



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW DONHEAD ST ANDREW

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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December 2020 - January 2021

The good news about the imminent arrival of the vaccine to protect us from Covid-19 is very welcome. However, for the moment the virus continues to impact on all our lives, so St Andrew's Church PCC sadly cannot implement the varied programme of services, illustrated talks, concerts, exhibitions, coffee mornings and other activities that were planned for our village community.

The church is being used whenever possible as permitted by HM Government and the Church of England. The PCC is being rigorous in applying the appropriate safety measures.

We are indebted to the Reverend June Lane, the Reverend Mary Ridgewell, Mrs Jo Johnston our Licensed Lay Minister, the Family Service team and visiting priests for their ministry during the Interregnum.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS

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| Sunday 6th December
8.30 am | A said celebration of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Colin Fox |
| Sunday 13th December
9.30 am | St Andrew's Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tony Monds
Chaplain to the Bishop of Salisbury |
| Sunday 20th December
4.30 pm | The Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols

Led by Mrs Jo Johnson, our Licensed Lay Minister
A collection will be taken to support the work of Julia's House
Children's Hospice |
| Friday 25th December
10.00 am | Christmas Day - The Nativity of Our Lord - Festal Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Andy Bowerman |

Sunday 3rd January A said celebration of Holy Communion
8.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Colin Fox

Sunday 10th January 2021 Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany
10.00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Andrew
Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury

THE PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES FROM JANUARY 2021 ONWARDS

From January onwards, operating under the current restrictions, we hope to maintain our normal pattern of worship with Church Services at St Andrew's Church on the first four Sundays of each month.

On the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month there is live organ music before and after each service.

On the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, for the hymns, psalms and other service music, we are now downloading the singing of some of the country's greatest choirs and playing the recordings through our new sound system. The quality is excellent.

This way, we can enjoy the wonderful choral singing that forms a remarkable part of our national spiritual and cultural heritage.

First Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 am	A quiet said service using the Book of Common Prayer
Second Sunday	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am	Using the Modern Rite and with sermon and hymns
Third Sunday	Choral Matins	11.00 am	Using the Book of Common Prayer with psalms, hymns and a sermon
Fourth Sunday	Family Service	9.30 am	An informal service with hymns, a talk and readings

Members of the congregation are asked to wear face masks in church and to follow the suggested precautions, which are simple to observe. The church is set up for safely-distanced seating.

OTHER OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Andrew's Church is also open for private prayer, reading and reflection on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm

THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Service of Remembrance took place in an empty St Andrew's Church and was zoomed to a congregation of over sixty villagers, taking part from their homes. It was a moving service, led by the Reverend Mary Ridgewell who placed individual crosses on the altar for each of the fallen from the village. Richard Lee read the immortal words from Binyon's poem and the Kohima Epitaph. The lesson was read by Geoffrey Malone and the Intercessions were led by Michael Hockney. After the service, the wreaths and crosses were taken to the War Memorial in the graveyard in Lower Street.

Villagers are invited to make a contribution to the work of Combat Stress and the Royal British Legion; please contact the PCC Hon Treasurer, Alistair Stoker at Park Cottage; telephone 828789; email alistair.stoker@btinternet.com.

SOME SAD NEWS

We have just heard that Joan Bentley died recently at the age of 92. Many villagers will have fond memories of Joan, who lived in Overway and was a stalwart member of the village and church community for many years. She was the prime mover in raising the funds for the Millennium Window at the west end of the church and a valued member of the Parish Council. She moved to Yorkshire about ten years ago but never lost interest in St Andrew's Church; she made a generous contribution to the Development Appeal.

May she rest in peace.

THE CAROL SERVICE ON 20TH DECEMBER

We will be adhering to HM Government and C of E policies on safe distancing in church. The PCC would like to ask you to book your places for the Carol Service in advance and ideally before Friday 18th December. This is so that seating can be allocated in advance, whether for a group of up to six or for a single individual. Please telephone or email Juliet Cooper on 828395 or juliet.cooper@outlook.com to book your places. There may be places available on the day and we will do our best to seat you, but this cannot be guaranteed, so best to book.

Please put on a mask before you enter the church and use the hand sanitiser on arrival and before you leave.

The Choir will be singing at the Carol Service this year. To comply with the policies laid down about church choirs, they too will be distanced from the congregation and from each other and will sit in the Chancel.

