

# St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

## Newsletter February 2017



2016 was a busy year here at St Andrew's, and we were delighted to welcome many people back to the church during the year and also to host numerous wedding celebrations.

Details of more recent events are included in this first newsletter of 2017, and we would like to wish you all a Peaceful and Healthy year ahead.

We hope that you can join us at St Andrew's in the coming months. Our current programme of events is shown below.

### February 2017

Sunday 19th February	11.00am	Family Praise
Sunday 26th February	11.00am	Bishop Lee leads the Bybrook Team Communion Service at St Andrew's for all our group churches

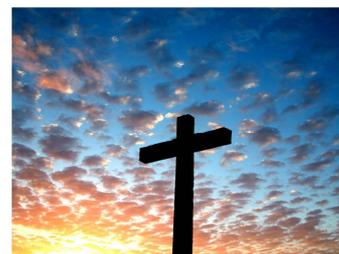


### March 2017

Sunday 5th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th March	11.00am	Family Praise

### April 2017

Sunday 2nd April	11.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Monday 10th April until Easter</i>		<i>Easter Experience Displays located within the church</i>
Easter Sunday 16th April	11.00am	Easter Holy Communion



Refreshments are served after our services with an opportunity to meet others...

***...so please do join us!***



### Dates for the Diary prior to Easter

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** At 11.00am, Bishop Lee will be leading the Bybrook Team Communion Service at St Andrew's, followed by refreshments. This will be a great opportunity to meet with others and friends across our group of 10 churches.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Annual Lent Lunch between 12.00 and 2.00pm in the Village Hall at Castle Combe. Please join us for delicious Homemade Soups; there is no charge but donations to charity will be welcome. Please inform Sally 01249 782706 or Julie 01249 782227 if you can attend.

*In January we said farewell to Revd Sarah Evans who has now taken up an appointment at Bristol Cathedral. We thank her for all her support over the past few years and wish her well in her new position.*

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### *Looking back...*

There have been several memorable moments during the past year, including the celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday and the planting of a Crab Apple tree to commemorate the occasion. In more recent months at St Andrew's:



*Remembrance Sunday with the Royal Corps of Signals from Colerne*



*The Advent Fair, which was a great community event, raising £2000 for our "Make History Appeal". During the day we celebrated the completion of repair work to the roof slopes over the nave and north aisle, the first phase of the ongoing building project*



*Our Annual Candlelit Christmas Carol Service, which this year took on a Victorian theme enjoyed by a full church*

### **"Make History" Project**

This is the biggest project at St Andrew's for over 160 years and will add to the rich story of this beautiful place of community worship.

The second project phase will add a small extension to the church to accommodate much needed amenities and will reinstate the Knights Chapel, revealing the most historic part of the church including the Scrope Window and Memorials. Approvals are all in place and we have received tenders from three contractors, so can accurately project the total cost.

We want to start this work in 2017 if we can reach our funding target of £200k. We were delighted to learn that we have just received a further £10k grant towards the project from National Churches Trust, bringing committed funds and pledges to 70% of the goal. That still leaves us with much fund-raising work to be done.

If you value the beauty of this place, please donate generously and help us to **"MAKE HISTORY"**  
<https://www.justgiving.com/standrews-castlecombe> or Text MAKE16 £10 to 70070

For any further details about St Andrew's, please visit our updated website:-  
<https://sites.google.com/site/castlecombewiltshire/home/st-andrew-s-church>