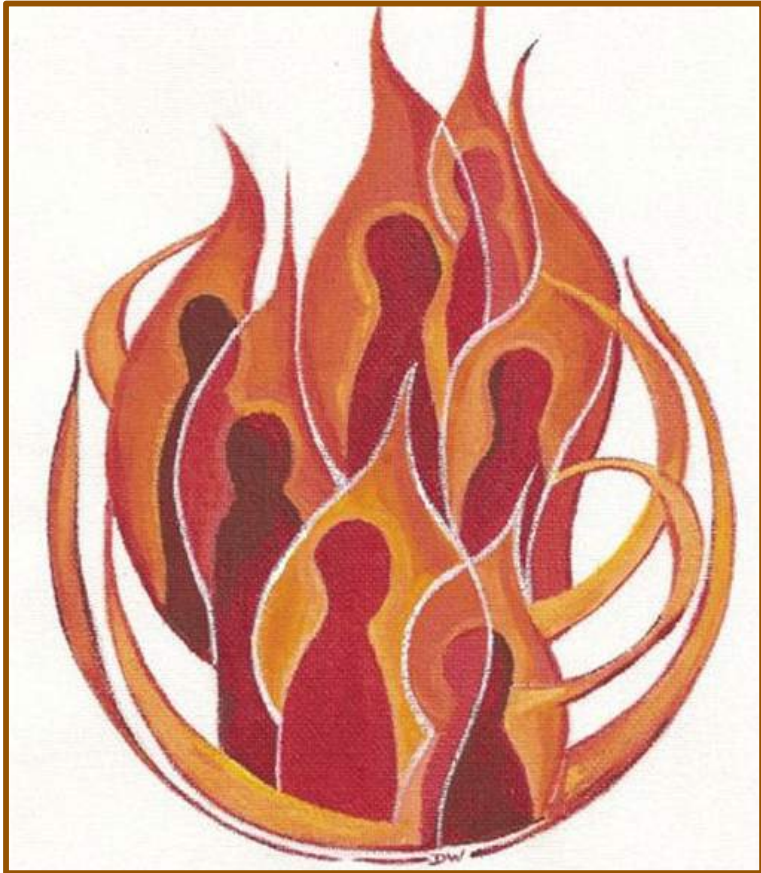


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**Pentecost**

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05.30pm Cyprus International Fellowship

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### **Pentecost by Malcolm Guite**

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Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
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And is translated out of death to birth.  
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And every word spells freedom and release.  
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## *From the Hermitage*



"So, how is it going for you and are you settling in?" This is a question I have been asked many times by members of our community here in North Cyprus as well as from further afield. In many ways it seems much longer than seven weeks since we arrived and I had my service of licensing. It is busy and good, and I am very much enjoying getting to know you all, with such diverse and fascinating backgrounds.

We all bring with us different experiences and expectations of how our church life should be lived out together, and that can make for clashes of course. It can also make for a fantastic richness of diversity that it seems to me is a huge gift to each other as well as to the community in which we live and work.

Clearly there are many people here with abilities and gifts who have been exercising them faithfully for many years but I was somewhat surprised to discover there were no current sub groups

appointed by the church council to focus on various different areas of church life. The council agreed to setting up a range of committees that will take responsibility for almost every aspect of the church's ministry. They are all, of course, accountable to the council.

There are many for whom frequent travel may preclude their commitment to the responsibility that council necessarily involves, so I do hope in this way that those with ideas and proposals can still contribute in a serious way. Even for those not necessarily on these sub groups I hope that everyone feels they can forward their comments to the relevant chair. My vision for these groups is rather like a series of "think tanks" where all the expertise of this congregation can be focussed.

After inviting all the congregation to consider if they may like to join one of these groups, we have had some very positive responses and formed the committees. The Resources and Stewardship group, which includes our finance has already had a very vibrant first meeting with ideas being pumped and injected. You will no doubt hear from them shortly!

I have also asked for a Ministry and Worship team to be formed comprising those of us who regularly lead our worship and preach. I am

convinced that we need to review our worship as well as plan ahead and it is healthy and supportive to do that together as a team.

