



ST ANDREW'S  
SHOTTERY

# SEARCHLIGHT



The grass withers  
and the flowers fall,  
but the word of God  
stands forever.



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**Sundays:** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist\*

5.00pm Evensong (3rd Sunday)

6.30pm Every other Sunday

1st Sunday: 10.00am All-Age Family Service (without Communion)

2nd Sunday: 10.00am Parish Eucharist .

3rd Sunday: 6.30pm Atrium.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Holy Communion

Thursdays: 10.00am Holy Communion.

\*This Service will also be on zoom. Do check out our website and on Facebook for links.

**DOROTHY UNITT** thanks everyone sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of her 107th birthday.





## Have a cracking Holy Day!

Welcome to this double issue of Searchlight. You may be reading this having just returned from a holiday (never mind). Alternatively, you might be reading this preparing to go on your summer break (hurrah!). You may of course be on holiday now in which case you probably won't be reading this (or care either!).

Holidays are great aren't they? Goodbye to the normal humdrum of our everyday lives as we get away from it all and grab the sun lotion, pack the 'speedos' (well, maybe!) and hit the beach or wherever it is you choose to do on holiday. Of course, a 'staycation' might be your thing this year but whatever form it takes holidays are important, time to recharge and refresh.

The word holiday comes from the words 'holy day'. In ancient times there were certain days of the year that were given to workers as days off so they could go to church and worship. A notable day of course was Mothering Sunday. Other days were given at Christmas, at Easter and on special Saints Days. Later the 'Holy day' became better known as Holiday but didn't necessarily mean attendance at church to worship. The characteristics of holy day was to rest, to enjoy time with family and friends and to recharge the batteries, pretty much what holidays are meant to be for today.

Whatever way we holiday this year, it is so important that we take time for rest. We live in a 24-7 world. The demands on us are massive and the stress and emotional pressures are considerable. Rest is a holy, Godly principle. Remember the Genesis story of creation? On the seventh day having completed his work, God rested from all his labours. He took time out, downed tools and chilled out (well, perhaps!).

So, whatever you're doing this summer – whether it's basking in the sun somewhere with a good book, getting wet camping under canvass or simply staying at home, enjoy the rest because wherever you are, you'll be having a cracking Holy Day!

God bless you,

*Reverend Craig*

**Janet Insoll** wishes to thank all those who offered lifts, prayers, cards and good wishes while **John** is in the Coventry University Hospital following his horrendous accident. We hope to move into 10 Hathaway Court before he comes home and visitors will be most welcome.



An old snake goes to see his Doctor. "Doc, I need something for my eyes, I can't see very well these days."

The doctor fixes him up with a pair of glasses and tells him to return in 2 weeks.

The snake comes back in 2 weeks and tells the doctor he's very depressed.

The doctor says, "What's the problem? Didn't the glasses help you?"

"The glasses are fine doc, but I just discovered I've been living with a water hose the past 2 years."

"As I said before, I never repeat myself."



## **Come and join the dance – here at St Andrew's Church**

I thought I would write about the new Ceilidh and Scottish Country Dance group that started at St Andrew's back in April, which runs every Thursday evening from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. As you know our wonderful choir rehearse on a Thursday as well, but we don't interrupt them. I am mindful that we don't interrupt the flow of church proceedings.

The group has been going very well indeed. We had 10 beginners and 8 experienced dancers join us. We have also received an enquiry from two more couples. Our group are from both the wider community and the church community. Members of the local Caledonian Society join us each week and they have very much enjoyed the space we offer here at St Andrew's, but also that we are a social group having fun, and enjoying learning together the ceilidh and country dances to some wonderful music. This is a group that does not worry at all if we go wrong – we laugh. We don't take things too seriously; we just learn and enjoy it. Also people have the option to stay the two hours or just do an hour or half an hour, whatever suits them.

You might think that this kind of dancing will be too fast, or too energetic. There are the quick tempo dances Jigs and Reels, but we are able to slow our music down to a tempo to suit all. Some choose to dance the dances or others like to walk them through each time. Some take a break and sit one dance out and then start again. We also do much slower tempo dances called Strathspeys. It really is an open group for all ages, and of any ability at all, so why not have a think about whether you might like to join us now and again, or regularly. One of the beginners mentioned how she thought this sort of social event was wonderful for mental health wellbeing, as well as enjoyment and

possible physical fitness, and I think she has a point. Anything we can do to help others and bring people together to share the fun is always a wonderful thing. I hope this group meets that idea.

