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FROM THE MINISTER

In the coming months, the United Reformed Church will be encouraging a renewed emphasis upon discipleship – that following of Jesus Christ, which is about learning from him and serving him. This initiative’s title is suggestive of what it is hoped will be achieved: WALKING THE WAY – LIVING THE LIFE OF JESUS TODAY.

More about this embryonic idea will become available as 2017 unfolds. At this stage I am not sure how it will commend itself to us at St Columba’s, but I do hope we will take the opportunity seriously, and explore how it might help us in our ‘walking the way’. As we await more material from the URC, I would like to point to one of the books that has informed the vision. It’s Andrew Roberts’ *Holy Habits* (2016, Malcolm Down Publishing).

‘Follow me!’ Drawing upon these words, with which the Gospels record Jesus’ call to his first followers, Andrew Roberts explores ten aspects that he regards as basic to a discipleship of following Christ. They are

- Biblical teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking of bread
- Prayer
- Giving
- Service
- Eating together
- Gladness and generosity
- Worship
- Making more disciples
Clearly, few of us will excel at all ten, but I believe that as each of us, inspired by the Spirit of God, practises those that entice us, the combination will enrich our life as churches.

As the book draws to a close, however, Andrew Roberts highlights one more thing. It is arguably as important as the other ten: *Dare to Dream*. During the month covered by this edition of *News and Events* we will celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. Of this seminal moment, the author writes:

‘When the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, fulfilling the ancient prophecy of Joel, there was a release of energy, creativity and imagination. Younger people were fired with new Kingdom vision. Older people were renewed by dreams of what could be. A movement that just a few weeks before had seemed to die on a dark Friday afternoon was on fire with life, joy and a fresh belief in what was possible.’ Page 235

Andrew Roberts goes on to muse:

‘Oh that we might be fired with fresh imagination, dreams and vision of how the world could be if the adventure of following Jesus was lived more fully in these days.’ Page 236

As St Columba’s peers into a future that will not look quite like the past, I sense that these consequences of Pentecost are to be as significant for us as they ever have been. What we are to become as a new and renewed church will be essentially moulded by that ‘fresh imagination, dreams and vision’. In a real sense, therefore, it seems to me that Pentecost 2017 is not just about our theologically fascinated exploration of what happened once upon a time far away. It’s got immediate relevance. Being pliable to the Holy Spirit’s wisdom,
power and love, is fundamental to our discerning, with Emmanuel, what emphases, hallmarks and priorities should shape our life. As Roberts has it:

‘Let the Spirit inspire new dreams and visions of how you can be part of the Kingdom coming in and through your home, church, community, workplace, world.’ Page 240

And if, for you, all this is a bit too big, because your personal life is a mite more challenging than makes it easy, then perhaps this Pentecost the Spirit’s blessing for you is less to arrest you for something challenging, and more to dwell in you with another of its precious gifts: that peace which, though beyond our understanding, will keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And that, too, is discipleship; that, too, is ‘walking the way, living the life of Jesus today.’

Nigel Uden

PASTORAL NEWS

Engagement

Congratulations to Naomi Young on her engagement to Claudia Rodas.

Special Birthday

Our best wishes to Bill Tripp who celebrated his 90th birthday on 9th May.

Death

Charlotte Dickerson passed away on 25th May. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.
Nigel Uden writes:

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby, is inviting Christians around the world ‘to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ’. He says, ‘I cannot remember in my life anything that I have been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit.’ Here are two of the ways in which, in Cambridge, Christians are invited to respond to this call.

First, there will be a week of prayer, 24/7, in St Clement’s Church, from 25 May to 4 June – the days between Ascension and Pentecost. People are invited to call in at any time of day or night during those days, either to pray alone or to join any others who may be there. I shall be there for an hour from 2-3pm on Friday 2 June and if any would like to join me, do feel free to come along.

Secondly, there is a United Beacon prayer event on Pentecost Sunday 4th June at 6:30pm at Great St Mary’s Church. I don’t know much about what is planned for that evening, but I shall go, to fly the St Columba’s flag.

