



A warm welcome from the team to our June newsletter. The sunshine is blazing down here in the valley, and there is much news to share about the very busy summer at St. Andrew's.

Raising the Roof – Progress Report



The re-roofing began in mid- March, and our roofing team from West Country Tiling have been blessed with the driest spring for 100 years, so great progress has been made. At the time of writing, the upper slopes of the nave roof are complete, as you can see in the photo. A new stone cross has been erected to replace the one that fell some years ago. The eastern slopes over the organ and Knight's chapel have been stripped, and all the tiles are being re-sized and prepped for laying. They are now working on the lower nave slopes and porch area; unfortunately, significant (but not unexpected) issues have been found with the wall plate - a mighty piece of oak which sits along the top of the wall and supports the roof above it. In order to replace major sections of the wall plate and repair/replace some other rotten timbers, scaffolding will shortly be going up inside the church, to provide a secure working space and support the roof as the repairs are done. We will still be able to use the main aisle and northern side of the building and hope the work will only last a week or so. The planned end to the work is still on track for the second half of October. We continue to fund raise as hard as we can, applying for grants and encouraging visitors to donate and help us meet the £75,000 shortfall.



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.

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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

Many thanks to all those who have so generously donated to our roof appeal. We are so grateful and look forward to inviting you to "a celebration of completion" later in the year.

Thank you

Eco Church.... Bats, Swifts and new areas of the churchyard. With roof tiles being lifted and an ecologist on site to check for bats and ensure their habitat is restored, several species have been found and rehoused in areas of the churchyard, and swift boxes have been installed in the roof to encourage these magnificent birds to nest. The churchyard, (in rather a pickle with areas of scaffolding) has been mown differently with new pathways, giving us the potential for areas of flora to flourish and we shall see what wild flowers appear. Other areas will be mown neatly as usual.

Looking Back.....

The Late Reverend Alun Glyn-Jones

At the end of February, we learnt the sad news that Reverend Alun Glyn-Jones, who had arrived to support us as visiting clergy and stayed with us for over 20 years, had died. His funeral service was held in Twickenham where he had spent many years of his working life, and at the end of April, a number of the congregation gathered with his family at St. Andrew's as his ashes were interred. He was a dearly loved and special man, who had guided and supported us faithfully over so many years, and his loss is still keenly felt.



*Alun's last Service at
St Andrew's October 2021*



80th Anniversary of VE Day



Moving on.... on the 8th May, St. Andrew's joined the nation in commemorating Victory in Europe Day. It was a very special moment in the life of the village, as a delicious afternoon tea was served to 50 from the local area. Eric Gough kindly came and played memorable music of the era and the church was decorated to reflect this significant moment.



LOOKING FORWARD...



Heritage and Harvest

The middle of September seems a long time away, but we are planning some significant events. Firstly, by the National Heritage Open Days start on Friday 12th September. This year's theme will be focusing on the magnificent church tower which is the oldest completely original part of the building. We will also be welcoming cyclists and walkers on Wiltshire Historic Church's Ride and Stride Day on the Saturday September 13th. At the end of this week is our annual Harvest Festival, September 21st. The church will be beautifully decorated in seasonal, local flowers, and we will share a harvest lunch after the service. Please do join us.

Coffee & Cake Mornings at St Andrew's

Wednesdays.... July 16th

August 13th

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 6th July 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th July 11.00 am Pet service!

We hope to be able to sit outside at the rear of the church weather permitting, as we celebrate these very important members of our families and all they contribute to our lives.



Sunday 3rd August 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th August 11.00 am Morning Praise "Songs of Praise".

Sunday 31st August 11.00am Cluster Service with Grittleton and Slaughterford (at Slaughterford Church).

Sunday 7th September 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st September 11.00 am Harvest Festival service

A joyful service celebrating the natural gifts of our countryside followed by a harvest light lunch after the service.



And finally..... We need YOU!! Running a building as special as St. Andrew's, and offering the variety of services and events that we do, requires a lot of organisation and teamwork – so we are reaching out to say, whatever you can offer, we would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment (though it would be lovely if you are able to offer that!!) – we really could use some extra hands to support us over the coming years. If you are interested in anything from admin to flower arranging to building maintenance or finance roles, please contact one of the team: Julie 07580 537005, Karen 07973201706, Nicola 07802880206, Mike 07717546070 Sally & Michael 07811465985