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*Joy to the World*



*Dear Friends*

Let me start by taking you back nearly half a year to July, when the great euro-zone rescue package was unveiled by European leaders. As it very rapidly became clear, the package wasn't all that great – and it wasn't much of a rescue, either. Since then, we have seen the markets plagued by uncertainty, and political leaders unable to agree what needs to be done.

But while it may have been something of an unusual experience for us British to be able to step aside and – for a change – watch other countries teetering on the edge of economic chaos, any initial smugness we may have felt is now long gone. With rising unemployment, gloomy growth forecasts, frozen pay levels and strikes over public sector pensions, we have plenty of problems of our own – and we will continue to suffer here until some sort of stability returns to the euro-zone.

So is there no good news to be had this winter? Is it all doom and gloom? Well, as Christians we of all people should know that there *is* good news – because we are its prophets and heralds. As we move through Advent to Christmas-tide and on into the New Year, our celebration of the birth of a baby in Bethlehem 2000 years ago reminds us and the whole world that there *is* hope; there *is* another way; there *is* new life to dispel the mist and darkness of these uncertain days.

That is true in the life of our nation, and it is true in our life together at St Andrew's. So let's look forward to 2012 with confidence, because God still has ambitions for all of us – and unlike last July's euro-zone rescue, God's plans don't get derailed at the first obstacle.

Happy Christmas!

Ronilly

## **ELDERS' NEWS**

By the time you read this the Elders will have had a **FIRST**: a breakfast meeting one Saturday morning to look at the next stage of the LMMR process. This will be the Pastorate Profile. After a light breakfast of bacon rolls, croissants and fruit etc, I am sure much fruitful discussion will be had.

Anna and the Minister attended the Synod Meeting in October, which had some interesting and worthwhile sessions, along with a presentation from the Youth on their experiences in the exchange over the last three years with youth from Africa and France.

*Anna Crawford*  
*Church Secretary*

## **GIFT AID BLUE ENVELOPES**

Due to the number of changes to the Register over a number of years, we are taking the opportunity to tidy this up from the beginning of January 2012.

Most Donors will find that they have a new number when they receive next year's supply. Please do not be concerned about this, as all donations will still be carefully recorded and tax reclaimed as usual.

Anyone with any concerns should speak to Holms Carlile

## **LADIES COMMITTEE COFFEE MORNING**

The Ladies Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Sunday morning coffee. The surplus money raised during the year amounted to £300. This added to the £200 donated at the September coffee morning has now been paid into the sponsored Children fund. Again, many thanks to all who contributed.

*Nancy Hampton*

## **ST ANDREW'S AND WEYBRIDGE URC JOINT SERVICE**

Happily, the sun shone and the road works which had closed Queen's Road had been finished, for Sunday 23 October and the combined service between St Andrew's and Weybridge URC, led by the Reverend Dr Romilly Micklem.

The Service was well attended by about equal numbers from both sister churches. It was good to be worshipping in a rather larger congregation than usual.

It may be helpful to note that at Weybridge there is, on Sundays, rather more car parking space than initially appears. Also, that recently a permanent access ramp has been installed leading into the west door.

Let us pray that this Service marks a continuation of developing relations between the two Churches.

*Margaret Ward*

<b>SERVICES AND OTHER KEY DATES DECEMBER 2011</b>
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*No Guild meetings in December*

<b>Sunday 4 December</b> <i>(Advent 2)</i>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Monday 5 December</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Bridge Club, Hersham Room</b>
	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Elders' Meeting, Hersham Room</b>
<b>Sunday 11 December</b> <i>(Advent 3)</i>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Church Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group At Chrissie Brooman's home 4 Grange Court Ashley Road Walton-on-Thames</b>
<b>Sunday 18 December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Nativity Service</b>
 <i>(Advent 4)</i>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Carol Service by candlelight</b>
<b>Thursday 22 December</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>'Promenade' Concert at St Andrew's directed by Christopher Goldsack</b>
 <b>Saturday 24 December</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>
	<b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Communion by candlelight</b>
 <b>Sunday 25 December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <i>(note not 10.00!)</i>	<b>Christmas Morning Family Worship</b>