One evening the group were forming together at a later start time after we had our evening Ascension Service. Those who don't usually come to our church services were interested in what the Ascension service was about. They also asked about those who were robed what that represented. I was able to share thoughts with them and chat about our wonderful welcoming, warm church family here at St Andrews. Who knows, one tiny seed planted is always worth it and we leave God to do the rest.

As with all new groups we have had two couples who had to leave us, not for any reason other than their own personal commitments and one couple whose church is in interregnum. We do miss them, but we are also very open to them popping in again some time as and when, or if they would like to should their circumstances change. Our beginners keep returning weekly and are picking things up so brilliantly, and they comment how much they are getting out of it, so it is a privilege to be able to offer this.

We try to begin and end the evening with a Ceilidh dance or two, and in between learn easy to follow Scottish Country Dances. If you think you might like to pop in and have a look, then why not come and listen to the lovely music and watch, or try us out by joining in one dance. If you would like to, then please do because you would all be most very welcome indeed. As I mentioned earlier, it's individual choice as to whether



anyone prefers to dance or walk each dance through. Some of our current members just walk it and enjoy the music and the fellowship of the group. We also go right through, we don't break for the Summer.

My thought for the possible future, is that perhaps we could consider a combined event, a Christian Ceilidh. Perhaps merging the ceilidh dancing with an evening of Christian songs similar to the ones we sing at Atrium, and having a ceilidh dance in between and perhaps a song or two, or reading of a Scottish poem or two, perhaps adding in a bring and share nibbles. This could be something we might consider for 2024 in the Spring or Summer, (Craig and team permitting this of course), and if we extended this into the church itself and the centre, I think we might enjoy coming together as a church and wider community for an enjoyable evening of social fun as well as some Christian thoughts.



We never know how anything works until we have a go. You never know if you might enjoy it unless you try. We leave it for people to donate £2.50 a week if they are able, but if they are not, no problem. So, my question is.....Won't you come and join the dance? We would truly love to see you.

***Revd. Sarah.***

***(Article compiled prior to family bereavement)***

## PARISH REGISTERS



### Registers for June 2023

#### Funerals

9<sup>th</sup> John Testar (83) – burial of ashes

11<sup>th</sup> John Gough

12<sup>th</sup> Olive (Joy) Allwright (92)

#### St Andrews Thursday Lunch



The next lunch is on **Thursday 13th July** in St Andrew's Parish Centre at 12.30pm

The cost is £8 for a two course meal and coffee/tea, but please bring your own drink if you want to (other than water!).

**Anyone and Everyone welcome.**

Please reserve your place in advance by adding your name to the sheet in the church foyer (available about 2 weeks before the event) or phone Fran on 07906355064, and let us know of any dietary requirements, or if you have difficulty getting there.

**There will be NO lunch in August**





**BEV SHORT'S** arrangement for  
**PENTECOST. FABULOUS!**

# Coffee Morning

With Bring and Buy

*Everyone Welcome*



1st, 15th & 29th  
July, 12th & 26th  
August.  
10am till noon.



**Awesome concert by STAMP 24th June.**

## Introducing Allan Steven



New friends at St. Andrew's Shottery, thank you so much for the welcome you have given to me. It's a telling fact that when one can recall so many names in such a short time you know that you've come to the right place.

Coventry Diocese placed me with you for the final stages of Reader training. Licensing is imminent; Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in Coventry Cathedral. If you fancy a day out do come. Apparently, you will also be fed and watered after the service – a bonus!

It's five years since I moved from Buckinghamshire to Stratford-Upon-Avon. My training began in Bucks, under the aegis of the Oxford Diocese. In 2012 I retired from 38 years of teaching Drama. The bulk of my career was as the founding Head of Drama at University College School Hampstead, N. London.

By birth, I am a Lancastrian, born inland from Liverpool; the youngest of four children, as I never tire of reminding my brothers and sister. Though not so young now, I am these days free and single, but have two daughters, Elizabeth and Alice, who are in their mid-thirties. Alice is married. She and her husband Paul have blessed me with three grandchildren: Aimee, Alfie and Lily. They remain in Bucks, but it's a shortish hop down the M40.

