



"Springtime is the land awakening; the March winds are the morning yawn"



April is upon us and signs of Spring are all around us and with it the anticipation of new life, growth, hope and above all peace.

St Andrew's would like to update you on our plans for the coming months.

Services and Events can be found in this newsletter and most importantly our action and support for Ukraine.

Please also do make a note of our special celebration week-end for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Do join us for this memorable moment of her reign. For more information please visit our website below.

WE STAND WITH UKRAINE

This is a beautiful time in our village, when the Spring brings so much hope. However, for us all, the war in Ukraine has cast a huge shadow and our thoughts and prayers have been focussed on the humanitarian disaster unfolding there. We appealed to our community to help in whatever way they could, and through a coffee morning, church service and generous donations from villagers and tourists, the amount raised to date is £1040. This is a great sum in such a short time, and we are hugely grateful to everyone for their support. The funds are going to the DEC Appeal Fund. A designated donation box in the centre of the church continues to welcome donations, and our [Lent Lunch](#) on Wednesday March 30th in the village hall between 10 and 12pm, will raise further essential funds to support our friends in Ukraine.



CHURCHYARD



The churchyard is bursting into life and has never looked more beautiful; there is a carpet of primroses in the rear garden, and the huge cherry is about to blossom. We have seen increasing numbers of visitors take a moment to pause, enjoy the peace, listen to the birdsong and appreciate the natural surroundings. We recently carried out a spring-clean of the church, and general tidy of the churchyard. Every task was accompanied by a robin or a blackbird. We have asked villagers to donate snowdrops in the green – we hope in a few years we will see a vision of white at the start of the year, also providing important nectar for early insects. The first plantings were added to

the military graves. We have had other donations to our new flowerbed joining the upper and lower churchyards, and together with wildflower seeding, hope to have a truly lovely and natural display this summer.



ECO CHURCH SUSTAINABILITY CALENDAR.

We are approaching a new month in our sustainability calendar. To date we have focussed on Carbon, Money and Investments and Fairtrade; April will take a look at Waste and how it is to be managed and lessened. This initiative, led by Mike Roberts, helps us focus our attention and efforts, both when gathered in church and within our personal lives. Please watch the website (details below) for up-to-date information on this, which will also be available in the church.

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

Sunday 3rd April 11.00 am Holy Communion



Palm Sunday 10th April 11.00 am Holy Communion. There will be a procession from the Roman Bridge at the bottom of the village prior to this service at 10.45 am. Please do join us.

10th April until Easter Day Easter Experience in the church. Displays depicting the story of Easter

Easter Sunday 17th April 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st May 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th May 11.00 am Family Praise

Sunday 5th June 11.00 am Holy Communion and Celebration of **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Sunday 19th June 11.00 am Family Praise

Looking forward



St. Andrew's will be celebrating **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** between June 2nd – 5th.



This marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, when communities will come together across the UK to celebrate the Queen's historic reign. We warmly invite you to join us as we hold the following events to mark this special moment in the life of the nation:

- Friday 3rd June 3.00 pm Music from the Coronation in the church followed by English Tea.
- Sunday 5th June 11.00 am A Special Service will be held with celebration lunch following the service. **More details will follow shortly.**

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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