Alternatively, we are invited to set an alarm, and pray the Lord’s Prayer at 12 Noon every day, perhaps followed with the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ prayer

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

More details are to be found at [http://www.kingdomcomecambridge.org](http://www.kingdomcomecambridge.org)
St Columba’s Church website

Please can you help us to keep the Church website up-to-date and ‘alive’? We already have all the Church Diary dates which also appear in the News and Events, but the “Latest News” section on the front page should be updated once a week – or it looks as though nothing new is happening.

The sort of things we are looking for are:

- Posters for forthcoming events
- Reports on recent events
- Program for Book Club, Tuesday Club etc

We would also like photographs, either as part of a report or for use elsewhere on the website. Another option is a one page collage of photographs as a pictorial record of an event. Our latest photograph is of Nigel and the plaque acknowledging Amey Community Fund’s contribution to our roof appeal – it appears on the front page and on the “Venue Hire” page.

We are planning to add the text of Nigel’s sermon each time he preaches at St Columba’s. Recent Latest News items include:

- Poster for Funday Sunday
- Poster for Christian Aid Week
- Poster for Dementia Awareness Week
- Job advert for Director of the Group Therapy Centre

Before that there had been no “new” news for about six weeks. So the Message is—it won’t be up to date unless more members contribute news and articles—just email them to jenny.jacobsberg@ntlworld.com

If you would like to receive an email alert for Diary dates and when items are added to Latest News, sign up with your email address on the “News” page. Many thanks

Jenny Jacobsberg

Convenor, Office and Communications
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**GIBSON’S LUNCH CLUB**

The next Gibson’s Lunch Club will be on Thursday, 15th June at 12.30 p.m. in the Gibson Hall.

**BOOKSTALL**

A bookstall will be held in the Gibson Hall after the service on Sunday 25th June 2017. We look forward to your support. We should also be grateful for any new donations. With thanks  

*Christine and Michael Russell*

**TUESDAY CLUB**

The Tuesday Club will meet on Friday 23rd June *at 11.50 am for noon* at “The Bridge” in Waterbeach. The organiser is Maggie Garland.

**BOOK GROUP**

The next meeting of the book group is on Monday 26th June at the home of Elizabeth Whitehorn—5 Fenners Lawn. Tel: 368487 Email: joel.whitehorn@mypostoffice.co.uk. The book for discussion is

*“Out of the Silent Planet”* by *C.S. Lewis.*

**FILM NIGHT**

The next St Columba's and Emmanuel Film Night is planned for Thursday 8th June. Doors open 6.45pm. Viewing starts 7pm. (2hr 26mins). Due to legal restrictions, the venue and choice of film can not be publicised together as this would classify the showing as 'public' and incur a fee (and paperwork) For venue information please ask Nigel or Rosemary. Plenty of parking outside. Ice cream provided. Conversation afterwards. *'THE HELP'* set in 1960s Mississippi tells of a white college girl dreaming to be a writer. She interviews black women who have spent their lives working for white families.

To book seats: [Rosemary.johnston@ntlworld.com](mailto:Rosemary.johnston@ntlworld.com) or 01223 235 090
You are warmly invited to our

RAMBLE AND CREAM TEA

on Sunday 4th June.

The ramble begins at 2.00pm and the tea from about 4.00pm. You are very welcome to come for the Tea without rambling. The Tea is at 147 Thornton Road.

Details of the Ramble are:-

Meet at Great Eversden's recreation ground at 2.00pm (this is off Harlton Road in Great Eversden map/grid ref.209/TL368531). This 4 mile walk skirts Great Eversden, follows a stretch of the Mare Way (with good views, weather permitting), then down through Little Eversden and back to the recreation ground. We suggest a donation of about £5 in aid of Freedom from Torture.

Pamela Cressey

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UP SNOWDON TO RAISE MONEY FOR “BACK UP” CHARITY WHICH INSPIRES PEOPLE WITH SPINAL INJURIES

On 1st July 16 women, including myself, are planning to assist my friend Rosie up Snowdon. It is the first time an all female team has attempted this challenge.

