thurs	10.00am	SA	"Bumps and Babes"
		10.30am		Bible Study - 51 Bournside Road
	Sat	10.00am	SA	Coffee Bar
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