

St. Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

Newsletter Summer 2019



*"Great is the sun, and wide he goes, through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days, more thick than rain he showers his rays."*

Well we hope so at least!! A warm welcome to the summer Newsletter.

The months are flying by, and unbelievably we are approaching the summer solstice. St. Andrew's continues to be at the centre of village life here in Castle Combe, with some very memorable services taking place, and a busy wedding season ahead. You'll find below all that's been happening and what is to come, and we very much hope to welcome you at some of our services and events. Please let us know if you have any difficulty getting to church, and we will do all we can to help.

LOOKING BACK...

Our Easter service was a joyful occasion, well supported by villagers and visitors, and the culmination of a thoughtful Holy Week in the church. St. Andrew's was dressed in golden flowers, and a few tableaux represented the significant events leading up to the Crucifixion. For the first time a Compline service was held in the quiet of the Knight's Chapel. It is wonderful to fully use this reopened area of the church; it has created a sanctuary of peace and many people enjoy the quiet of this space.



After the evident appeal of the Prayer Tree during the Christmas Tree Festival, we have placed a small and permanent tree in the Knight's Chapel, for personal prayers and wishes. Hundreds have been written and left there over the last few months, which demonstrates the real need to leave these thoughts in a sacred place.



On May 11th, we held our annual Spring Fair and Plant Sale, which was a lovely community occasion. Interesting stalls including a blacksmith and walking-stick maker were set in the churchyard amongst lovely breads, flowers and preserves for sale, and the wonderful array of plants on offer made a beautiful entrance to the churchyard. We were delighted to have raised almost £1400 for the church.

Each year the Bristol Diocesan Advisory Committee recognises a number of projects through its award scheme. This year, St. Andrew's has gained an award for its "Make History Project", giving us badly-needed amenities as well as enabling The Knight's Chapel to be opened up and the medieval screen restored. The D.A.C. recognised the exceptional standard of workmanship of the project and how this



work will be significant to the parish's growth, development and mission. The award was presented by The Rt Revd Viv Faull, Bishop of Bristol, and The Ven Christopher Bryan, Archdeacon at a ceremony in Hullavington Parish Church on Thursday June 6th. A response was given outlining the complexity of the project and warmly thanking the Diocese and all who helped us in various ways. Please do come and see our "Make History" project for yourselves if you have not done so already.



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LOOKING FORWARD...

On June 16th, our Sunday service will have some four-legged participation, as we celebrate the animals we share our lives with. "All creatures great and small" are welcome to the service – which we hope to hold outside!! We are delighted that Alice Hall, local vet and Licensed Lay Minister, will be taking this very special service for us.

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

**Sunday 16th June 11.00 am Outdoor Pets' Service in the Churchyard
- bring your animal friends with you**



**Sunday 23rd June 10.00 am Team Holy Communion Service at St Andrews, held with
the 9 other churches in the Bybrook group. Our service
celebrates the Revd Marc Terry's first year with us**

Sunday 7th July 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July 11.00 am Family Praise

Sunday 4th August 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th August 11.00am Family Praise

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

Ride and Stride: Saturday 14 September, 10.00 am to 6.00pm, in the Church.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 15th September at 11.00 am.

Remembrance: Sunday 10th November at 10.50 am.

Christmas Tree Festival: Monday 9th to Sunday 15th December. Church will be open all day.

Carol Service by Candle Light Sunday 15th December at 6.00 pm.

For any further information about St. Andrew's please get in touch with Sally Constable, our Churchwarden, by email at 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>

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