My regular place of worship is St. Laurence's Bidford on Avon. We have just entered Interregnum, so if you have any clergy to spare let me know. The Reader journey has been a tad longer than most, with a temporary cessation between Bucks and Warwickshire. However, the Calling to Christ has never dwindled, and in God's time I'm brought close to completion – then the hard work begins!

Craig has given me a generous welcome, and a good timetable. I'm with you throughout June for a variety of services, and also for two Sundays in July. It hasn't taken long to appreciate that you have a vibrant and happy church. Though my long term commitment is to St. Laurence's, I hope to be able to worship with you in the future, when time affords. Living in Stratford makes that easy.

Thank you once more for the hand of friendship you have extended.

Every blessing,

*Allan.*



## Seasons of Song

On the 24th August at 7pm, **Lily Robson** will be returning to St. Andrew's to perform a solo vocal recital on a theme of the Seasons. It will include music for voice and piano from all eras, ranging from the baroque through to contemporary composers.

This event will not be ticketed but there will be a retiring collection (of which all profits go to the church) and refreshments available afterwards.



## CHORAL EVENSONG—25th JUNE. Led by Coventry Cathedral Choir.



It was a rare and fortunate circumstance that led to the visit by twenty two Choristers, Choral Scholars, and Lay Clerks with their Acting Director of Music, Luke Fitzgerald, and organist Liam Condon from Coventry Cathedral to celebrate Choral Evensong at our Parish church. The service was led by the Rev. Canon Kathryn Fleming, Canon for worship and Community at the Cathedral. Nothing detracted from the essential humility of this service yet the standard of musicianship was an example to us all as the choir adjusted their delivery well to the smaller space of a humble parish church. The choir sang the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A by Harris, and the setting of the responses by John Bertalot made a welcome change from our normal simple setting. Notable was the choir's performance of The Anthem by John Ireland with its unusual organ introduction belied by the words, "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." Organist Liam Condon did a splendid job throughout finishing with a Mendelssohn Voluntary. Rev. Su, Cathedral Curate, gave an excellent sermon on the equality of all human life. There were around eighty in the congregation to enjoy this service, and it was followed by a refreshing drink in the Vicarage garden. Many thanks to all for contributing to a very uplifting occasion.

***Larry Robson.***

## PRAYER 24/7

### Igniting prayer, mission and justice across Great Britain.

The 24/7 prayer weekend has been 6 months in the making, agreeing to hold it took place when the nights were much , much longer. I have followed the work of the 24/7 movement for a long time, reading the work of Pete Grieg who founded the idea of continuous prayer rooms, which has taken off globally. Historically it began with Count Zinzendorf in Moravia when a 110 year prayer vigil started in 1727 in a protestant church, it is an amazing story and worth a Google and Pete and his family felt led by God to do the same, starting very small here in the UK, but then spreading around the world.



Our weekend started with a commissioning service by Rev. Sarah at 9.30am, a beautiful, gentle service held around the cross as the sunshine came in through the big window. Steadily through the day the congregation came to the prayer room, the church to spend time with God.



We had set up 6 different prayer stations, each one offering an alternative way to connect with God. Nic Carree made a beautiful flower installation to depict the natural world and creation. Rev. Craig and Rev. Paul lent their finger labyrinths- not mazes but journeys where meditation and sense lead you to the middle of the labyrinth and then back out, giving me the sense that God had got me safely on a journey where He knew the direction and how long it would take. We had mandalas where one could colour and consider the work of the Holy spirit, the sustainer and

inspiration for so much created beauty in the world. In the font we placed shells and water to remember our baptism as children of God. Rev. Paul and Joan Whyman gave the prayer room lots of beautiful resources, photographs and poems that enabled us to create a stunning place to be with God.



In addition Rev. Craig and Rev. Paul offered sessions on contemplative prayer and the rosary which were very much enjoyed by those who took part. Rev. Paul also led us in afternoon, evening, night-time and morning prayer.

We closed the church at 11.45pm on Saturday night, and re-opened at 5.00am on Sunday morning.

I must thank all those who helped me set up the church, David Challis, Bob Robbins and last but not least Isaac Alun Jones who has worked and created with me throughout to enable this experience of continuous prayer for our church, community, families, friends and selves to go ahead.

