



# **THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW DONHEAD ST ANDREW**

## **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

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*The announcement by HMG that some restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic are being lifted will be welcomed by many. However, for the moment, as the virus continues to impact across the UK and across the world, St Andrew's Church Parochial Church Council will continue to take a cautious approach with regard both to church services and to the Community Programme which is planned to begin this month.*

*A large section of this Newsletter is about the 2021 Church Fete. Please support us in every way you can as the village community comes together for the first time in over a year.*

### **THE BENEFICE SERVICE TO LICENCE AND WELCOME THE NEW RECTOR**

The new Rector the Reverend Kate McFarlane and her husband and two sons arrive in the Benefice in August.

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 at St Andrew's Church during the Interregnum.

The new Rector will be licensed on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at St Leonard's Church Semley at 7.00 pm. If you would like to attend, please let Juliet Cooper know - 828395.

### **SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

With the easing of HMG's restrictions and the CofE's recent communications, which gives the responsibility for setting policy to individual Rectors (and to Church Wardens in the absence of an incumbent), St Andrew's Church will be taking a welcome but cautious approach.

From Sunday 25th July onwards, we will be singing again in church and refreshments will be offered after every service. If the weather is fine, they will be served on the north lawn in the churchyard.

We will also be cautious:

- we will continue to sanitise on entering and leaving the church
- masks will be optional but encouraged before taking your seat and whilst singing
- social distancing will be maintained in the seating arrangements.

## **OUR REGULAR PATTERN OF WORSHIP**

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	Sung 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

All services are followed by refreshments.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

### **AUGUST**

Sunday 29th	St Andrew's Patronal Festival	10.00 am
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### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday 12th	The Rector's first service at St Andrew's Church	9.30 am
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Sunday 26th	Village Community Harvest Festival Family Service	9.30 am
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### **NOVEMBER**

Sunday 14th	Remembrance Sunday Act of Remembrance and Dedication	10.45 am
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### **DECEMBER**

Sunday 12th	Stewardship Sunday Family Eucharist	9.30 am
Sunday 19th	Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols	4.30 pm

## **OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

St Andrew's Church is open for private prayer, reading and reflection on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. We have a growing library of interesting books.

It is hoped that the church will re-open on a daily basis from 9.00 am until dusk in the near future. A notice advising about this will be posted on the Church website and on the noticeboard near the double gates into the churchyard.

## **REGULAR GIVING TO SUPPORT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

The Parochial Church Council would like to encourage 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 and 2021 have been very tough years 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](mailto:alistair.stoker@btinternet.com).

## **THE CHURCHYARD**

The Churchyard Working Group, an informal get-together of up to twenty members of the village community, meet together about once a month to work on the churchyard. An amazing amount has been achieved in the last eighteen months. There is still more to do but the shape of the paths, planted areas and wild flower meadows is now in place and the trees have been worked on by an expert arborist.

The two wooden benches in the churchyard are starting to be used and enjoyed by villagers.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has helped.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Elizabeth Hockney on 828833.

## **SOME SAD NEWS - JOAN BENTLEY RIP**

Joan Bentley died in November 2020 at the age of 93. 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.

Her great friend, Elizabeth Brown, has penned this reflection on Joan's life:

*Joan Bentley died in Yorkshire on Nov 29. She lived with her friend Dot Davis at Hillview on Overway until 2010, when Dot became blind and moved to Shaftesbury. Joan sold the house and returned to her roots in Todmorden where her family and some old school friends still lived.*

*She will be remembered by many in Donhead. She was a forthright woman who called a spade a spade, but behind this exterior was a heart of gold. She was always ready to help and was a keen supporter of St Andrew's Church. She threw her considerable energy into fundraising and social events and ran a very profitable cake stall at the Church Fete.*

*Before retirement to the Donheads she had an interesting and most successful career. She trained first as a nurse, then as a midwife at Liverpool Hospital, then rose in the ranks until she went to*

*work for the World Health Organisation in Geneva. She was then posted to Africa to set up midwifery schools in the bush.*

*She once gave a fascinating talk to the Donhead WI with colour slides which showed the remote areas and primitive conditions in which she lived. Twice she contracted life threatening infections and became a patient in the very hospitals which the WHO was trying to improve.*

*She never married; that was her choice.*

*She was a very heavy smoker all her life, though always maintained that it would not kill her. She was right; she died in hospital a week after a fall at her home. She was 93.*

*Elizabeth Brown*

May she rest in peace.

