



Welcome to our early spring newsletter, published as the first shoots are starting to appear in the churchyard. Catkins, marking the transition from the grey of winter to the fresh green of spring are hanging from the hazel, and the snowdrops and first primroses are appearing in sunny spots in the churchyard.

As ever there are plenty of things going on in the life of St. Andrew's, and a warm welcome awaits you at our services and coffee mornings.

LOOKING BACK.....

The roof has been raised!!!



It seems like a long time ago now, but the 30th of November – St. Andrew's Day - was our "We've Raised the Roof" celebration party, when we said a heartfelt thank you to a whole host of friends and supporters who helped us reach the end of this massive project. Those present were piped in by Pipe Major Tony Beauchamp to reflect our Scottish patron saint. Mike Roberts addressed the gathering to outline the highs and lows of this enormous undertaking, and it was a happy and joyous event. Our grateful thanks go out to all the friends of St. Andrew's for the support we received over the many months of work.



Looking forward.....

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN AND CHURCHYARD TIDY....Saturday 7th March from 9.30am



We are looking for helping hands! This is the time of year when we look to clear the cobwebs, polish and tidy the church ready for the spring. A team of volunteers works inside, and another in the churchyard to prune, rake and do a general tidy so that St. Andrew's is looking at its best for the coming months. It is amazing to see what can be achieved in a short space of time. We would be very grateful if you could spare a couple of hours on the morning of Saturday 7th March from 9.30, to work either inside or outside. We ask if you can bring either cleaning kit or gardening tools depending on what you fancy doing.....needless to say, coffee and biscuits will reward you for your efforts, plus the satisfaction of seeing so much achieved in a short space of time.



LENT LUNCH.... Wednesday 18th

On Wednesday 18th March, you are invited to join us in the village hall for Lent lunch – a simple, warming bowl of loveliness (or two) - and a great community event. We offer all kinds of Souper homemade soups and bread, and coffee to follow. There is no charge, but we are grateful for donations to our nominated charity. If you can, please let us know if you're able to come, so that we have an idea of numbers: Julie Hare 07580 537005, or Sally Constable 07811 465985.



A REQUEST.....

Talking of helping hands...they say it takes a village to raise a child; it also takes a host of helpers to keep a church running – and thriving – for the next generation. If you think you could offer any of your skills or a little time – be it general maintenance and upkeep, flower arranging, cake-making, lesson reading or hosting at events and services– we would be delighted to hear from you. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment, just whatever you can offer, in the knowledge that every little assistance is a huge help to the team. If you would like to help in any way, please contact one of us.

Julie 07580 537005, Sally 07811 465985, Mike Roberts 07717546070, Nicola Wood 07802880206 or Karen Munnings 07973201706

Coffee & Cake Morning

Wednesdays.... April 15th

Do join us for a brew and delicious cake. (in March we hold our Lent Lunch instead). It's a great opportunity to meet friends and neighbours and welcome new villagers.



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 1st March 11 am – Holy Communion (St. David's Day)

Sunday 15th March 11am – Morning Praise: **Mothering Sunday**



Maundy Thursday 2nd April 7pm – Compline Service by Candlelight in the Knight's Chapel.

Final reflection of the day with music and words. A moment of peace



Sunday 5th April 11 am – Holy Communion: **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday 19th April 11am – Morning Praise: "Wild Garlic Sunday".



Sunday 3rd May 11am - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May 11 am – Morning Praise, "Flower Sunday" – please bring a posy from your garden



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Do join us in St. Andrew's on **Monday 27th April at 7.30pm**, for our annual church meeting – an opportunity to hear church news from the past and into the future.

This short meeting will be followed by cheese and wine.

Save the date

Saturday June 6th

7pm for 7.30pm

A talk given by Sarah Gray:- *"Jane Austen, an astute political commentator or just a romantic novelist?"*

Slaughterford and Castle Combe Churches jointly hosting the evening in Castle Combe