People have prayed in St. Andrews for over 150 years and the walls are steeped in prayer, we were just adding to that good example, and I certainly pray that it will continue, my spirit has been thoroughly refreshed!



*Julie Milne*

### **MINI PILGRIMAGES:**

**25th July to St. Gregory's Offchurch.**

**29th August to St. Andrew's  
Wilmcote.**





## TRY PRAYING.

"Try Praying". Thus reads (as I write) a banner and poster outside of a town centre church. Nothing more, just those two words. Words that, after passing by the church a few times, set me wondering.

In a society now described as 'post-Christian' how many people, especially the young, might ask themselves "*what* is 'praying' "? For those who are Christian disciples or were, at least, raised with some knowledge of Christianity, this might seem a fatuous remark - but is it ?

In our society where it is now claimed that, for the first time ever, less than 50% of people affirm they are Christians and with many now saying that they are 'spiritual' but not 'religious' (whatever that may mean), and where church attendance is minimal, perhaps it is not such a silly question after all. And so, in a society, mainly "unchurched" how do we, as Christians, go about explaining the suggestion of 'try praying' ?

To start at the beginning would seem an obvious starting point and this must be the combatting of the damaging ideology that life came about accidentally and is therefore purposeless and meaningless, promoted over the past decades by such authors as Richard Dawkins (who once described Christian parents as 'child abusers' for teaching children the Faith).

A good starting point is the simple fact that the odds *against* the accidental production of life are one in 10/10/123 (calculated by British mathematical physicist Sir Roger Penrose) - a number so vast that it is said to have more zeros than the total number of particles in the entire universe ! In other words - impossible - and in any other area of study would be sufficient to explode the claim completely. That an infinite intelligence - God - is behind and within Creation is a far more tenable explanation than that which atheists desperately cling to and promote.

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught - "For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24 NLT) and included in this teaching, obviously, is prayer. Our Lord's teaching shows that God is unfettered by physical boundaries and open to prayer, which is one of God's gracious gifts of communication for us.

But *why pray* a reader of the aforementioned banner and poster may ask ? And what does it achieve ? Well, prayer connects us to God's 'wavelength', enables us to place ourselves, those whom we love and our worldly concerns into the presence of God. Also, prayer opens the way for God Himself to do His work in us and through us and, of course, it is one's personal expression of trust in God's power, wisdom and grace. Quite a job description ! And one which shows that prayer is the "cement in the brickwork" of the mature Christian.

It has been said that you will never find an atheist on a sinking ship or in a plunging aircraft. In absolutely dire situations there will be a (almost automatic) cry to a 'higher authority'. As The Bible tells us that humanity is made in the "image of God" such a cry should not be a surprise, and can help in answering the question "why pray" by showing that prayer is naturally in our DNA. It just needs recognition and practice and can be as natural as breathing.

But, of course, like many things in life a choice has to be made. To accept or to reject God. To accept or to reject Our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have understanding about God. To accept or to reject what God is offering through His gift of faith and the freedom to accept or reject an eternal relationship with Him in which prayer *now plays a major role*.

'Try praying' is a gift offered to all by which acceptance or rejection could have eternal consequences.

***Alan Minchin.***





## ® The future for Fairtrade at St Andrews

Shortly after the decision to resurrect the monthly availability of Fairtrade products here at St Andrews was made early in 2023, the body which supplied them to us (Traidcraft) went into administration; another victim of the fiscal effects of Covid 19. Tragedy!!

That meant that the range of products was immediately restricted and also raised doubts about the long term practicality of the church's efforts to support the developing world so ably pioneered here in Shottery by Mary Boddington, Hilary Mattocks and Kay Sillitoe.

Behind the scenes, former employees of Traidcraft have been eagerly searching for their own future with Fairtrade products. Some have formed a new company called "We Are Fair Trade" with a view to continuing the fight for a level playing field in the world of commerce.

At this point it is worth reminding ourselves of the origin of "Fairtrade". *Fairtrade is a term for an arrangement designed to help producers in developing countries achieve sustainable and equitable trade relationships.*

Put simply it is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalised producers and workers – especially in the Southern Hemisphere.

Still grappling with jargon? How about "Fairtrade is a way of paying farmers and their workers in developing countries fairly for their products (e.g. tea, coffee, sugar etc).



