Newsletter February 2025





## A warm welcome from us all at St Andrew's to our February newsletter, and we extend our very best wishes to you for the coming year. Raising the Roof - We're finally underway!!

## Dear friends,

As you have read over many years of newsletters, the team at St. Andrew's has been working very hard to raise funds for the re-roofing of the southern and eastern slopes of the church. Significant planning and preparation have been going on and these works are now upon us; approvals are in, contracts signed, and the scaffolding will go up in mid-March. The stripping and re-laying of the tiles will last for most of the year ahead, and although major scaffolding and a protective corridor will be in place throughout, the church will remain open for services and visitors for most of the time.

We are hugely thankful to everyone who has donated so generously to the project; every single penny makes a difference, and with these kind donations, visitor income and some success with grants, we have raised a huge amount towards our total of £340,000.

However, a significant sum -  $\pm$ 115,000 – is still needed to reach our target, and to allow us to complete both phases of work. We are continuing to apply for grants and are asking individuals and businesses if they might be willing to help us bridge that gap. **Please can you support us with a donation?** 

We hold the care of this magnificent building for generations to come; as William Morris pleaded in the creation of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, we must "protect our ancient buildings, and hand them down instructive and venerable to those that come after us". We do hope that you will be able to support us to deliver a sustainable future for this iconic community building.



Our "donate a tile appeal" is still up and running, where your name or personal message will be hand-written on a tile and added to the roof, and also recorded in a book; or you can just make a donation in the normal way.

St Andrew's Bank Account. "PCC of Castle Combe" Sort Code 09-01-54 A/C No. 58353280

For any further information, please contact Julie Hare 07580537005 or Mike Roberts 07717546070 With thanks from all the PCC of St Andrew's. Every single penny is hugely appreciated.



St Andrew's Church is a registered charity - number 1211877

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

To donate to the work of St Andrew's, please visit: <u>Donations - St Andrews Church Castle Combe</u> Thank you!



## LOOKING FORWARD...



**Church and Churchyard Tidy** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9.00 to 12 noon We do need help for this annual spruce up and clean!! So **please** join us with either your garden tools or dusters for an hour or two. Coffee and biscuits at half time!



Lent Lunch in the Village Hall, Castle Combe Wednesday 5th March 12.00 to 2.00pm. Delicious homemade soups, with donations to charity. Please contact Julie Hare on 07580537005/Karen Munnings 07973201706



St Andrew's warmly welcomes you to our Services