For those members of the village community not able to attend the service, it will be broadcast by Zoom. It is very easy to join in from your computer, laptop or tablet. Details of how to do this can be found on St Andrew's Church website: www.sacda.uk or on the noticeboard in the church porch.

THE 10.00 AM SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

The PCC would also like to ask villagers to book places in advance for this service. Details as to how to book are the same as for the Carol Service.

There won't be a choir on Christmas morning but there will be live organ music.

The service will be Zoomed too so that everyone in the village can join in. Details on the church website or noticeboard.

REGULAR GIVING TO SUPPORT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The PCC is encouraging members of the village community to give on a regular basis to support St Andrew's church as a place of weekly worship, baptisms, weddings, funerals and memorial services together with pastoral care, fellowship and social activities for the whole community.

2020 has been a very tough year for all of us. So too for our village church which has seen its income drop dramatically.

If you would like to make a monthly, quarterly or annual contribution to support our village church, please contact the PCC Honorary Treasurer, Alistair Stoker at Park Cottage; telephone 828789; email alistair.stoker@btinternet.com.

NOT THE CHURCH FETE

Cancelled this year but.....

THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY ZILLAH GILLESPIE'S CELEBRATED HOME-MADE MARMALADE AND LIZ COLLYER'S DELICIOUS PRESERVES, CHUTNEYS AND JELLIES AND SAUCES

Zillah and Liz have been hard at work during the lock-down.

They would like the proceeds shared between Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Support, the appeal to help the people of the Diocese of Cueibet in South Sudan and St Andrew's Church to help cover church expenses while there haven't been any services or collections.

They make lovely Christmas presents. If you would like to buy a jar or two, here's what to do.

ZILLAH - MARMALADE

Telephone Zillah on 01747 828335. Let her know how many jars of marmalade you want at £2.50 a jar. Arrange a time to come to her house. Bring the cash with you in an envelope marked with your name. Come to the back gate in the side lane. The marmalade will be there for you to collect. Leave the money in the bag hanging from the gatepost.

Mrs Zillah Gillespie, Whitesheet House, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9LL.

The right hand house at the bottom of Whitesheet Hill opposite the end of Sans Lane on the A30 Salisbury:Shaftesbury Road.

LIZ - JAMS, CHUTNEYS, JELLIES AND SAUCES

<u>Hill Cottage Preserves</u>	
Jam and Marmalade Blackberry & Pinot Noir Blackcurrant Blackcurrant & Crème de Cassis Damson Damson Gin Plum Plum Gin Redcurrant Raspberry Raspberry Gin Strawberry Seville Orange Marmalade Whisky Marmalade	Jelly Apple Crab Apple Apple and Medlar Blackberry and Apple Blackberry and Apple Gin Hedgerow Hedgerow with Crème de Mure Medlar Quince Quince with Quince Liqueur Redcurrant Redcurrant with Port Rowan Rowan with Port
Chutney Plum Damson	Sauce Quince & Apple

Please telephone Liz on 07936 880480 to discuss and place your order; by text preferably as she doesn't have voice mail. Liz will let you know about availability and confirm your order/total cost and discuss collection/ payment. The majority of the preserves are priced at £2.50.

Dr Liz Collyer, Hill Cottage, St Bartholomews Street, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9EB.
Coming up from St Andrew's Church, the last house on the right before the junction with Pig Trough Lane. Next door to Beauchamp House and opposite Donet Cottage.

THE SALE OF LOGS

The PCC is very grateful to Mark Jeffery for providing the four large loads of well-seasoned logs. Unsurprisingly, they sold very quickly. The funds raised will go to help cover the cost of the upkeep of the church during the periods when there have been no services and no collections.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR

The Diocese has now approved the Benefice Profile, which includes sections about St Andrew's Church and our plans for the future. In January 2021 an advertisement will appear in the *Church Times*, the national newspaper of the C of E. The PCC expects interviews to take place in March.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH COMMUNITY WEBSITE

You can find out more about services, events and activities at: www.sacda.uk. or look at the notices in the church porch.

Donhead St Andrew PCC is a registered charity; charity number 1150714. The full title of the charity is *The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Donhead St Andrew*.

*The Church Wardens and members of the PCC send you all their best wishes
for Christmas and the New Year*