Rosie had a spinal stroke 4 years ago and has no movement from her waist down, so we will be accompanying her in her wheelchair, to help her complete this challenge.

Rosie has extraordinary drive despite her lack of mobility and had been really encouraged to row, cycle, drive, swim and climb mountains by the charity Back Up. They support people with spinal injuries to be as active as possible. Rosie is now keen to raise money for Back Up so that other people with spinal injuries can also be encouraged and motivated.
Last Sunday the congregation responded extremely generously to my initial attempt to raise for this inspiring charity by buying homemade cakes. We are also holding a concert at Michaelhouse Centre on Saturday 3rd June from 1.00 to 2.00 pm. Any further donations towards this venture and Back Up charity would be gratefully received either to myself or to the Just Giving website www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosietween-womenofaltitude.

Helen Christy
Daddy’s Diaries
written and presented by Jane Bower

JULY 13th, 14th, 15th Corpus Playroom, Cambridge
www.adctheatre.com/whats-on/

See a short video about the play here:
http://youtu.be/PY-LPgKk3rU

Hear a radio interview here: (begins at 45.52 mins)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04zvd3z

For photos and reviews see www.janebower.com under Shows

Throughout WWII my father Leonard Bower kept a diary. Still a highly intelligent conversationalist at 96, his talks with me and the memoirs he wrote – the emotions of which contrast strongly with his pragmatic and practical RAF diaries – offer a mix of humour and poignancy; always a wit and a wordsmith, Dad’s turns of phrase bring delight and pain by turn. His war was one of contrasts - he was a gifted clarinettist and an instructor of fighter pilots. He was a trained illustrator and used his skills to create pictures and diagrams to help the aircrew learn more easily. And he was falling in love.

Daddy’s Diaries is inspired by my father giving me his war diaries after he became blind. The show reveals the inescapable legacy of WWI, the family’s unexpected link with Germany, Len’s memories, illustrations and original recordings to create a picture of one man’s journey
Recent comments received from audience members:

- *The concept and delivery is masterful... Integrity, talent and love run through it like Blackpool rock.*
- *What a stunning presentation. I was both fascinated and emotional.*

*I thought the whole piece was remarkable.... very moving.... very redolent of Alan Bennett.*

**Jane Bower** is a professional actress, teacher and writer, and an elder of Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Cambridge. She has devised and performed one-woman shows for over thirty years. She was commissioned by the actress Maureen Lipman to write a play for her, which they performed together in 2010.

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**SCIENCE MEETS FAITH**

Monday, 12th June at 7.45 pm. Prof. Chris Done—Centre for Extragalactic Astronomy, Durham University. “Scientific truth and biblical truth: how to hold the two together” at Wesley Methodist Church, Christ’s Pieces, Cambridge CB1 1LG
THREE REMINDERS OF THE PLIGHT OF SO MANY OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS GLOBALLY

CHRISTIAN AID

Last week, 14th - 21st May, many of our members were involved with friends from other churches in house-to-house collections, events and services for Christian Aid. Our special cause this year is Refugees - a huge source of agony and despair for innocent victims of war and persecution. It is hard knocking on doors - sometimes getting grumpy refusals, and sometimes a smile and a "thank you" for your efforts. The service at Fulbourn URC at the beginning of the week gave us inspiration for the task, and Jenny Ayres, our speaker/preacher, Head of Christian Aid south-east, efficiently and encouragingly guided us on our way. Now the counting and banking begins, and the result of the Cambridge collection will be announced in July.

Thank you so much to all who helped.

THE MEDAILLE TRUST

A charity founded to help women, young men and children who have been freed from human-trafficking, the work of the Medaille Trust is the empowerment of women, young men and children who have been freed from the human-trafficking industry here in the UK, enabling them to regain their dignity and self-worth. We do this by providing safe housing and offering opportunities for physical and psychological healing and rehabilitation. We raise awareness of the plight of those who are enslaved and exploited in the sex-trafficking industry in the UK, and campaign on this issue.

