



### Thanksgiving

*The year has turned its circle, The seasons come and go.  
The harvest all is gathered in and chilly north winds blow.  
Orchards have shared their treasures. The fields, their yellow grain,  
So open wide the doorway - Thanksgiving comes again!*

As we are coming through another difficult year and life is starting to see some normality again, services are being held, visitors are returning and weddings taking place. All activities are being planned with safety of upmost importance.

### LOOKING BACK...

With the church closed for many months, resulting in the loss of many services, visitors and weddings, we closely looked at a recovery plan for when restrictions were lifted.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the **Government's Culture Recovery Fund**. This helped us in...

- Creating a one-way "Heritage Tour" route around St Andrew's with new signage in and around the church
- Designing and printing a paper leaflet of this route with a few details of the more important and interesting areas
- Leading to a much more comprehensive historic guide around the church which can be downloaded to a smartphone or tablet via the Info Point
- Employing supervisors to welcome and monitor opening the church to visitors again.
- The development of a new logo for St Andrew's, based on our Rose Window, and a new website: <https://standrewschurchcastlecombe.org>



Please do come and see for yourself the additions made to enhance the experience when visiting. The Knight's Chapel area is available for quiet prayer and reflection each day as St Andrew's is open from early morning to early evening.

**LOOKING FORWARD... AUTUMN SERVICES AND EVENTS**

We warmly welcome you to our services and are now able to offer refreshments following the services where there is a great opportunity to meet and chat again.

Sunday 5th September	11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 19th September	11.00 am	<i>Harvest Festival, followed by Harvest Refreshments in the church</i>
Sunday 3rd October	11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 3rd October	2.30 pm	<i>Cyclist Service</i>
Sunday 17th October	11.00 am	 <i>Songs of Praise – come and enjoy singing your favourite hymns</i>
Sunday 31st October	11.00 am	<i>Holy Communion – Cluster Service with Slaughterford and Grittleton, focusing on Eco Church and Climate Change</i>

**Heritage Open Days Festival**17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

11.00am – 4.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

For the first time, St Andrew's will be participating in the nationwide annual Heritage Open Days festival. Full details can be found in the Directory ([www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)). Each year has a theme. The 2021 theme is **Edible England**. Those in our community and visitors will be able to see local harvest displays in the church. Refreshments will be available.

**Coffee Morning at St Andrew's**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

10.30 am – 12.00 noon



Please join us for coffee in the church and spend an enjoyable morning with other locals and a chance to chat. All are welcome.

**ECO CHURCH**

Work has continued in the churchyard to further our efforts in encouraging wild flora and fauna. Extra boxes have been placed to encourage wild life, including ladybirds. Planting has been expanded to bring various insects to the bank of the lower churchyard and maintenance has been carried out to overhanging branches to clear pathways around the church.

October's Cluster Service will focus on Climate Change as it coincides with the start of the COP26 talks being held in Glasgow. We ask for **your support by writing** to your MP to encourage our Government to show strong and ambitious leadership and more importantly action at this critical time.

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

Sunday 14th November	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service at The Memorial and then in St Andrew's</i>
Sunday 12th to Sunday 19th December		<i>Christmas Tree Festival – wonderful displays in St Andrew's with refreshments available</i>
Sunday 19th December	6.00 pm	<i>Carol Service by Candle Light</i>
Friday 24th December	11.00pm	<i>Christmas Eve Holy Communion</i>



**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)