SERVICES AND OTHER KEY DATES JANUARY 2012
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*A Happy New Year to Everyone*

Sunday 1 January <i>(Christmas 1)</i>	10.30 am	New Year Communion
Tuesday 3 January	2.00 pm 8.00 pm	Ladies Guild, Hersham Room Elders' Meeting, Hersham Room
Sunday 8 January <i>(Sunday after Epiphany - Baptism of Christ)</i>	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
Wednesday 11 January	2.00 pm	Prayer Group At Chrissie Brooman's home 4 Grange Court Ashley Road Walton-on-Thames

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Sunday 15 January <i>(Epiphany 2)</i>	10.30 am	Sunday Worship conducted by Thelma Roberts <i>(our minister at Weybridge)</i>
Tuesday 17 January	2.00 pm	Ladies Guild, Hersham Room
Sunday 22 January <i>(Epiphany 3)</i>	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
Wednesday 25 January	2.00 pm	Prayer Group At Chrissie Brooman's home 4 Grange Court Ashley Road Walton-on-Thames
Sunday 29 January <i>(Epiphany 4)</i>	10.30 am	'All-Age' Worship

 *Traidcraft after the service 29 January* 

Tuesday 31 January	2.00 pm	Ladies Guild, Hersham Room
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A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE  
FOR THE CONGREGATION OF ST ANDREW'S, 1947

In a clearing-out session of the church office above the kitchen recently, I came across a copy of the first-ever issue of St Andrew's Newsletter, dated January 1947. The minister at that time was the Reverend Lewis G Tucker. Here is his Christmas and New Year message from that Newsletter. Much of it would appear to be as relevant today as it was then.

"We begin 1947 with grateful hearts. Christmas has been a season of gracious memories and joyous hope. St Andrew's kept the festival worthily. The Carol Service on the Sunday morning before Christmas was delightful and there was also a service on Christmas morning. The Church was suitable decorated. Two Christmas trees and a small manger scene gave great pleasure to the children. We tender our warmest thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who were responsible for all this.

"There are signs of renewed interest in Christian worship and in religion, generally. It would seem that the economic and political pressures of a world in which peace-making is not an easy matter are testing the quality of humanity, and demonstrating the supreme importance of a spiritual basis for the building of a world order.

"*Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good-will towards men,*" is the music which brings the old year to a fitting close. It must be, also, the inspiration of the New Year. In this faith we go forward. God will do great things for us if we commit our ways to Him."

## 90 YEARS YOUNG!



DAVID WILSON  
CHRISSIE BROOMAN

*Happy Birthday and many congratulations from all  
your friends at St Andrew's*



*Chrissie, rumour has it that you  
have a soft spot for penguins...  
so here are two little friends  
from Patagonia who would like  
to wish you well!*



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER  
12.15 - 2.00 PM

As always, this promises to be a happy occasion with a programme of seasonal readings and carols

All members and friends welcome!

## BRIDGE CLUB



December  
Monday 5 December  
*January dates to be arranged*

2.00 pm  
Hersham Room

## LADIES GUILD



No meetings in December

January 2012  
Tuesdays 3, 17 and 31 January

2.00 pm  
Hersham Room

*Please come along for the chat and catch up with your knitting!*

## PRAYER GROUP

December  
Wednesday 14 December  
January  
Wednesday 11 and 25 January

2.00 pm  
4 Grange Court  
Ashley Road  
Walton-on-Thames

## 'PROMENADE' CONCERT



At St Andrew's

Directed by Christopher Goldsack

Thursday 22 December  
7.30 pm  
*(See page 11 for more details)*

## WEYBRIDGE URC EVENT

Saturday 3 December  
4.00 pm

Weybridge URC Church

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Concert in aid of Macmillan  
Nurses

## BIBLE STUDY FOR THE NEW YEAR

Between the New Year and Lent there will be a short series of weekly Bible studies, led by the minister.

Keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet for further details, which will be announced during December.

# FRIENDS REMEMBERED



## **PALMELLA JOY LEWIS**

*We thank Joy's sons, Owen and Wyn, for providing the material for these memories*

Joy, as we all knew her, was born on 28 March 1920, in Cardiff, where she spent her early and most formative years. She was born on Palm Sunday, hence her first name, Palmella. The family moved to Aberystwyth in the late '20s and there she attended the local grammar school, Ardwyn, where she first met and became friends with her future husband, Melfyn, who lived in the same road as Joy in Cardiff, Buarch Road. Friendship developed into love after they had left school, Melfyn for university and Joy first for nursing and then to the Civil Service, with the outbreak of war.

A wilful girl with a joie de vivre, at the age of 16 she was briefly set on elopement with a tea planter and had to be firmly dissuaded by her father. At 17, Joy was elected Aberystwyth's Carnival Queen for 1937. In 1939, by then in the Civil Service, she was posted to Blackpool where she fell for a gallant Free Polish fighter pilot. But in the end she married her childhood friend, Melfyn, then an RAFVR officer, in November 1940.

Their sons, Owen and Wyn, were born in October 1941 and 1944 respectively and they lived in the family home in Cardiff from 1942 to 1947. In true Service style, Joy and Owen camp-followed Melfyn between 1940 and 1942, first to Northern Ireland and then to RAF Netheravon. After the war, Melfyn found it hard to find a job, even as a graduate engineer, and Joy typed over 200 letters of application for him. The family lived in rented rooms in Woking and then in their first family home in Holly Avenue, Walton-on-Thames.

With the move to Walton came membership of St Andrew's Church, in 1947. Both sets of grandparents in Aberystwyth enjoyed seeing the family for summer holidays. Melfyn's work offered many opportunities for travel and, in later years, Joy was able to share and delight in these opportunities. In the late '40s, there was a six-month detachment to Porthcawl where Melfyn helped oversee the building of important new steelworks at Port Talbot. There followed short trips to conferences in Western Europe in the 1950s and extensive travel in South America in the 1960s – these last travels, in particular, proved to be milestone events in Joy's life.



In 1960, the family moved to a new house Joy and Melfyn had designed for themselves in Burwood Park and they lived there until Melfyn's imminent retirement in 1982, moving to their final home in West End Lane, Esher. Always house-proud, that cottage was Joy's pride and joy, in particular the improvement of the large and beautiful garden in which she and Melfyn enjoyed many happy hours.

Though widowed for ten years, Joy continued to enjoy an active life until the last two years when, following a sharp pneumonia, she was in hospital for some months at the beginning of 2010 and never again able to live full-time in her own home. Central to Joy's life was her interest in her home and friends, along with the enjoyment of an active social life. She died peacefully on 10 November with her son Owen at her side.

To Joy's sons, Owen and Wyn and their families, we extend our condolences.

## **BRENDA TEMPEST**

*We regret to record the death of Brenda Tempest, a former member of St Andrew's.*

Brenda and her husband, Bill, joined St Andrew's in the early 1990s, on transfer from Lytham St Anne's in Lancashire. They quickly became actively involved in the life of the Church. Bill became an Elder and assisted in upgrading the audio system in St Andrew's. Brenda gave at least one memorable talk to one of the Lunch meetings, on the significance of her own collection of Hats.

Sadly Brenda's health deteriorated prematurely early in the 2000s, and in 2009 Bill and Brenda moved back to Lytham St Anne's. Brenda died in her own home there on 5 October, after many years of devoted care from Bill.

Bill and Brenda had been married for 50 years, and had one daughter, Marion (wife of Simon Worthington) and two sons.

We send our condolences to Bill and his family.