I still haven't got around to visiting you all yet, that continues to happen, but I am asking questions as to what YOUR vision for the church is, and how you may see St Andrew's growing and developing in the coming years. One issue that almost everyone has mentioned so far is the lack of space and comfort. How we think into tackling that is for the long term, but many people have articulated thoughts about developing a wider range of services. If I haven't already asked your thoughts, I will be doing so, but please know that the Hermitage door is always open and I really do want to hear your ideas. This is your church! A full list of the different sub groups will be published with the names of the members so we can all know who is representing us in which particular field. We are also going to put a comments box in church where ideas can be written down for us to consider. Do please make use of it. Obviously we cannot take up every suggestion but constructive criticism and feedback is crucial for all of us to grow well together.

Another surprise for me was to

experience observers at our council meetings. This is a practice I had never experienced personally before and led to me really asking the question as to why people would do this. Clearly for those who care deeply about the life of the church it has been seen as an opportunity to be kept in the inner circle of discussion and decision making. I do understand that. I am also aware, as many of you have told me, that rocky times in the past here, have created some mistrust which led to observers being admitted to attend meetings.

I have spoken at length with some about this, and have not yet had the opportunity to speak with others, which I would much have preferred. However, it does lie with the council to decide whether observers should be admitted or not and the overwhelming feeling at the last meeting was that it was a practice they did not want to encourage anymore. It was not my intention to jolt people unpleasantly so soon after my arrival, my usual way of doing things is to really get to know people first. Therefore, immediately following each meeting there will be a short

resume produced for all to read, which will present the issues being considered by the council. This way, those who do want to know don't have to wait until the minutes of the meeting are approved at the next meeting. Anyone who wishes to send a comment is very welcome to do so, either through a member of the council or via the comments box once it is placed in church.

Openness and transparency is crucial for me personally, and my prayer is that we, as a wider church family can worship and work together with trust, certainly of those people who have been elected to represent the congregation and carry the responsibility of doing so.

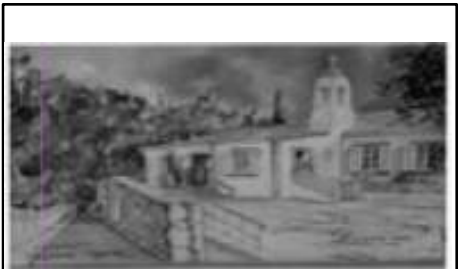
There are lots of other ideas and plans too - there will be a youth event at The Hermitage in July, date to be confirmed, and we will produce publicity, so do pass on the message to any you may know with teenage children.

Finally, huge thanks for the warmth of my welcome to all of you. Many from the close congregation as well as the wider community have made me feel very at home and supported and I value that very much. As I

said to the Standing Committee at our first meeting, we are in this together, and I am called to serve you and affirm you as the body of Christ in this place. Let's get on with it!

With love and prayers in Christ,

*Wendy*



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## THURSDAY GROUP

Our busiest month so far this year! There is always so much to fit in while the weather is still pleasant enough, but this year we were thrown off course by unexpected Rain! Welcome though it was, we quickly rearranged our programme and all was well.

Emmy came to show us how she makes the local coloured baskets and Sele, (the large round decorative trays which can be hung on the wall or used to hold fruit). Like many local women, she learned the craft from her Mother and spends most after-noons twisting and binding the wheat stems around the fine grasses, these give the suppleness to the work and the wheat gives the strength. Coloured grasses are purchased from a supplier and these are woven into the design. All are kept damp inside plastic bags, again to keep them supple. There is a seamless finish to the basket and all

is completed in a very short time! The basket is then put out into the sunshine to dry off before selling. She was able to sell to us, all those which were in her display bag, many different styles and sizes. Emmy's daughter is known to some of you, she runs the Cafe at Alevkaya. This is also an outlet for Emmy's craft. Her finished basket was then given to the Church Shop for us to sell.

The following week we visited the new Belediye Park opposite the old Astro (now Lemar) where the Houston Cemetery is situated. We were made very welcome and enjoyed a change of venue. The Pine trees provide welcome shade and a cool breeze from the sea made for a pleasant morning in peaceful surroundings. The grounds are partially landscaped and grassy areas are surrounding the new Tennis courts. We went there again last week as the trip to the Cyprus Museum had to be postponed until the Autumn.



