



A warm welcome from the team to our autumn newsletter. The leaves are falling and the woods around us change in colour every day. We have a busy programme of services and events in the months leading up to Christmas to tell you about in this newsletter.

The roof has been raised!!!

We are delighted to announce that the roof works are complete – and ahead of schedule.



We have spent many months like this....

It will take time for the well-trodden areas of the churchyard to recover, but we hope it will soon look as it always did.

A huge **thank you** to all those who have so generously donated to our roof appeal from the community, friends of St Andrew's and visitors to the church.

We acknowledge and thank the following grant bodies that have supported us with these works:-

Benefact Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Headley Trust, National Churches Trust, Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, Wolfson Foundation and also Castle Combe Parish Council.

Our thanks also to The Manor House Hotel and White Hart together with other local businesses.

We will continue our fund-raising efforts to pay off our loan from the Bristol Diocese.

Our thanks to West Country Tiling. With good weather returning recently they have finalised their task by finishing the porch and surrounding area.

Special thanks must go to those living close to the Church who have been so patient during all the disruption. Together we have managed this project to completion. Only a small amount of masonry work still to be done, which should have little impact.



.....and finally, this is the view of St Andrew's today

We are so grateful for all the support we have received, and warmly invite you to join us for a **"We've Raised the Roof Celebration"** - and what date could be more appropriate than **St. Andrew's Day - Sunday 30th November, at 3pm**. Do join us to mark this occasion followed by celebratory drinks, nibbles and music – and the opportunity to chat with fellow friends and supporters of St. Andrew's.



Thank you

Looking Back.....

Our annual **Pet Service** took place in July. The weather wasn't kind to us, but we had several cats and dogs safely tucked up in the pews as each precious animal was introduced to the congregation. It was a fun and special occasion.

Heritage and Harvest. The National Heritage Open Days took place on the 12th and 13th September, with a focus on the church tower - which is the oldest completely original part of the building. Karen Munnings created a wonderful quiz covering all the bell towers in the Benefice. We also welcomed cyclists and walkers on Ride and Stride Day, which raised vital funds for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. The church was ablaze with the autumn colours of local gardens for Harvest Festival, which took place on September 21st. A wonderful service was followed by a delicious lunch, and 12 bags of groceries were donated to Doorway charity in Chippenham.





Looking forward.....

Remembrance Service. On Sunday 9th November, we will be joined by a contingent of The Royal Corps of Signals from Azimghur Barracks at Colerne, as we remember The Fallen. The service starts promptly at 10.50 am by the War Memorial with the Act of Remembrance, followed by a church service inside. This is always a very significant service for our community. A collection is taken for the work of the Royal British Legion.



Festive Coffee morning. Join us in St. Andrew's on Wednesday 10th December for a merry coffee morning of cake and mince pies, and maybe a glass of mulled wine, as we welcome in the Christmas period.

Eco Church. We have been thrilled to entertain a family of hedgehogs over the late spring and summer. Despite all the noise and disruption of the roof work, they have made the churchyard their home - encouraged, we think, by the longer grass and cool foraging which the grounds provided in the baking hot summer. Hilary Baker has fed them every night since they arrived, and 3 new hog houses have been placed in the churchyard to add to the one she has already provided. We hope the family will hibernate with us and we'll see them again in the spring. Swift pockets have been installed in the new roof, and we very much hope they will make use of them for nesting next summer. The annual mow of the longer grass areas has very carefully taken place, during which the shed skin of a grass snake was discovered! All these are excellent signs of the health of the churchyard and the precious sanctuary that it offers to wildlife.

Coffee & Cake Mornings

Wednesdays.... November 12th
Festive coffee morning December 10th
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.

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 2nd November 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November **10.50 am Remembrance Service.** The Act of Remembrance takes place in front of the War Memorial, commencing at 10.50 and supported by the Royal Corps of Signals. This is followed by a church service inside.

Sunday 16th November 11.00 am Morning Praise

Sunday 7th December 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st December **6pm** Carol Service by candlelight; a service of carols and lessons, followed by mulled wine and nibbles.

Wednesday 24th December 11pm Christmas Holy Communion



**Our Celebration on St Andrew's Day 30th November at 3 pm.
We invite you to say thank you for your generosity and support.**