*Margaret Ward*

# JUNIOR CHURCH

## OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

In October we focussed on several metaphors and images to help understand our relationship with God. The image of a vineyard represented the complex relationship between God and His people. He loves and nurtures his people just as the vineyard workers take care of the vines.



The children participated in a tasting session of grapes, and the products of grapes, to show the different uses of this fruit. They particularly enjoyed the white grapes, grape juice and raisins - but the bottle of red wine remained unopened!

We looked at the metaphor of the Feast of the Kingdom as a symbol of God's lavish generosity and a celebration of all that he is. The importance of food, as being something to be savoured and enjoyed, was discussed, as was the importance of feasting as a community event in the culture of the early church. We followed this up with feast of our own. The children set the dining table, decorated their plates and enjoyed a variety of snack foods as their starter, main course and dessert.

The following week, we had a conversation around the images on coins and what they meant. The children played a game where they had to guess which country a selection of coins came from and then used tin foil to make some of their own. We then linked this to the conversation Jesus had, with his opponents, about what is Caesar's and what is God's. We looked at some pictures of Roman coins and saw that they bear the image of the Emperor so, then, they belong to the Emperor. We then focussed on Jesus' reminder that, ultimately, we bear the image of God and so we belong to God and are his people.



*Roman coins*

We talked about the saints we knew and then did a more in-depth study of St Andrew.



To illustrate the Feeding of the Five Thousand, we constructed a paper scene and enacted a playlet

To illustrate the Parable of the Talents we talked about risk-taking and played a game, the object of which was to pump up balloons to see who could make the biggest balloon without it popping. The children enjoyed this and we hope they understood that Jesus trusts us to do our best for Him. We again used drama to emphasise the very difficult passage about the Last Judgement. We also spent some time sorting and categorising objects from fruit and vegetables to cutlery and hats and gloves. This involved lots of discussion and differences of opinion over all the ages. By the end of the session we were able to put things into "being a member of God's family" and not. Jesus said that when we help people or are kind to people, especially people who don't have homes or food or water, then it's as if we are helping Him. To further emphasise this, we looked at advertisements for various charities.

At the joint service with Weybridge URC, we held a combined Junior Church. It was great to meet the children and leaders from Weybridge and to share in their lessons. We heard about the greatest Commandment of all - to love the Lord with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself. This led to discussions about what love is and who our neighbours are. We made heart-shaped name badges and the children distributed heart-shaped biscuits to all the adults enjoying coffee after the service.

On the final Sunday in October, we focussed on All Saints' Day. The children made some candles to represent that God is here with us, and put together small booklets containing stories about several of the well-known saints.

*Paula Walsh and Anne Fitzgerald*



## **PROMENADE GIRLS' CHOIR**

Thursday December 22 at 7.30 pm  
St Andrew's Church, Walton-on-Thames

A Concert of Festive Choral Music directed by  
Christopher Goldsack

This concert will be similar in character to the excellent programme of last year and promises to be a most enjoyable evening's entertainment

Tickets: Modestly priced – Concessions available  
*More information to follow*

Call 01932 242805 or email [goldsack@talktalk.net](mailto:goldsack@talktalk.net)  
To know more about the choirs visit the website: [www.promenade.org.uk](http://www.promenade.org.uk)

