

# St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

## Newsletter October 2018



The colours of Autumn are with us as this letter reaches you, and we are thrilled with the progress of the "Make History" building project. The beautiful enhancement of the north aisle shows off some of the original features of the church, and we are already using the new amenities added.

Harvest Thanksgiving was again well supported with donations to two charities and a very successful village celebration following the service over a Harvest Lunch.

Our thoughts now turn towards a special commemoration of Remembrance (100 years from the end of the Great War) and later to Advent and all our Christmas Celebrations. This year we are holding a Christmas Tree Festival in the Church (see below for details).

We send blessings to all our wedding couples – both this year and in previous years - and hope that you will continue to return to St Andrew's in the years to come.

We hope you can join us in the coming months at St Andrew's. Our programme of Services and Events for the remainder of 2018 is:

### November 2018

Sunday 4th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th November	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service starting at the War Memorial by the Market Cross</b>
Sunday 18th November	11.00am	Family Praise



### December 2018

Sunday 2nd December	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th December	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b> - Seven lessons and carols followed by festive refreshments. Bring your friends and family to celebrate together.
Monday 24th December	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Holy Communion</b>



*Refreshments are served after our services with an opportunity to meet others.  
All villagers and visitors are welcome.*

### Date for the Diary

## *Christmas Tree Festival*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10.00am - 5.00pm**  
**in St Andrew's Church**

*Christmas refreshments, Raffle  
Selection of Pop-up stalls including  
cakes, preserves and puddings*

*Trees kindly sponsored by local companies and clubs*



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*Re-roofing (2016) and new extension (2018)*

## ***“Make History” Project and Appeal***

The “Make History” project enhances some original features of our beautiful Church and provides some essential, modern facilities. We are delighted that the latest phase was completed in August this year. Thank you to everyone who supported us during these works as we kept the church open for services and visitors throughout.



*Restored medieval screen and newly-established chapel*

In the Knight's Chapel area (which was used as the vestry) we have preserved the old by creating a chapel behind the restored medieval screen. The memorials and beautiful stained-glass window are now available for all to see.

Along with new lighting and redecoration, the North Aisle now has additional space for the display of artefacts. This has been very favourably commented on by many who have visited and seen the improvements.

We are pleased to say we now have running water for the first time ever in St Andrew's!

The small extension off the North Aisle houses toilet facilities, a small kitchen and new vestry. We do hope you will find time to visit us to see what we have achieved.



*Kitchenette*



*New vestry*

## ***A Big “Thank you”***

Our sincere thanks to all who have contributed to make these improvements to St Andrew's. Without this support these improvements would not have been possible. We also wish to thank the Grant Bodies who have generously provided financial assistance:

- Wiltshire Council Community Award
- National Churches Trust
- Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust
- Garfield Weston Trust
- All Churches Trust
- Headley Trust

## ***Still “Work in Progress”***

Having encountered some costly time delays during this phase, we still have a list of work to be done, particularly in enhancing more of the old and special features of the church. In the north aisle the beautiful wall paintings of Angels need restoring, as does The Scrope Hatchment, and there are memorials, stonework and stained-glass windows to clean - all of which mean more funds to raise!

To donate to the work of St Andrew's Church please visit our charity page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=2044&charityId=1005385>



*New entrance to extension*

**Note:** We are keen to contact you with news from St Andrew's, but should you not wish to receive these newsletters in the future please tell us by emailing: [standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com)

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