And not just foodstuffs but garments and crafts as well.

Now here's the rub!! I suspect that the doctrine has gone beyond practicality. Fairtrade products often now expect us to ignore convention (supply and demand) and to rely upon our principles. BUT since when have our principles deterred us?

Hey!! And don't always believe what you see on the packaging. Scurrilous wholesalers are always looking to jump onto a profitable bandwagon with clever livery and packaging. Who has not bought a product recently (often incentivised) because it looked just like the real one?? Was it not "John" (Ch8 v.7) who declared, "let him who has not sinned throw the first sicky" (or words to that effect)

FRIENDS. The future for Fair Trade at St Andrews is firmly in your hands. Please help me to nurture it into something meaningful not just with sales of those products available to us but as with our faith, in concert with the wellbeing of people less advantaged around the world.

I have been amazed with the response you have given the initiative to date as I am when I see and hear how generous you are in supporting other community inspired ventures. Would that we could have an Honours Board similar to that which records the outstanding achievements at Lords Cricket Ground (but there I go digressing; or am I? Now there's a thought!!)

With the approval of the editor I want to feature a specific Fairtrade product in each edition of our acclaimed magazine starting in September with a product I have yet to find a buyer for possibly, because like me, you have never found a use for it viz. giant couscous Maftoul and for which the word "couscous" does not appear on the label and how many of us have any semblance of Arabic. But I guarantee you will find its origin fascinating emanating as it does from the Birthplace of the Olive Tree i.e. Palestine. With that in mind I might even be able to enlist the help of The Reverend Su with promoting my FIRST Fairtrade "Product of the Month". She might have the perfect recipe, from personal experience.

***Rodney Grinnell***

## AN INTERESTING STORY FROM OUR CATHEDRAL

**THE ORIENTAL PLANE** Tree growing in the middle of the Chapel of Unity lawn was planted as a result of the lessons read at the Cathedral's 1962 Consecration services. The same lessons were read again last May at the Consecration Anniversary Service.

In the 1962 congregation was Ralph Verney, the brother of the then Diocesan Missioner, Stephen Verney. The Gospel at the first Communion service told the story of Zaccheus, who climbed a sycamore tree for a better view of Jesus and found that Jesus invited him down to share a meal. The Archbishop of Canterbury used the story in his sermon to show how Zaccheus, the little man, was made new.

Afterwards Ralph wrote to the Cathedral asking whether a Sycamore tree might be planted in the grounds as a symbol of the uplifting of the little man. Even before the Cathedral could reply, Ralph started his own enquiries into how he could purchase a tree if the Cathedral agreed. He discovered that the Sycamore tree mentioned in the Bible story translation was not the English Sycamore tree with which we are all familiar, but was a much rarer species known as an Oriental Plane Tree. The Oriental Plane Tree has distinctive, spreading branches that are easier to climb than the more upright English Sycamore. Ralph managed to trace a living example of the tree.



**An Oriental Plane tree**

Mr Verney's request struck a chord with the Cathedral staff. On 17<sup>th</sup> December 1962 a cutting taken from an Oriental Plane Tree was planted in the Chapel of Unity lawn by the Earl of Bradford, who was the newly-elected President of the Timber Growers' Association. The cutting came from the only known example in England at that time of an Oriental Plane, and that tree was growing on the Earl's estate at Weston-under-Lizard, Staffordshire.

The Earl of Bradford's tree is the tree you see today in the middle of Unity Lawn. The Oriental Plane Tree (*Platanus orientalis*) is known for its longevity and for its spreading crown. In autumn its leaves turn to blood red, amber, and yellow.

The story of **Zaccheus** (meaning "pure, innocent") is told in the Gospel of Luke. He was a chief tax-collector at Jericho, and is remembered for his faith in climbing a sycamore tree to see Jesus, and on account of his generosity in giving away half of all he possessed. A descendant of Abraham, he is an example of Jesus's mission to bring salvation to those who are lost. In those times tax collectors were despised because they were usually corrupt. They were deemed to be traitors as they worked for the Roman Empire, and not for their Jewish community.

(Something else to explore on our next visit to Coventry Cathedral!)



**David and Hilary**  
invite you for tea/coffee and cake on  
**Saturday 5th August 2-4:30pm**  
**at 19 Holbrook Road.**

Donations welcome for the work of Coffee Tots in Coventry especially for the summer activities offered to families the charity supports.

