

# St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

## Newsletter March 2018



This is our first newsletter of 2018 and we wish you all a Peaceful and Healthy year ahead.

With spring just around the corner, we are all searching for new life and beginnings. Our "Make History" Project is progressing and we are looking forward to its completion in the Summer (more details later).

Another new beginning is the appointment to the Bybrook Benefice of our Team Rector Designate, the Revd Marc Terry. We are delighted that he and his family will be joining us and look forward to welcoming them to St Andrew's. The Licensing Service will take place at St Mary's Church, Grittleton, on Tuesday 5th June at 7.30pm.

Easter is a very special time in St Andrew's and we welcome you to visit us for the Easter Experience, with special displays in the Church from 26th March and Easter Flower displays from 31st March, culminating in the Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service on 1st April at 11 o'clock.

### April 2018

Easter Sunday 1st April	11.00am	Easter Holy Communion
Sunday 8th April	2.30pm	Cyclists Service
Sunday 15th April	11.00am	Family Praise



### May 2018

Sunday 6th May	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th May	11.00am	Family Praise

### June 2018

Sunday 3rd June	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th June	11.00am	Family Praise
Sunday 24th June	10.00am	Bybrook Team Service

*St Andrew's hosts all 10 churches as we come together for a combined Communion Service*



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

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



**St. Andrew's Church, Castle Combe**  
**Saturday 12th May, 10.00am – 3.00pm**

### **Spring Fair and Super Plant Sale**

Wonderful plants and a variety of stalls, plus raffle, tombola and refreshments.  
Join us and bring your friends and family to help us in our "Make History Appeal".



We would like to send blessings to all Wedding Couples getting married at St Andrew's in the coming months. We hope worshipping with us will lead into a wonderful wedding day and that you will continue to keep this relationship with us in years to come.

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**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 10th April**  
**7.30pm**  
**in the Church**



Please come and hear our report on all the happenings in the church.

## “Make History” Project Update

The foundations are laid and after months of waiting, we are finally seeing this exciting project come to life. Within a very few months, St. Andrew’s will finally have the facilities it needs, and at the same time will be opening up the most historic part of the Church for all to use and enjoy.

Our small building addition will house a disabled toilet, vestry and small kitchen. This will be reached via level access under the rear north stained-glass window. The Knight’s Chapel will then have a new floor and open access, and the medieval screen will be restored, revealing the lovely stained glass behind.



The concrete arrives!

Ground work and drainage services now complete; exposed medieval wall can be seen under window

This is the biggest project for over 160 years in the life of our glorious building. We are a small team making a superhuman effort to bring it all to fruition, and as with all projects of this size and age, we have run into delays and setbacks.

When excavating foundations, the builders unearthed remains of a medieval wall in the North Aisle. The resulting archaeological works necessary before building could start were carried out meticulously... but at eye-watering cost.



Medieval wall and pillars in North Aisle  
We plan to keep the pillar bases exposed

This unexpected expenditure has blown a huge hole in our already tight budget and means that some of the works we so hoped to complete – urgent restoration to the beautiful flights of angels, re-decoration, new sound and lighting to replace our archaic systems – are now beyond our means.

We are urgently seeking new sources of grants and other funding to make up this shortfall, but we are also appealing to all those who love and care about the future of St. Andrew’s and Castle Combe to help us achieve our full aims. If you are able to donate, please use the link below to our Just Giving page and help us “Make History”.

*We are so close to making your church a fitting place for generations to come – please help!*

<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>

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