*John Hutson may have some tickets for sale soon*

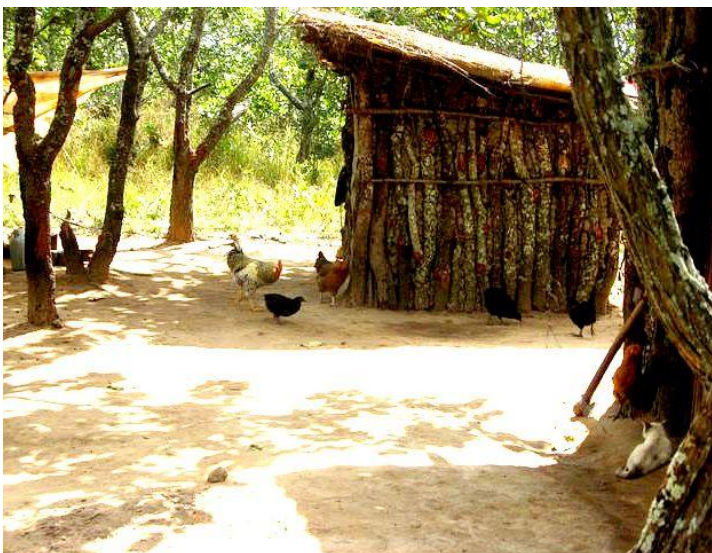


**ONE OF MANY** poor Zimbabweans mentioned in this year's newsletter articles who will benefit from another tremendous Harvest Collection will be Daniel Demanje. Sculptor Godfrey William met 12-year old Daniel earlier this year and



sent this report: *'Few people live near Daniel's place as it was not designated for residential purposes. After displacement by Operation Murambatsvina (govt 'clean up') in 2005, Daniel's parents had nowhere to go so were forced to move into the bush. His father died after succumbing to TB. Three years later, his asthmatic mother also passed on leaving him an orphan. Daniel was looked after by his grandmother. He slept alone at night as his grandmother slept in another shack. Food and clothes were a constant problem as his grandmother was too old to work. Daniel did his best to look after her but it was a struggle. His grandmother died. He built a small pole and mud house by*

*himself (see photo below) but cannot afford to go to school like his friend who walks 8kms each day. Daniel said he often feels so lonely. He rises at 6 am and goes off into the bush to trap birds using a sticky substance ( 'urimbo' in shona) extracted from tree bark. He also traps rabbits but is not always lucky. He mainly survives from food donated by well wishers who know him: also my friends, who donate old clothes after realizing his situation. During summer he goes fishing for small fish (kapenta) with his friend Nathan. He enjoys playing hide and seek, blindfold and loves playing football made from old newspapers stuffed into a plastic bag. He wishes that one day he will play for his favourite team Dynamos. He looks after himself and does his washing alone and wears his clothes unpressed. He lives about 30km away from Artpeace homes in the high density suburbs of Tafara but when I am in the area, I try to inspire him to carve so that he can help himself as he gets older. (Godfrey is a talented artist who, thanks to The Weybridge Society, will have his lovely bird sculpture displayed on a stunning plinth near the Thames towpath at Weybridge sometime next year!)*



*Daniel's little pole and mud home out in the bush*



*Toilet facilities*

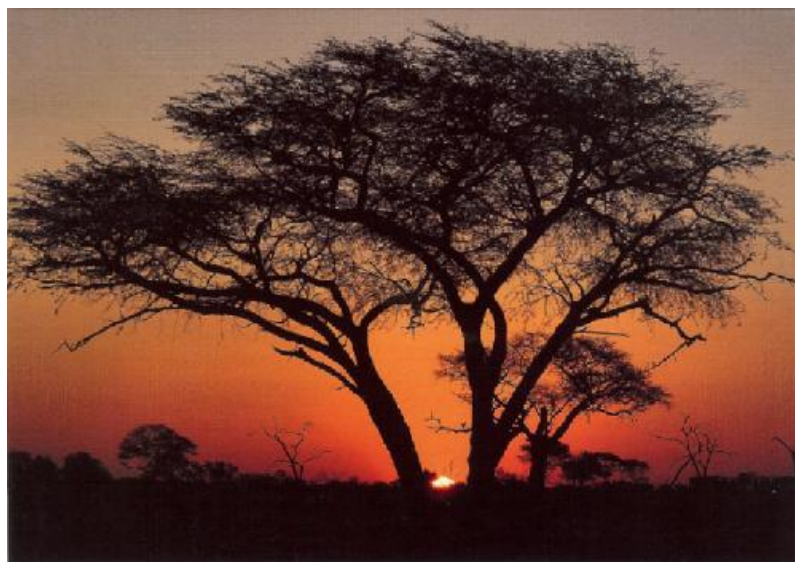
Our donations etc should arrive by the end of November and will give much joy to so many. Artpeace (photo shows some of the co operative taken only 2 weeks ago) will also