**This is part of the Mothers' Union Summer of Hope appeal.**



£310 for Christian Aid in May.  
Prostate Cancer -£160. 20p in June.



On 12th June, we welcomed members from Wellesbourne but unfortunately visitors from Alcester were unable to come.

Hilary Capron led the prayers and Mary Crameri read a passage from Ephesians selected by our speaker, Jane Hill.

There were a few reports: - the Link Up magazine was available;  
- July meeting - names wanted for outing to Hillers  
- August - Summer of Hope Appeal Afternoon Tea proceeds to go to Coffee Tots. Thanks to Vera Hawkins for the many knitted toys and garments.

Also members were asked to sign the card for Dorothy Unitt's 107th birthday.



We were so pleased to welcome **Jane Hill** (ex Diocesan President) who had come to tell us about her recent trip to Kapsabet as part of a team of 12 - clergy and staff and 3 M.U. members - led by Bishop Christopher. She had also been part of the 2019 visit, then

led by Bishop John. Coventry Diocese has a strong connection and friendship with the Anglican Diocese of Kapsabet in Kenya and their Bishop Paul.

There were plenty of pictures - the Kenyan countryside looking very beautiful.

Jane explained that the Mothers' Union is a particularly important part of the community - the many members respected for their work in improving family life where possible. Theirs was a fairly simple life style - perhaps keeping a couple of cows or goats and the women having a daily income tea-picking (Jane tried this - without too much success!)

Bishop Paul's wife, Mama Seline, is the Diocesan President and there is plenty of work going on in schools and they work with K.A.M.A. (Kenya Anglican Men's Assn.) to encourage the girls and boys to continue their education as long as possible.

One of the M.U.'s achievements was the purchase of a plot of land and building a block of small units offering protection for abused women.

Jane said the visits to schools were full of enthusiasm and there was welcome and friendliness wherever they went and great generosity of gifts and food.

We were so impressed with the pictures of large groups of M.U. members ( in their blue dresses) and it emphasised the worldwide influence of M.U.'s work with families. Rosie, who had accompanied Jane and Anne, rounded off the talk with recordings of great Kapsabet singing which had us joining in.

Hilary thanked Jane for this inspirational account of the enthusiasm and dedication of the worldwide M.U. movement.

Extraordinary to think that Mary Sumner started this all in a small meeting of young mothers in her husband's parish over 140 years ago!

Next meeting - 10th July - Outing to Hillers - please let Hilary or me know if you are coming.

***Daphne Jones (417901)***

# SCOTTISH CEILIDH AND COUNTRY DANCING

St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Shottery.

Every Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm

With refreshments half-time.

Sessions £2.50 per week.

Come and join a fun social group who enjoy great music,  
and learning new dances together.

No previous experience necessary, everyone is welcome.

Come for a taster or join us and stay.

If you are interested please contact

Sarah on 07950827753 or

[sarahlcushing@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlcushing@gmail.com)





Our charity collection on 9th July will be for

## **The Children's Society**

Every young person deserves a good childhood. That's why we fight for the hope and happiness of young people when it's threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect. We see the hope and courage in young people every day, and it inspires us to support them through their most serious life challenges. Now we're stepping up the fight for hope and happiness at a time when it's under threat like never before. Together we can #ProtectEveryChildhood and achieve long-lasting change for this generation and the ones to come.

We campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most. Driven by hope and working alongside young people and supporters, we will not rest until together, step-by-step, we've created a society built for all children.

### **Working with young people affected by abuse and exploitation**

We work in partnership with various organisations to encourage best practice in response to child exploitation and abuse.

### **County lines and child criminal exploitation**

Children as young as six are being forced to carry and sell drugs far away from their homes. They are made to skip school, sleep in drug dens, keep secrets from their loved ones. They are treated as criminals when they often feel trapped in a hopeless situation.

**Enough is enough.** County lines and child exploitation must stop. We work hard to end this type of abuse and give those who have been exploited a chance for a better future.



## **Missing from home services**

Our services support children and young people who go missing from home or care, or are at risk of doing so.

## **Advocacy services**

We ensure that children in care or in the child protection system have a say in important decisions that are made about their lives.

