

For your diary

Sunday 4 September: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren. Creche for children aged 2-8 in Common Room during service. Bring & Share Lunch after service. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Saturday 10 September: 11am-4pm Church, Hall and Garden open to the public for 'Open Cambridge' and 'Heritage Open Days'.

Saturday 10 September: 4-6pm. Afternoon tea party at Stephen and Rosemary's (33 De Freville Avenue, Cambridge, CB4 1HW)

Sunday 11 September: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Pianist: Rosemary Wheeler. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Thursday 15 September : 4.30pm : Church Committee Meeting

Sunday 18 September: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Pianist: Peter Shepherd. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sunday 25 September: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: John Dillistone. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Wednesday 28 September: 12noon-2.30pm. Lunch Club Offering companionship, good food and an opportunity to talk about a particular issue relevant to the well-being and happiness of retired people or those planning retirement. A donation of around £3 is suggested to cover the cost of the meal. Contact: 01480 432284.

Sunday 2 October: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren. Creche for children aged 2-8 in Common Room during service. Bring & Share Lunch after service. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Creche for 2-8 year olds

Thanks to Marijke Janssens, we are now able to offer a creche facility for children aged 2-8 during the morning services on the Bring & Share Lunch Sundays starting 4 September.



Image: Camfed

Exalt the Humble: Magnificat for Camfed

Saturday 17 September : 7-8pm in the church

Music and readings to benefit Camfed, featuring musical settings of the Magnificat and essays by Camfed scholars. Music to include Stanford, Gibbons, Howells and Leighton.

Choir director: Mark Mason. Organist: Hugh Taylor.

Admission is by donation (pay what you can, £5 suggested)

Contact: camfed.choir@gmail.com

Camfed is an international non-profit organization tackling poverty and inequality by supporting girls to go to school and succeed, and empowering young women to step up as leaders of change in sub-Saharan Africa.

www.camfed.org

Accessibility Project

We submitted a planning application to the City Council during August and expect to receive a positive response towards the end of September, enabling us to start the process of applying for grant funding.

New members

We are delighted that Jon Brookshire and Keith Craney have become members of the church. If you've been worshipping with us for 6 months or more and would like to become a member, please contact Andrew Brown.

Summer tea parties

Good chat, plentiful cups of tea, nice cake, warm weather and sunshine? We had all these at the homes of Shirley, Caroline and Jerry, and Katie and Tony. At my house, those not keen on hot sunshine kept behind drawn curtains while others moved around the small patch of grass seeking the shade. At Gerry and Caroline's, a very hot afternoon, we appreciated the shade of the large parasol over the tea table. At Katie and Tony's, it was sunny (between threatened showers). Some decided that the conservatories were preferable. Others chose to sit outside at the table surmounted by a huge parasol. However it was windy, and a tremendous gust lifted the parasol out of its socket and would have taken the table with it hadn't Robin clung on to it. All very exciting! The final summer tea party is being held by Rosemary and Stephen Watson on 10 September. Many thanks to all concerned in arranging these delightful social gatherings.

Shirley Fieldhouse

Campus Ministry

Susanna Hartland starts as our Campus Ministry Worker on 1 September.

Cleaning day

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the cleaning and maintenance day at the end of July. We got a lot of essential jobs done - including dusting high up ledges, repainting a

few windowsills, polishing the brasses, cleaning the kitchen and the hall chairs, and weeding the garden and trimming the ceanothus. An unexpected highlight of the day was the discovery that a Pokemon Go virtual character was found on church premises.

Reflection on the sabbatical

We welcome Andrew and Susanna Brown back from sabbatical and hope Andrew has found inspiration for future services and renewed energy to tackle the challenges that lie ahead in 'running' the church. Those who have looked at Andrew's blog from time to time will have an inkling of what he has been doing. While we expect Andrew to report, he too may like to hear how the congregation did. We think we have managed rather well - not too well that we don't need a minister, but sufficiently well to show him we can manage on our own for a few months. Sixteen services were provided, half by visiting service takers and half 'home-grown'. We have heard a big range of views, learned that some members are proficient at delivering the address, and have experienced new voices among the willing readers. Pastoral work didn't require any hospital visiting, but we are sure that some of the conversations among us contained a pastoral element. Behind the scenes our chairman Andrew Bethune has worked tirelessly in coordinating the services, ensuring that the accessibility project keeps on track and steering the campus ministry.

Shirley Fieldhouse

About our church

This church belongs to a liberal Christian tradition which welcomes the loving, critical and enquiring spirit. It is founded upon an 'open trust' which imposes no doctrinal tests upon its minister or members. We meet in the spirit which is exemplified in the life and utterances of Jesus, for the worship of God and the service of humankind.

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