



St Andrew's Church
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"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh beauty will ever fade." Gertrude Jekyll

A warm welcome from all at St. Andrew's to our early summer newsletter.

A chance to catch up on news and events with the busy summer season ahead of us, and for us to update you about the major project that we hope to get underway early next year.

LOOKING BACK..... "Lent Lunch", "Spring Clean" and "Easter"

We had an excellent and well attended Lent Lunch also supporting Embrace charity, a great community event followed by the annual spring clean and churchyard tidy. An amazing amount of work was done to refresh the church and tidy the churchyard, so that it was looking its best for the coming season.

Easter was the highlight of spring in the church, the flowers looked glorious and fresh with the colours of early spring. It was a very special service led by Revd Simon Taylor from the Diocese. We were delighted that The Revd Alun Glyn-Jones and his family were able to join us.

Our third Sunday services in the month have focussed on local environment and village topics, including the wild garlic, Cotswold stone tiles and native bird songs. These talks have added a real highlight to our morning praise services.

Our monthly **"Coffee and Cake"** mornings have grown in popularity with many coming and spending some time together.

Future dates: Wednesday June 12th 10.30 am and Wednesday July 17th 10.30 am.

We look forward to seeing you.



FORWARD INTO SUMMER ...

A weekend of Summer Music and Song in the Church

Saturday 29th June 7.30 pm. Summer Concert

"Chiltern Winds" Award winning Quintet playing light music followed by summer refreshments in the church.



A few tickets left (price £15 each) available from Julie Hare 07580537005 or juliehare@hotmail.co.uk



Sunday 30th June 11.00 am

Join us for a combined **"Songs of Praise"** with Grittleton and Slaughterford Churches

Grittleton choir will lead us in singing some of our favourite hymns especially chosen.

Strawberries and Prosecco and a chance to meet after the service





Raise the Roof:- Southern and Eastern Slopes Project.

A Major challenge lies ahead – the complete re-roofing of the southern slopes of the church, including the porch and eastern end of the church. We have launched the “Raise the Roof” campaign, and plan to start work in spring 2025 – which is going to be a significant financial and logistical challenge. The work has now gone out to tender and we hope to finalise a contractor in the coming weeks.

We are obviously looking at all grants that might be available, but St Andrew's is responsible for raising every penny of the £330,000 that it is forecast to cost. It is going to be a huge effort to raise this money, but vital to keep our church at the heart of the village and safe for the generations to come. Please support us in whatever way you can; every penny we raise will make a difference. Our first fund raising effort is the musical weekend at the end of June.

SPONSOR A TILE!!!!

One of the best ways of supporting our appeal, in a lasting way, is to sponsor a tile! You will be able to write your own permanent message on the back of the tile and know that it is up there for generations to come. This building is here for all the significant moments in your lives. You might want to commemorate the birth of a child, or a wedding, or pay tribute to someone who has died. All are welcome to sponsor but it would be truly lovely thing if all village families were represented up there. The newly quarried tiles will be available shortly and sponsorship of a tile will cost £25.



Working on the Northern slopes in 2016

Contact: Julie Hare on 07580 537005/JULIEHARE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK OR
Mike Roberts on 07717 546070/ MIKE.ROBERTS@VERTIGOSDC.COM if you would like to help us this way.

PET SERVICE on Sunday 16th June at 11am.



Please bring your pooches, puss cats and other furballs to the service at 11.am. With luck we'll be outside at the rear of the church, for a short service to celebrate all our beloved Pets, followed by refreshments.

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

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

Sunday 2nd June	11am	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Canon Sally Wheeler
Sunday 16th June	11am	Pet Service
Sunday 30th June	11am	Songs of Praise
Sunday 7th July	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st July	11am	Morning Praise we welcome The Bishop of Swindon, The Venerable Neil Warwick

For any further information about St Andrew's Church please get in touch with us, by email at standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com <https://standrewschurchcastlecombe.org>