We are celebrating 10 years of the Medaille Trust. This is now well established, and each year there are new developments to report. In the North West the Roman Catholic Diocese of Liverpool has refurbished St Raphael's Presbytery and it has been opened as a centre
for men who have special problems which make them difficult to place. There are 9 beds, for men only.

From 1st February this year the Society of the Sacred Heart is allowed to use a former convent site as a new hostel for women only; those who are ready to move on to the recovery stages in their journey. There are 11 beds.

The other centres are continuing to provide the expert care needed by those who are so vulnerable following their experiences. There is still the need for accommodation for those who are willing to be interviewed by the police, so that traffickers may be taken to court. A safe place is sought in the South East in a small secure house. Last Saturday, 20th May, Nigel masterminded an eclectic concert at The Memorial Church, and we enjoyed songs, instruments including a tanpura, double bass, harp, guitar, piano and word. It was a rich mixture of expertise for our enjoyment, for which we are very grateful. We are sending donations totalling £339 (+ some gift aid)

FREEDOM FROM TORTURE. The Medical Foundation for the care of victims of torture

Freedom from Torture is a human rights organisation that exists to enable survivors of torture and organised violence to engage in a healing process to assert their own human dignity and worth. Our concern for the health and well-being of torture survivors and their families is directed towards providing medical and social care, practical assistance, and psychological and physical therapy. It is also our mission to raise public awareness about torture and its consequences.

Pamela Cressey
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**JULY**

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## LECTIONARY

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**SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION**

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### SUNDAY JUNE 11  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**

United Service at Emmanuel—No service at St. Columba’s

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All Age Worship
Readings to be advised

SUNDAY JULY 2  PENTECOST IV

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GRADUAL  Psalm 13
THE EPISTLE  Romans 6.12-23 (NT p 136)
THE GOSPEL  Matthew 10.40-42 (NT p 9)
Worship and Local Mission Group meeting 25th April

Abridged Minutes – the full Minutes are available from the Convenor, Alan Rickard.

The Worship and Local Mission Group met on Tuesday, 25th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Minister’s room.

After an opening prayer and apologies, there were various matters arising from the previous meeting:

Plans for a “Luther Day” on Saturday 4th November were well in hand.

The question of security was still under review, and it was hoped to arrange a meeting with Parkside police, possibly with Emmanuel, since they, and other City centre Churches, had similar concerns.

A suggested evening service of Compline needed to be considered together with Emmanuel.

**Emmanuel URC:** Nigel would be meeting with John Bradbury to discuss the growing momentum towards a closer fellowship, and how this should be directed. By the autumn both congregations should have a clearer idea of how things might move forward, and how Nigel’s moderatorship from July 2018 would affect the process. John Bradbury’s appointment to Emmanuel would be greatly helpful.

The Elders of both Churches would propose names for two new groups, on the constitution and on mission. The mission group would start with a clean slate, not seeking to reproduce what either Church currently offered, but exploring what would be possible in the St. Columba’s premises. A joint Elders’ meeting on Tuesday 6th June and a congregational “awayday” on Saturday 16th September had already been booked. The twice monthly prayer meetings were still vital and should continue.
The frequency of joint services was likely to increase, with a further joint service now planned for December 3rd, Advent Sunday. The implications, financial and otherwise, of joint services and the eventual union, for all the staff (music directors, administrators, etc.) must be carefully considered.

**Worship matters:** The group reviewed the Easter services. The Ash Wednesday service with Cambridge Voices and the Palm Sunday service (not a Communion service this year, to avoid a run of three Communion services) were much appreciated.

The Holy Week services had shared with Elaine Colechin material she had devised, together with visual material from her brother, Mike, a photographer. It was hoped to continue this successful collaboration next year, with the involvement also of John Bradbury.