receive approx. £850 sales proceeds from our craft sale held at the Wessex Synod, Camberley earlier this month boosted by Charles Wilding's purchase of £250 worth of pieces to sell at Guildford URC. Our donations could not arrive at a better time. Sadly, the artists' chicken project suffered a loss as many chickens died in the hottest summer since 1962. Those that survived were below weight so did not fetch a good price. This was a big blow to our friends who are trying to diversify into other areas in order to survive. Ashleigh Callow,

responsible for Development Education at Jesuit Missions, Wimbledon has just returned with video footage of the artists at work and of their thoughts on life. The value of our support not only via the Harvest Collection and from individuals throughout the year but

from also from our prayers, comes across loud and clear. Fr David and all beneficiaries send heartfelt thanks to St Andrew's and many other URC friends across the UK for sticking by them - making life bearable. On 6th January, David will leave Silveira House and take a well deserved six-month break. The new director will be Fr Francis Munyoro, just back from a year's studies in Glasgow. He will be the first black Jesuit to fill this vital role, now with wider responsibilities. 2012 looks like being another challenging and eventful year!



*Christmas Sunset over Zimbabwe*

**STOP PRESS:** I have just received a letter from Gill Hillman, the URC Commitment for Life Programme Assistant thanking St Andrew's congregation for their share of our



Harvest Collection. She stated: *'Your generosity towards maintaining the funds for Christian Aid's work in the four partner countries and the World Development Movement's work is very much appreciated. Donations have enabled us to continue supporting vital projects such as water supply, sanitation, conservation farming and climate change adaptation. Many churches find our website [www.cforl.org.uk](http://www.cforl.org.uk) useful for ideas to educate and inspire congregations. Have you looked at 'Children's Activities' in the new Youth Leaders' Ideas Pack on the resources page. Next year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of CfL. There will be new ideas and resources available for this. We hope that all partner churches in their various ways will join us in celebrating the achievement'.*

Commitment for Life is now on Facebook so why not login to:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=336318799780> and follow their progress.

# A PERSONAL GLIMPSE OF CHURCH LIFE IN RURAL ARGENTINA

## THE EVANGELICAL CHAPEL, MANDISOVI



*In the wilds of nowhere...*

My family on my mother's side were Scottish farming folk who left their homeland in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century in search of a better life in Argentina. They travelled by ship from Greenock in Scotland to Buenos Aires and then continued some 400 miles to the north-east to settle in an area known as Mandisoví, in the province of Entre Ríos, with its rich farmland and vast, open spaces. All the families became friends while working hard to make a success of their new life. They kept up their English and learned Spanish. They prospered and inter-married. Regular gatherings were held to introduce the young to their future partners and at times long distances were covered to get to the party, always on horseback and, sometimes, over several days. There are many descendents of these first settlers living in the same area to this day, some of whom are my own relatives. With names such as MacNeill, Farquharson, MacDonald, Fraser and Buchanan still very much in evidence, there is no doubt as to their origins.

In 1883, a number of German settlers arrived. Some years later, in 1892, a Protestant church was established in one of the rooms of the Italian Society, some 40 miles to the south, in the small town of Concordia. The Reverend Lino Abeledo, in charge of the Evangelical Mission of Concordia, used to travel to Mandisoví and took services in different 'estancias' (ranches) several times a year, as well as in the local school which had been founded by the Germans. It soon became clear that there was a need for a Protestant church in the Mandisoví area.

