



## ***A welcome from all at St Andrew's to our autumn newsletter***



*The fields surrounding the village are full of bales of hay and straw, as the farmers try to get this vital last crop in before the nights draw in and the weather changes. This is an important moment in our rural calendar, a reminder of the essential work going on around us to produce our food - and one we will be celebrating soon.*

***Do join us at Harvest Festival, and all the other services and special events to come this autumn.***

### **LOOKING BACK...**

..... It hasn't been the best of summers, but we were able to hold our annual, slightly chaotic - but very joyful - pet service outdoors in the churchyard. We were joined by lots of visitors who were entertained by vocal poodles.



It has also been a lovely season of music and celebration at St. Andrew's. The summer concert was a glorious evening of live classical music, followed by a Songs of Praise service the following morning – a real opportunity to sing your heart out. It was a weekend to remember.

In our third Sunday service in July, Mike King was supported by Bishop Neil of Swindon, who gave the address, and was warmly welcomed by all to St. Andrew's during a lunch after the service.

Our August theme picked up on a significant (and expensive) ecological survey being undertaken ahead of next year's roofing work – bats!! They are truly fascinating creatures and a vital part of our ecosystem. Our works need to be planned around any bats that are found to be roosting in our tiles, so it was interesting to learn about their habitat and life cycles.

Our coffee mornings are a special moment for the community here, and it has been lovely to see so many villagers and friends from the wider parish get together over coffee (and though we say it ourselves) rather marvellous cake. See below for the next dates.

### **LOOKING FORWARD... AUTUMN EVENTS**



heritage open days

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
11.00am – 4.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe

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 2024 theme is **Routes, Networks and Connections** Those in our community and visitors will be able to see displays of local walks, pilgrim routes and other heritage the church. Refreshments will be available.

### **Coffee Mornings at St Andrew's**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
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.



**Harvest Festival – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.** This very special season will be celebrated in a gloriously decorated church, and during the service you are invited to bring dry goods for donation to Doorway, the charity that does such vital work to help the homeless in Chippenham. Following the service there will be a light lunch - please let us know if you are able to join us, so we have an idea of numbers.

For any further information about St Andrew's Church please get in touch, by email at

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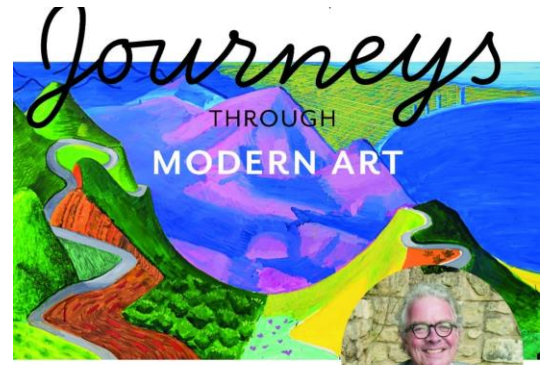
***Thank you!***



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, we will be hosting a very special occasion in support of St Nicholas, Slaughterford and St Andrew's. Following the success of our last Art's Evening Chris Stephens, Director of the Holburne Museum in Bath and previously head of displays and lead curator of Modern British Art at the Tate has agreed to a further talk. A richly illustrated talk that combines history and personal anecdote to explore the distinctiveness of modern art in Britain through the paintings and sculptures of such figures as Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Francis Bacon and David Hockney.

This promises to be a really personal insight and should be a fascinating evening.

The talk will be accompanied by wine and nibbles. Tickets are available at £15 or £25 for 2. Please contact Merope Sylvester [mjsylvester@hotmail.com](mailto:mjsylvester@hotmail.com) or Michael and Sally Constable – St Andrews Church [standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewschurchcc@btinternet.com) for tickets



Join us for a special evening at St Andrew's, where Chris Stephens will be giving another captivating talk about 'Journeys through Modern Art'.



**Southern and Eastern Slopes Project 2025** -a complete re-roofing of the southern slopes, including the porch and eastern end of the church. We have launched the "Raise the Roof" campaign, and plan to start work next spring – which is going to be a massive and complex challenge. A contractor has now been chosen and we are working with them to plan this major work. We are currently applying for grants to help towards the estimated cost of £300,000. It is a huge effort to raise this amount of money - but vital, to keep our church at the heart of the village and the building safe for generations to come. Please support us in whatever way you can; every penny we raise will make a difference.

**SPONSOR A TILE!!!!** You may have seen that one way of supporting our appeal, is to sponsor a tile. We are delighted to have received some wonderful messages and these have been transcribed onto the tiles. A huge thank you to all those who have already helped us on our way. All our community are welcome and encouraged to sponsor a tile; there is a suggested donation of £25, but we are truly grateful for whatever you can afford. Contact Julie Hare on 07580 537005 / [juliehare@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliehare@hotmail.co.uk) or Mike Roberts on 07717 546070/ [mike.roberts@vertigosdc.com](mailto:mike.roberts@vertigosdc.com) for more information.



**St Andrew's warmly welcomes you to our Services**

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



Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 am	Harvest Festival followed by lunch in the church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am	Morning Praise
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10.50 am	Remembrance Service at The Memorial and then in St Andrew's
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 am	Morning Praise
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm	Carol Service by Candle Light
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00 pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion



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