The Good Friday and Easter Saturday concerts by Cambridge Voices had been well attended and most effective. It was suggested that an “A-board” might be placed on the pavement outside to advertise all these Easter worship events.

The group recorded their thanks to Nigel for everything that was involved in these services.

The new Paschal candle stand was warmly approved, with thanks to the sculptor, and the candle itself was also praised.

The idea that the Elders should take an annual service should be pursued. The service need not be conventional but should offer scope for innovative thinking.

**Crèche/Junior Church:** There had been a meeting of Junior Church leaders with the parents to discuss plans. The family service on Mothering Sunday had been successful, and it was the intention to hold an all-age service once a term. More helpers for the crèche were urgently needed.
Slots and retiring offerings: The talk about Papworth Hospital at the joint service on Sunday 23rd April had gone well, and a generous retiring offering of £547 had been collected. The August 20th slot would be for Mark Strivens of Cambridge Street Pastors, and it was hoped that this might encourage someone from St. Columba’s to volunteer to help with NightLite. The December 3rd slot would be for Romsey Mill.

Housegroups: The Lent groups had enjoyed studying Rowan Williams’ Meeting God in Paul, finding some of the material challenging, but always stimulating. A summer housegroup was under consideration.

Dementia friendly Church: A meeting with Rita Jones of the dementia café movement was to take place shortly, to examine the feasibility of holding such a café in St. Columba’s. A visitor with mild dementia had carried out a dementia audit of the Church, and drawn attention to possible problems. He would be giving a short address in Church soon. Books and other objects of interest were now routinely put out at coffee.

2016-7 Disbursements: A donation had now been made to Streetbite, to purchase waterproofs, as they had requested. It was hoped to make a contribution to the Meadows Lunches scheme once payment methods had been sorted out. Nigel and Alan would be visiting Romsey Mill to discuss their needs and our financial support to them. The final figures for the 125 appeal would not be available until details of expenses and possible further activities had been established.

Projection equipment: None of the systems which came within our allocated budget were ideal, and it was proposed to reconsider the question at a later date in the light of our proposed union with Emmanuel.

Sound system: A new speaker had been installed in the apse during a routine maintenance visit, and this had improved the sound quality there.
AOB: The Chinese Church were celebrating their twentieth anniversary on May 7th with a varied programme of events. Nigel intended to be there, and anyone else who could attend any part of the afternoon would be welcome.

The WLM noticeboard in the Gibson Hall was currently obscured by the new stacking chairs. This needed attention, but was for the Finance and Property group to discuss.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be on Tuesday 25th July, at 7.30 p.m. in the Minister’s room.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.50 p.m.
LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT 1.00 P.M.

Free Admission with a Retiring Collection

Weds 7th June     Yukie Smith (Piano)
Weds 14th June    Ian de Massini (Piano)
                 Jennifer Bastable (mezzo-soprano)
Weds 21st June    Jonatan Bougt (guitar)
Weds 28th June    No lunchtime concert

Celebrate the Kingdom

A celebration of Pentecost with flowers. 2nd to 4th June 2017 at Emmanuel URC. This is a themed flower display as part of The “Call to Prayer” between Ascension Day and Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come.

Cherry Hinton Road

The Tuesday Fellowship meets in the Chapel at CHR every Tuesday from 2.30 to 3.30 pm. Men and women welcome.
Contact the Revd Julia Stone  01954 781297
SERVICES FOR JUNE 2017

4th    10.30am   Morning Worship – The Revd Allen Morton
11th   10.30am   Morning Worship with Holy Communion – The Revd Nigel Uden
18th   9.30am    Morning Worship – The Revd Nigel Uden
            5.00pm    Breathing Space – Jenny Mashford
25th   10.30am   Morning Worship – Brian Mizon
            3.30pm    Songs of Praise at the Fulbourn Feast

No Evening Worship

THE WORD TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY GROUP

AT FULBOURN UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 June at 2.30pm.

All are welcome to this ecumenical group

COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to a COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 3 June

10am to noon

at Hall Farm, School Lane, Fulbourn.