Our Annual Friendly Bowling session with Menmeet was held at Kings Ten Pin Bowling on 15th May. We had a good turn out, made very enjoyable for me as my youngest son and his wife came to play too! They had just recovered from a Para gliding experience earlier in the morning so the action continued! Although they had several "strikes" no one could better Bob! Ray came a close second, a good effort by everyone though and when they were not cheering us on, the supporters enjoyed a drink in the quieter coffee area.

We shall be visiting Kervan Cafe from now onwards unless we let you know of any changes.

Hope to see you there!

*Linda*



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## *Friends of St Andrew's*

*Hello Again,*

*Another month done and dusted and here we are heading towards summer. The temperatures are starting to rise, the duvets and jumpers put away until the autumn and the parasols will be up soon. We haven't been in the pool yet but I can feel the urge coming soon. Brave warden George has already tested his water wings of course, but some of us like prefer not to turn blue when we get out of the water!*



*Reverend Wendy is getting out and about, meeting various officials of the local council, the leaders of the different worship groups that meet at St Andrew's and generally ploughing her way through all the official channels that are required to enable one to live here. We have all done it in our time, so she has our sympathy. My advice is be patient and smile.*

*The community lunches have been a great success with the last of this season's being held in the grounds of The Hermitage. I say the last as it is now too hot to continue but I understand they will restart in the*

*autumn. Many thanks to Linda, Ann and their team of helpers. These ladies do a grand job as they also run the church shop.*

*The DVD club, run by John Dyer since the year dot, has now come to an end. It was started by John when there were no other outlets hiring videos but now there are many of these shops plus several market stalls who either rent or sell DVDs of films and TV series, so people do not need to come into town to get their evening viewing material. On behalf of everyone I would like to say a huge thank you to John for all his hard work over the years.*

*With the closure of this facility it is no longer practical for the church shop to open on a Wednesday morning but it will continue on Sunday mornings after the service. You can get the cheapest cards in town for all occasions as well as various souvenirs and gift items. They also sell Fair Trade tea and coffee.*

*The next event on the church calender is another evening of Harmony at The Hermitage. This will have taken place by the time you read this so I will tell you all about it next month.*

# Mountain Retreat

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*We will be having a Bring and Share lunch at the Hermitage to celebrate Pentecost, so if you are going to be around please ask for details. I have other dates for your diary so that you won't miss any event we have planned to get us all together. These are Saturday 20th September -Coffee Morning at the Hermitage. Friday 26th September – Harmony at The Hermitage, Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival followed by a Bring and Share lunch at The Hermitage and an early warning of the Christmas Fayre which will be on Saturday 29th November, Santa has been booked!*

*Joan is planning a quiz and the Ladies' group & Menmeet also have things planned so I will keep you up to date as best I can.*

*If anyone reading this would like to suggest or organise an event that will*

*bring the community to us or that we can take out to them please contact Christine O'Connor who is our Social member or talk to either George or myself about your ideas. We would love to hear from you.*

*That seems to be all for this month so I will away to get pen and paper to write down all your ideas.*

**Wendy**

If you would like to keep in contact from overseas, then membership of the Friends of St. Andrews costs £30 per annum and the magazine will be posted to you. If you wish to subscribe please contact Wendy by email **wendydavies01@googlemail.com** or by post to: PO Box 171, Girne, Mersin 10, Turkey

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# A church destroyed by fire rises from the ashes

A church reduced to ashes by fire sixteen years ago has celebrated the completion of the final stage in its reconstruction.

St Brandon's Church at Brancepeth, County Durham, held a service of dedication over the weekend for the installation of their new East (Paradise) Window. The Paradise Window features stained glass with beautiful floral motifs and was the last step in the reconstruction process that began after the devastating fire on 16 September 1998.

The design of the window, which was set in place last month, is intended to represent the church's hopes for the future and the life ever-after.

It was designed and constructed by Helen Whittaker, of Barley Studios York, and draws from the story of St Brandon, who lived around 484 to 577 AD. St Brandon figures in *The Voyage of Saint Brendan*, written around 900 AD about his great journey across the sea.