The first minister was a Scot, the Reverend Lachlan MacNeill, and he held this position for over thirty years. He noted, in his first sermon, that three members of the congregation had Gaelic as their native language. He also noted that the church was a 'light and happy' place, unlike so many of the churches in Scotland that were 'dark and gloomy'!

### *The Chapel*



Since its foundation, the chapel has been interdenominational, leading, at times, apparently, to disagreements and bitterness amongst its members. However, its history relates that the power of God was always present to bring peace and harmony when the going got tough. It was only in 1994 when, thanks to generous donations from members and friends, electricity was finally installed.

Nowadays, one service is held every month, on the second Sunday, conducted (in Spanish) by a Salvation Army Captain. Most unfortunately, this is prone to cancellation due to a variety of reasons, not least inclement weather. I was sad not to be able to attend the monthly service on a recent visit because of cancellation due to torrential rain – the road to the chapel is a dirt track, ending with a short drive across a field!

The chapel is small and intimate with

ceiling fans and one memorial stained glass window. The music comes from an old, wooden organ played by pumping the pedals furiously to keep the sound coming. A service there feels like a family affair, with one of my cousins the organist and my mother's greatest friend a pillar of the Church Committee and major donor when it comes to upkeep of the church itself and the little cemetery, one of the most picturesque I have ever seen.

### *Looking after the graves*



A local family live in the house behind the church and are paid to keep an eye on things. Not in the contract but simply because they care, they regularly put fresh flowers on the graves.

Every year, at Christmas, a dinner is arranged, with long tables placed outside (Christmas is mid-summer in Argentina!) and everyone contributing food and drink to make it a festive and happy occasion. Choral and other musical events are also part of the Church calendar and take place, as well as in the chapel, at the homes of church members.

To spend time at this place is always a highlight of my visits to the family in Argentina. It is a special place. One that should be shared.

## FLOWER POWER



*Paul 's Birthday Flowers*

**Iris Collins says:**

*"It was a lovely surprise to see John Hutson at the door bearing a lovely bunch of flowers from the Church. His kind words made my day! Many thanks."*

**Johnston Simpson missed Pat Coaker's visit with church flowers from St Andrew's but would like to thank her for such a pleasant surprise.**

**Nancy Hampton writes:**

*"I would like to thank John and Doris Hutson for the beautiful arrangement of flowers they brought to me. It was the week of the coffee morning and the flowers were admired by all who attended."*

**A message from Dorothy Rushworth:**

*"It was a lovely surprise when Pat & Geoff dropped in on us with the beautiful flowers from the Communion Table on Sunday afternoon. The bouquet lasted so well, particularly the pretty white roses. Many many thanks to all for your kind thought!"*

*I also thank Tricia Coaker for the lovely flowers I received on my Birthday it was such a pleasant surprise and so kind of her."*

**Janet and Jim Somerville write:**

*"It was a lovely surprise to find a beautiful arrangement of white flowers delivered to our door in our absence. Thank you so much Irene. We really appreciate it. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of St Andrew's for the warm welcome accorded to us since arriving from Longridge."*

**Doris Hutson would like to say thank you for cheering her up with lovely, bright flowers. Marigold and Irene stayed and chatted - a lovely visit!**

**Marigold Crampton says:**

*"Many thanks for the beautiful flowers brought by Pat Coaker. It was indeed a very kind thought."*

**Holms and Christine Carlile were delighted to receive a beautiful arrangement of flowers from the Communion Table. They say:**

*"The sunflowers were so bright and lasted so well. Unfortunately, we were not in when Doris and John kindly delivered them. We would have enjoyed a chat. Thank you so much."*

**Muriel Cambrook thanks St Andrew's for the lovely flowers kindly delivered by Marigold Crampton and Irene Pearson.**

**Paul Reed writes:**

*"Many thanks to Pat Coaker for her visit on Sunday morning 16th October bringing me the wonderful Floral Display from the Communion Table. It was to commemorate my birthday and was a big pleasant surprise. The scent is also amazing and has been praised by every visitor." (see photograph above)*