

St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

Newsletter October 2016



At this time of year, St Andrew's is a hive of activity as we prepare for the three great seasons of Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. Our programme of events is shown below and we sincerely hope you can join us in the coming months.

October 2016

Sunday 2nd October	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th October	11.00am	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Service Collection and proceeds to charity. Please bring fresh or non-perishable goods to the service in aid of Doorway in Chippenham.
Sunday 30th October	11.00 am	Cluster Holy Communion service for All Saints' Day with Grittleton and Slaughterford.

November 2016

Sunday 6th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th November	10.50am	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial with The Royal Corps of Signals followed by service in Church
Sunday 20th November	11.00am	Family Praise



December 2016

Sunday 4th December	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th December	6.00pm	Victorian Candlelit Carols . Bring your friends and family to celebrate together. Festive Refreshments.
Saturday 24th December	11.00pm	Christmas Holy Communion



Date for the Diary

Christmas Advent Fair
Saturday 26 November 10.00am - 3.00pm
in St Andrew's Church

At 12 noon we will celebrate the completion of phase one of our roof project

As the nights draw in, our thoughts turn to autumn and winter, to thanksgiving for God's blessing of a good harvest, and to remembrance of those we love and see no longer. Then, just as we reach the shortest days, we look forward again to celebrating God's love for the world, shown in the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. I do hope you will make time to come and join us in all these commemorations and celebrations.

Rev. Sarah Evans, Team Vicar

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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

In order to preserve this beautiful church and to make sure St Andrew's has the opportunity to be a living and growing place for the future generations to visit and worship in, we have been raising funds for two major building projects.

Great News – First phase of roof project complete!

The major roof repairs to the north slopes over the nave and north aisle are now finished, and we have a lovely new roof in time for the winter weather.



Unfortunately, a number of unforeseen problems were encountered during the project which required attention, including the replacement of the wall plate along the north aisle. This essential remedial work sadly resulted in additional expenditure, and the total project cost was £78.5K plus VAT. We are extremely grateful to have received the following grants, which

supplemented our own fund-raising and enabled us to complete these works: *Listed Places of Worship (£48k)*, *Wiltshire Historic Churches (£2.5k)*, *National Churches Trust (£2.5k)*.

“Make History” Project

The second project phase is to build a small extension to the church to accommodate some needed amenities and reinstate the Knights Chapel. This will reveal the most historic part of the church including the Scrope Window and Memorials. We are delighted to say that we have just gone out to tender and we will soon know the extent of the task – the details will be posted on our website (see link below). But much is still to be done! There is an opportunity to assist us with donations towards these works through our JustGiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/standrews-castlecombe> or Text MAKE16 £10 to 70070

Unwelcome visitor to St Andrew's

It is with great sadness that we report there have been a number of known thefts of monies from the donation boxes within the Church. We have accumulated much evidence which is now with Wiltshire Police and we hope this matter will soon be successfully concluded.

We thank the village for their understanding and help during this difficult time.

St Andrew's Church website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/castlecombewiltshire/home/st-andrew-s-church>