In aid of Fulbourn URC

All welcome
JOB ADVERTISEMENT

MICHAELHOUSE CENTRE CAMBRIDGE: GREAT ST MARYS CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

PIONEER MINISTER

We seek a Christian pioneer minister to develop the Faith and Arts Community Experience project. The post is based in the Michaelhouse Centre and will build on the varied programme of the arts to explore the relationship between the arts and faith, and to build a Fresh Expression of Church.

This is a part time post, 18 hours a week, open to lay or ordained women or men. The minister will work within a team in the Michaelhouse Centre as part of the wider ministry of the parish of Great St Mary’s the University Church. The salary is £26,000 pro rata.

Full information from Rosemary Barrett, Centre Manager at Michaelhouse. Phone 01223 309167 or email manager@michaelhouse.org.uk.

Or see the website www.gsm.cam.ac.uk

Closing date: Friday 9 June

Interviews: Tuesday 13 June
Great St. Mary’s, the University Church, is recruiting a full-time Church Operations Manager to provide proactive practical management of this busy and lively church in the centre of Cambridge. The post-holder will co-ordinate all the functional areas to ensure effective support for all activities taking place in the church. Working with the Vicar and Churchwardens, they will be involved in the implementation of strategy and policy.

Full-time, 36.5 hours per week
Salary: £30,000 per annum

Further particulars and an application form are available from Margaret Johnston, Churchwarden e-mail: margaretj222@gmail.com to whom a cover letter, your CV and a completed application form should be sent, or to postal address: Great St. Mary’s Church, Senate House Hill, Cambridge CB2 3PQ, together with the names and email addresses of two referees.

Closing date: Wednesday 7 June
Interviews: Monday 19 June

(We are experiencing technical problems with our website, if it doesn’t work, please phone.)
St Columba’s Activities

A Social Hour takes place after Public Worship on Sunday mornings and provides an opportunity for the members of a scattered congregation to meet other members, friends, students and visitors over refreshments.

Interest in the Developing World is catered for, among others, by the ecumenical International & Social Affairs Christian Network (ISACN). St Columba's has a special relationship with Emanuel Presbyterian Church, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, with Christ Anointed Church in Krobo-Odumase, Ghana, with Bethel Presbyterian Church, Ola Estates, Cape Coast, Ghana, and (through Commitment for Life) with Christian Aid supported work in Central America. St Columba’s supports the Council for World Mission (CWM), the United Reformed Church's annual Commitment for Life appeal, Centre of Cambridge Churches, Churches Together in England (CTE) and the St Columba Group Therapy Centre housed in part of the Church’s premises.

The Tuesday Club, an informal meeting open to all, meets monthly on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm from October to June.

Gibson’s Lunch Club is held on the third Thursday of each month in the Gibson Hall.

The Book Group meets monthly to share ideas on authors and books members have enjoyed.

A Traidcraft Stall selling fairly traded goods will be in the Gibson Hall every third Sunday of the month following the morning service.

The Church Choir sings at Public Worship from time to time. In 2006, a strong and enthusiastic nucleus of singers drawn from our own church membership became established. Membership of the choir is open to all, and attendance at the choral services and their attendant rehearsals is purely voluntary. Also, there are no auditions! If you would like to sing in the choir, simply turn up at one of the advertised rehearsals, ideally contacting the Director of Music, Ian de Massini, on 0780 1234 343.
St Columba's is an open and inclusive church, and welcomes all.

The church was founded in 1879 as the Presbyterian church in Cambridge and has continued since 1972 as a congregation of the United Reformed Church, and the Church of Scotland chaplaincy to the University of Cambridge.

St Columba's is also the home of the St Columba Foundation (Group Therapy Centre), the Cambridge Chinese Christian Church, and the city-centre home of Cambridge Voices.

The next News and Events is a double edition for July/August and will be published on Sunday 25th June. Please send items for inclusion to Elaine Barker (elaine@stcolumbaschurch.org) to arrive no later than Friday 16th June.