Priest-in-charge at St Brandon's, the Reverend Rick Simpson said: "The design and installation of a new East (Paradise) Window is the last major project of the re-imagining and restoration of the beautiful and historic building in which we have the privilege of praying. We did not want the window to be a memorial of the fire, nor a monument to the past of St Brandon's, but something that allows us to look forward."



The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, in front of the new stained glass East Window (Photo: Keith Blundy)

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<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	David & Joan Standing	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts - 1 Corinthians John	2 104 12 20	1 - 21 26 - 37 3 - 13 19 - 23	John W G Linda Smith Jenny W G Clergy	Mavis Steele	John Hodgson
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Malcolm & Wendy Davies	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah - 2 Corinthians Matthew	40 8 13 28	12-17, 27-31 11 - 13 16 - 20	Malcolm Davies Ann Iverson Bill Grundy Clergy	Michael Stanhope	Linda Smith
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Geraldine Grundy & Jenny Catlin	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis - Romans Matthew	21 86 6 10	8 - 21 1 - 10, 16 - 17 1 - 11 24 - 39	Sue Walker Ann Keevil Alan Peek Clergy	Anne Lloyd	Mavis
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Werner & Geraldine Fayers	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis - Romans Matthew	22 13 6 10	1 - 14 12 - 23 40 - 42	Geraldine Fayers George Ward Chris Ward Clergy	Morton Coles	Morton

If you are going to be away and are unable to swap your duty please advise Geraldine Grundy (0542 889 0074) or Anne Lloyd (0533 8418306). If you do change your duty please ensure it is recorded on the master list in the vestry.



WHAT'S ON AT ST ANDREW'S?				
Date	Event	Time	Venue	Contact
Each Wednesday	Worship Team Meeting	9am	The Hermitage	Chaplain
Each Thursday	Ladies Group	From 11am	Kervan Restaurant	Linda Smith
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bring and Share Lunch	12.30pm	The Hermitage Gardens	Christine or Sandy
10 <sup>th</sup> June	MenMeet (Talk)	11am.	Church Hall	Bob Taylor
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mountain Retreat (See ad pg 11)	10.30am. To 3.30pm	St George's Church Troodos	Maggie Le-Roy +357 99155092
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee Morning	10am.	The Hermitage Gardens	Win Smith



## GOODBYE MAYA ANGELOU

Some of her wisdom

- \* I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.
- \* I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.
- \* I've learned that making a "living" is not the same as making a "life."
- \* I found that I knew not only that there was God but that I was a child of God, when I understood that, when I comprehended that, more than that, when I internalized that, ingested that, I became courageous.
- \* I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.
- \* I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.
- \* I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.
- \* I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.
- \* I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.
- \* I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
- \* If God loves me, if God made everything from leaves to seals and oak trees, then what is it I can't do?"



## BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

8TH JUNE

Revd Wendy is inviting us to share time and lunch together in The Hermitage gardens to celebrate the church's birthday, Pentecost.

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The Reverend Canon Paul Maybury, the newly appointed Spirituality Co-ordinator and Bishop's Missioner in the South East Chaplaincy of Cyprus recently advised clergy that Revd Wilf Gower, a Spirituality Advisor in the former Diocese of Ripon and Leeds has been invited to visit the island to offer Direction and Support to both Clergy and Laity.

Revd Wilf was born in N Ireland and after university joined the RAF where he flew Vulcans and Jet Provost. After his RAF career he joined Monarch Airlines flying 737s and Airbus and becoming very familiar with Larnaca and Paphos airports!

He was ordained in 2006 and has been part of the Ministry Team at Holy Trinity Ripon since then. He has around 15 years experience as a Spiritual Director/Companion and this work is his main ministry.

There will be an opportunity to have a private exploratory session with Revd Wilf in Larnaca (donation of €30) on the following days: 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st June. Bookings must be made through Paul on [paul.maybury@cypgulf.org](mailto:paul.maybury@cypgulf.org)

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*Some of us may not be familiar with this kind of ministry so as a means of enlightenment let us sit in on a conversation with spiritual director **Bishop Bob Hibbs** and his directee, **James Dennis** talking about the place of spiritual direction in our lives today.*

*How would you describe spiritual direction?* JD - I'd say it's working through spiritual issues or challenges with someone who is committed to my spiritual growth, who acts as the face of Christ for me. My spiritual director helps me learn to hear God's voice among all the other competing voices in my life. BH - It's a shared journey toward holiness. But we are always aware that God is the one pointing the way. My directee is already on the path; my commitment is to help him to see what God is presenting along the way.

