

# St. Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

## Newsletter Autumn 2019



*Autumn has arrived... "The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."*

A warm welcome to the St. Andrew's Autumn Newsletter, a chance to catch up on what has been happening in the church, and what lies ahead of us as the Autumn months progress. We very much hope you will be able to join us at some of our services and events.

### LOOKING BACK...

The summer has been a busy season, with weddings, baptisms and other special events. June was an especially busy month. Our pet service was a huge success; although the weather was less than perfect and we held our service inside, all the critters were incredibly well behaved. Our lovely local vet and lay minister Alice Hall welcomed and blessed lots of dogs, a cat, and some guinea pigs!

We also celebrated the Rev Marc Terry's first anniversary as Priest-in-Charge of the Bybrook Benefice in the Team Service.



On August Bank Holiday Monday, the church hosted "Ragazzi quintet", a string group from the Netherlands, fresh from a performance at the Edinburgh Fringe. They played throughout the afternoon and the church was packed with villagers and visitors drifting in and out to listen to their wonderful mix of classical and modern music.

### LOOKING FORWARD...      AUTUMN SERVICES

Please join us for services on the following dates. All our services are followed by coffee and biscuits to give us time to chat and be together.

<b>Sunday 6th October</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion</i></b>
<b>Sunday 20th October</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b><i>Family Praise</i></b>
<b>Sunday 3rd November</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion</i></b>
<b>Sunday 10th November</b>	<b>10.50am</b>	<b><i>The Act of Remembrance in front of the War Memorial, followed by the Remembrance Service in the church</i></b>
<b>Sunday 17th November</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b><i>Family Praise</i></b>

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## DIARY DATES for later in the year...

Sunday 1st December	11.00am	Holy Communion
Christmas Tree Festival	Monday 9th to Sunday 15th December	St. Andrew's will be open all day to view the displays; refreshments will be available
Sunday 15th December	6.00 pm	Carol Service by Candle Light
Tuesday 24th December	11.00pm	Midnight Mass Christmas Communion



## ECO CHURCH

The team at St. Andrew's is working hard to reduce our negative environmental impact and to increase the number of positive things we do for our precious planet. We have decided to formalise this by becoming an Eco Church. You can read more about this at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>.

We have spread this initiative across the Benefice and are liaising closely with the Bishop of Bristol's team, who are enthusiastically supporting our pioneering approach.



We invite everyone to get involved with ideas as to how we can make a real difference in the fight against climate change and environmental degradation. Please feel free to contact Mike Roberts by email to [mike@vertigosdc.com](mailto:mike@vertigosdc.com).

For our part, we will report on progress, but the hope is that we will achieve official Eco Church status this Autumn.

One environmental project extremely close to our hearts is the very special and unspoilt "God's acre" which surrounds our church. The annual cut of the wildflower meadow has just taken place, which should spread the mature flower seeds for next year's display. It always gives us an opportunity to take stock of the flora and fauna we have.

We also propose to have a narrow strip of meadow flowers growing between the upper and lower churchyard and to plant a small area with herbaceous perennials there. This will hopefully produce nectar-rich flowers for wildlife, along with a few flowers for our church displays, reducing the number of imported flowers we need to buy. If you would like to help with any of these projects, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

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For any further information about St. Andrew's please get in touch with our Churchwarden, Sally Constable, by email at [standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com)

To donate to the work of St Andrew's Church please visit our charity giving page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=2044&charityId=1005385>

*Thank you!*

**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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