



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken"



Never a truer word spoken! The high days of summer are upon us, and we have the chance to be outside and enjoy the beauty of the world around us. On blistering hot summer days, the old stone walls of St. Andrew's are offering a welcome respite to villagers and overheated visitors. The church is open from early morning until dusk every day, and as we are now in full wedding season, is beautifully decorated. Do come and visit, and linger on a bench in the churchyard for a while – the summer will be over all too soon.

Services and Events can be found in this newsletter and most importantly our action and support for Ukraine. We are still actively raising and sending money to help Ukraine and a box designated to this worthy cause remains in the centre of the church clearly labelled.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Castle Combe

"Congratulations your Majesty"



The bunting went up, the flags came out ready for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Castle Combe.

With the village, village hall and church suitably decorated and other preparations in place our celebrations began in St Andrew's Church with music from the Coronation Era being played on the organ by Maureen and Robin Jackson. It was a great musical event enjoyed by all followed by a Traditional English Tea, sandwiches, scones and cakes

served by members of the church, such a joyous way to begin our celebrations.

Red, white and blue floral arrangements filled St Andrew's for all to enjoy and a special Jubilee pictorial display was placed in the church. This showed several past Jubilees culminating in the Platinum and The Queen's Tea Party with Paddington Bear!!



Donations from this occasion in the church were for three Charities; Under "the Queen's Green Canopy" – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee 1) Tree Aid & 2) Growing Trees and Avon Needs Trees both based in Bristol and 3) St Andrew's Church. Thank you all for your generous support.

On the Sunday we gathered again for a church service to honour the Queen and celebrate Pentecost in the morning led by Revd. Anjali Kanagaratnam.

Heading on from this we descended onto the village hall to meet other villagers for a buffet lunch supported by The Parish Council, Social Committee and St Andrew's Church.

People filled the hall and into the field behind sitting under gazebos to enjoy their meal and celebrate this historic occasion together. It was a wonderful conclusion to a busy Jubilee weekend in the village.

Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make the weekend so successful. It was very special to share it all as a community again.



Climate Alert!

As the summer months progress we have all in recent days, both locally and further afield in Europe, experienced the most extremely high temperatures. We hope you have managed to stay as cool as possible and kept well during this time.

It highlights very much, the need to do all we can to help our planet and reduce climate change. Within St Andrew's each month we publish in our sustainability calendar a different aspect of how we can help towards doing all we can to help the environment.

Visit our website to see more <https://standrewschurchcastlecombe.org/eco-issues/#sustainability>

ST. ANDREW'S WARMLY WELCOMES YOU TO OUR SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 7th August 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st August 11.00 am Family Praise

Sunday 4th September 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th September 11.00 am Harvest Festival (see below)

Sunday 2nd October 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th October 11.00 am Family Praise

Sunday 31st October 11.00 am Holy Communion with Slaughterford and Grittleton

There is always an opportunity to meet others over coffee after each of our services

Coffee and Cake.

On August 10th we are holding another coffee and cake morning 10.30am and 12 noon in St Andrew's.

Do come along and meet friends and other villagers.



Our Harvest Celebrations in St Andrew's



On **Sunday September 18th** with a special service at 11.00 am followed by lunch in the church. Again we will be supporting a charity and collecting non-perishable food items for "Doorway" in Chippenham. More information to follow. Please do come to any of these occasions.

For any further information about St Andrew's Church please get in touch with our Churchwarden, Sally Constable, by email at standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com

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