*How does the spiritual director/directee relationship differ from that of soul friends?* JD: I see soul friends as two people who are roughly in the same place in their walk of faith and who encourage each other, whereas the spiritual director is a little further along the path than his or her directee. BH: I think that what I bring to our session is simply "time in the saddle." Spiritual direction was something that I learned about in seminary where I was introduced to Ascetical Theology. There I was encouraged to seek spiritual direction, find and use a confessor, and it was there that I began a life-long habit of reading the classical literature of spirituality.

So the spiritual director brings a degree of experience and wisdom?

JD: Yes, and it's suggesting another way to think about an issue or another way to live in the world. Sometimes, BH will suggest something he thinks I need to read or do in

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order to help me address a concern.

BH: A spiritual director is a kind of “scout” who has been over the trail, gone a bit ahead, knows where some of the quicksands are, been bitten by a snake a few times, gotten over it, and can remove enemy arrows without cutting off a whole limb.

How does one know that it’s time to seek spiritual direction? Is it always because of a crisis?

JD: I have used spiritual direction in times of crisis, but more often in times when I was just uncertain how to proceed in a given situation. When I began with Bishop Hibbs, I was in a pretty black place, having worked for several years on the question of my vocation. At the time, it wasn’t that I had lost my belief in God, but I had certainly lost my trust in Him and in my ability to know God. BH: Often there is a yearning for “something more” in a person. When that still small voice in our heads just won’t quit yammering, even though we have tried all the silencing mechanisms society has to offer, perhaps it’s time to enter into a serious relationship of spiritual direction. The penalty for not having a spiritual director is that one has to direct oneself. That’s a sure way to fall into the ditch.

So how does a session between the two of you work?

JD: We meet once a month, theoretically for an hour. Generally, about a week before we meet, I begin thinking of issues we might discuss. Most of our talks have centered on the subject of vocation, in

one sense or another. I recently entered the Dominican Order as a novice, largely as a result of advice and then finding my way through spiritual direction. BH: I think our sessions “evolve” as we go along. Usually the conversation will reveal underlying themes, concerns, potential problems. As we have explored Js’ vocation, I have devoted some time to research regarding Dominican spirituality. JD: We’ve been working together for quite a while, so we know each other pretty well. We normally catch up with what’s going on in our lives for about five minutes, and then get pretty quickly into the issues we’re going to address. Sometimes, BH brings an issue up and sometimes I come with something I want to discuss. BH: I don’t think I have an established pattern, I am on the lookout for stresses, conflicts, inconsistencies and try to help with these.

How does one choose a spiritual director?

JD: I would start with my clergy, with friends in the church and with anyone who has had experience with a spiritual director. I wouldn’t stop looking until I found the right fit. That doesn’t always mean that it’s comfortable; sometimes, good spiritual direction might be quite uncomfortable. If the richness and depth of your prayer life, worship and your relationships with others are growing, you’re probably in the right place.

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Chinor is a village in South Oxfordshire about 4 miles southeast of Thame. The earliest record of the parish church of Saint Andrew is from 1160.

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screen installed between the chancel and nave.

St Andrew's was completely restored in 1863

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Pray for the ten days of constant prayer taking place globally between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Following the example of the first believers who "joined together constantly in prayer" until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Global day of prayer is calling Christians from all nations to unite in prayer.

## **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST DERYNEIA**

Pray for the parishes of Larnaca & Ammochostos who are holding hours of prayer during this period; pray that as we pray together there will be true unity (which is God's will) and that through that unity we may learn to love one another and our neighbours as God has loved us.

## **ST LAZARUS CHURCH PISSOURI**

Pray for the success of this new church that meets at the Amphitheatre in Pissouri. Pray for Revd Canon Deerek Smith and all who lead the worship there.