## **Supporting young people experiencing mental health and emotional wellbeing problems**

We run services around the country for young people who are desperately in need of mental health support. Our services include therapeutic support, befriending, counselling or advice.

## **Young carers**

No child should be robbed of their childhood, left to cope alone caring for sick family members and unable to plan for their future.

## **What we do**

We fight child poverty and neglect, and help all children have a better chance in life. We are working to create a country where every child has somewhere to turn, wherever they are. We can only do this by coming together and making sure no child feels alone.



## **Please help us by supporting the Children's Society.**

The cash collection and donations via the card reader in church on that day will go to the charity. If you would like to make a donation and are unable to be in church on the day please make cheques payable to : Shottery St. Andrew PCC, and send to Anne Challis at 259 Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 9JG, or if you prefer to do a bank transfer, within 5 days of the charity Sunday, the details are as follows:-

Shottery St. Andrew PCC Sort Code 40-43-19 Account number 80739758 using the charity name as your reference.

Thank you.

# R S M

THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

## **RSCM Music Sunday—2nd July 6.30pm.**

This is St Andrew's celebration of RSCM Music Sunday which we and many other member churches do every year around this time.

It will take the form of evening service with the broad theme of singing praises to God.

The choir will be singing at 6/7 anthems in a variety of styles.

There will be a retiring collection/offering for the work of the Royal School of Church Music.

By attending this service you are supporting our own choir, who work hard to enhance our music week by week, as well as helping the world wide work of the RSCM in keeping the traditions of choral singing alive.





**Sightsavers**

Our Charity collection on 13th August will be for

**SIGHTSAVERS**

**Our vision is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes, and where people with disabilities participate equally in society.**

### **What we do**

**Sightsavers** prevents avoidable blindness and protects the sight of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

**Sightsavers** believes nobody should be blind from avoidable causes, and we want everybody to be able to get eye treatment when they need it, regardless of who they are or where they live.

Around the world, the number of people in need of eye care is spiralling. Unless eye health services improve, **61 million** people could be blind because of global population growth and ageing by 2050.

**Sightsavers** aims to address this by providing eye surgery and training eye care workers to provide vital treatment. Since our work began, we've helped to carry out more than 11 million sight-saving eye operations. Through community volunteers, we distribute medication to protect people from blinding diseases that can cause pain, stigma and lifelong impairment. We also work to ensure health services are accessible to people with disabilities and other marginalised groups.

**Globally 1.1 billion people have a visual impairment that could have been treated or prevented.**

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The King has approved that **The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry**, be appointed to the Deanery of The King's Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle, in succession to The Right Reverend David Conner following his retirement.



Bishop Christopher writes:

*"It is a great honour to have been appointed to take on this ministry with the particular responsibilities it brings, and I am very grateful to His Majesty for the opportunity.*

*I was not expecting to leave the Diocese of Coventry until my retirement from full-time ministry and I know it will not be easy to move on from the Diocese that has been my great joy and privilege to serve as Bishop for the last fifteen years. The people of Coventry, Warwickshire and our slice of Solihull, together with all our church communities, church schools, chaplaincies, our remarkable cathedral and all our partnerships with so many other churches, charities, faith communities and organisations, will always remain in my heart.*

*Our diocese has taken many forms since its origins 1400 years ago and God has seen us through many changes. I have been strengthened over these months since I was first approached for my new work with the biblical promise that 'The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this'. It is a promise for each of us as we walk the way of Christ; and it is an assurance for the Whole Diocese of Coventry that God will lead the Diocese into the future already prepared for this wonderful part of the country in the providence of God."*

**The Very Revd John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry writes:**

*"We offer our warm congratulations from Coventry Cathedral to Bishop Christopher on his appointment as Dean of Windsor. We are very grateful for his leadership of this Diocese for the last fifteen years, and in particular for his commitment to, and embodiment of, Coventry's ministry of reconciliation both here in the Diocese and Cathedral, and also nationally and internationally. We promise our prayers for the future as he takes his calling and*

*commitment to this ministry into the new context of Windsor, both in the life of the Chapel as well as the significant intellectual work of St. George's College. We will miss you, and thank you for all you have built in this Diocese of Reconciliation. May God bless you and Charlotte in all that lies ahead."*

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1. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
2. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallartato close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."
8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."



15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."

16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."

17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

19. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNE**

**JEPHCOTT** who celebrated her  
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