

St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

Newsletter October 2017



Welcome to our latest newsletter with details of all our services up to Christmas and news about our exciting building project. Our group of churches in the Bybrook Benefice is still in vacancy and we would like to thank Revd. Alun Glyn-Jones for his continuing support especially at this time. We hope that you can join us in the coming months.

October 2017

Sunday 1st October	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th October	11.00am	Family Praise
Sunday 22nd October	10.00 am	Team Communion Service at St Andrew's

November 2017

Sunday 5th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th November	10.50am	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial with The Royal Corps of Signals followed by service in Church
Sunday 19th November	11.00am	Family Praise



December 2017

Sunday 3rd December	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th December	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight. Bring your friends and family to celebrate together. Festive Refreshment.
Sunday 24th December	11.00pm	Christmas Holy Communion

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



Date for the Diary

Christmas Advent Fair
Saturday 25th November 10.00am - 3.00pm
in St Andrew's Church

Range of stalls selling seasonal fare. Free admission.



Congratulations to Rich Wiles-Teoh who successfully achieved his Everesting Challenge in the summer, cycling up Castle Combe hill 181 times - the equivalent of the height of Mount Everest's 8,848 metres. Rich raised over £4000 for our "Make History Appeal".

Well Done Rich!



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"Make History" Project and Appeal

The "Make History" project enhances some original features of our beautiful Church and provides some essential, modern facilities

All approvals are in place and we are ready to start the first phase of our building project on 16th October 2017 to add facilities to St Andrew's. This will entail excavation work for drainage and foundations for the small extension which will house a disabled toilet, kitchen area and the relocated vestry.

West view of the new extension



This will then enable us to enhance and expose for all to see the most historic part of the church, the **Knights' Chapel** with its hidden memorials, the beautiful medieval screen and Scrope window. We hope also to have space for Castle Combe Historic Society to exhibit a selection of their artefacts and provide a beautiful, peaceful corner of the church for quiet reflection.

Our thanks go to those who have given most generous personal donations and for all the fund-raising over the months. We appreciate the grants from Wiltshire Council, National Churches Trust and Garfield Weston and the benefit of a loan from Bristol Diocese which enables us to start the works.

Interior sketch showing the doorway to the new extension



We are still raising funds to help us to achieve our aspirations for the whole project. Any support would be most appreciated to get us across the finishing line. Text MAKE16 £10 to 70070 or visit the Make History Appeal website: <https://www.justgiving.com/standrews-castlecombe>

*During these works **the church will remain open** for normal services and visitors so please do come and see us and view the progress of this exciting scheme. Please be aware that during the building works there will be a reduced form of heating in the church.*

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