## **CHRIST CHURCH ADEN**

Pray for all the work that is being done in, with and through Christ Church. Pray for wisdom for the government and rulers of Yemen. For the protection of all those who love and serve the Lord throughout Aden. For the staff of Christ Church and their

families, whether they are near and far. For provision of people resources and money so that the work of the clinics and Christ Church itself can continue.

## **ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL BAHRAIN**

Pray for the prayer ministry in the cathedral. Pray for the young people involved in leading services. Give thanks for the Ministry to Seafarers and all who are voluntary working to assist Revd Stephen Thanapaul. Pray for a deepening of Anglican spirituality.

Lord, our Lord, who hast decided that all men, whatever their colour or race, are equal before thee: break down the hatred between men, especially hatred due to national differences.

We ask thee to help those in whose hands are the various governments of the world.

Reconcile them to one another, so that each may respect the rights of the other.

We ask all this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Student Christian Movement - Zambia*



## **MENMEET**

Tuesday 10th June 11am

in the Church Hall

Talk by Anne Lloyd on

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2nd & 4th Mon	19.30—20.30	<b>CHRISTIAN DRAMA REHEARSALS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	17.30—18.30	<b>CIF PRAYER MEETING</b>
	19.30—21.00	<b>TURKISH CHRISTIAN GROUP</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00—12.00	<b>VIDEOS &amp; DVDs for hire and BOOKS for sale.</b>
	18.00—19.30	<b>CHAMBER CHOIR</b>
	19.45—21.45	<b>GAU CF</b>
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## Warden's World II

Rev Wendy is truly on her bike and buzzing in all directions to get to know us and understand our church, its context and the church family.

Well done lass but please make sure you have your phone with you when you are out and about so much! For us more senior citizens, it is about keeping up with her mind and its myriad trains of thought.

Our most recent Council Meeting was a marathon that did not complete its agenda. Three hours of hard work with a full Council in attendance was more than plenty. With so much happening in audit and developmental thinking we must be careful not to confuse. So, what was carried over from the meeting? Adjustments to the Constitution. Observations received from the fellowship (thanks to those who made observations) will be discussed thoroughly and final adjustments made to our Constitution at the June meeting. A final form will be agreed for nodding through at two further Council meetings and, with



subsequent approval by the diocese, it will be presented to a Church Meeting for adoption in the Autumn. Thank goodness that issue is coming to an end, but of course, there are now plenty more!

In our services, the sense of shared and united fellowship is strengthening. With much still to be done, the Review and Planning Teams that Wendy has introduced, have been defined, are under starter's orders or already active. This is a major exercise in working together, using interested minds and talents from across our fellowship to help our lovely church move forward. The goal is to provide the community with the services and supports it should and reach all ages with the Good News. As reports emerge via Council, do read them carefully please and bring your helpful hints to the debate by sharing them with the various team members. Secrecy is not part of Wendy's ministry, while openness and shared understanding is. For some of us this may prove difficult to swallow. As the Family of God we must trust one another, build each other up, cut criticism and know how to forgive (and forget!).

We bet you spotted the JCB operating below the church on the castle roadside, digging into church land. This is a search for reported missing persons from around the 70's. By the time you read this you will almost

certainly know if yet another sad story in the history of this island has reached closure for a family or families or indeed whether there is nothing there at all. We have been keeping an eye on the trees making sure that the BIG conifer's main roots are not severed as there could be risk of it toppling in one of our winter storms if its structure has been disturbed significantly. One delight of the past few Sundays has been the presence of John Crothers at the organ. There is still a few more Sundays of his playing for us all to enjoy before he returns to Paris. We cannot understand why he doesn't simply settle among us here in our little back-water! We jest! Thank you John for sharing your gifts with us. One last observation is to ask all who read our magazine to pray for our fellowship please. St Andrew's needs it more than ever. This is not only for our church and its operation led by Revd Wendy but also for our fellowship and their families. There are a lot of health worries around causing personal pressure for loved ones. Healing of body, mind and spirit is needed in many folk, often not listed in our Intercessions Book. Our pastoral touch must be gentle, caring and actively practical. Please don't allow troubles that you come across to slip through the net. Let

us make sure that together we meet needs.

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