## **THE 2021 CHURCH FETE - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 30TH AUGUST 2021**

Now that HMG has announced the lifting of some of the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, including those for larger gatherings, the Parochial Church Council has decided that the 2021 Fete will go ahead on August Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August 2021 on Stoney Hills Field, courtesy of the Jeffery family.

This year the Fete will be supporting local and county charities including Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Tisbus, Happy Gathering and St Andrew's Church.

We have now developed a plan to give all of us the greatest possible peace of mind at the Fete, whether as helpers or as visitors. A new Risk Assessment for the Fete will be prepared and will be on display at the entrance to the Fete and in the organisers' tent.

**We need many more helpers for the Fete across a variety of stalls and amusements, both on the day and on the previous Friday and Saturday. If you would like to help, please contact Michael Hockney, the Fete Committee Chairman, as soon as possible:**

**by telephoning him on 828833 Friday to Sunday**

**or**

**by emailing him on [michael@hockney.me.uk](mailto:michael@hockney.me.uk)**

**or**

**by calling in at Donet Cottage St Bartholomews Street SP7 9EB Friday to Sunday.**

**We also need villagers and local businesses to sponsor the hire of the marquees, the generator and the Band. Please contact Michael Hockney for details. Sponsorship ranges between £50 and £500.**

**Now, moving on to the stalls and amusements involved in the Fete, the stallholders need your support:**

<b>Collectables &amp; Bric a Brac</b>	All items please by 15th August. We can store.	<b>Edrys Barkham 828430</b>
<b>Cakes</b>	Please make a cake, scones, pies, savouries, biscuits & fudge. Will collect.	<b>Juliet Cooper 828395</b>
<b>Preserves</b>	Jams, marmalade & chutneys welcomed. Also cookery books.	<b>Liz Collyer 828665</b>

<b>Plants</b>	We're after plants, fruit, vegetables, seeds, tied bunches, pots & vases, tools & gardening books.	<b>Olivia Talbot</b> <b>07777 651194</b>
<b>Pictures</b>	Paintings, prints, drawings, frames, sculpture & art books	<b>Lynda Appleby</b> <b>829678</b>
<b>Books</b>	Books including children's books, but not dictionaries, manuals or text books. By 15th August.	<b>Alyson Peacock</b> <b>852596</b>
<b>Toys, Games &amp; Gifts</b>	Including DVDs, records & CDs.	<b>Michael Hockney</b> <b>828833</b>
<b>Clothes</b>	Clean, good quality, good-as-new clothes & accessories. By 15th August. Ideally please deliver but can collect.	<b>Jennifer Malone</b> <b>829116</b>
<b>Bottle Tombola</b>	Bottles of wine, champagne, spirits & beer much appreciated	<b>Alastair Stoker</b> <b>828789</b>
<b>Silent Auction</b>	Offers of lots please by 15th August	<b>Elizabeth Hockney</b> <b>828833</b>
<b>China Smash</b>	We need lots of crockery; condition unimportant	<b>Marcus Shepherd</b> <b>829211</b>

**And ..... something rather special at this year's Fete**

Hazel Kelly has generously donated a rare copy of *Sketches of a Wiltshire Village* by W. Ibbett, which was published in 1931. It will be included in the Silent Auction at this year's Fete. It is a fascinating compilation of articles submitted to the Western Gazette about village life in Donhead St Andrew in the 1920s. It is a treasure trove of memories of our village. A copy of the book was bought ten years ago for £150. Please publicise this so that people are aware of it before the day of the Fete.

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH COMMUNITY PROGRAMME - AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2021**

The monthly community Coffee Mornings will start again from the first Tuesday in September.

**AUGUST**

Monday 30th	Church Fete	1.00 pm - 4.30 pm
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**SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday 7th	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 am - 12 o'clock
Saturday 11th	Wiltshire Churches Ride & Stride - refreshments in church porch	all day
Thursday 16th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday 17th	Post-Fete Helpers Party	6.30 pm
Sunday 26th	Harvest Lunch*	12 o'clock

## OCTOBER

Tuesday 5th	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 am - 12 o'clock
Friday 15th	Parochial Church Council Meeting	10.00 am
Friday 22nd	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Friday 29th	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
tba	Illustrated Talk by Pen Hadow*	Tba

## NOVEMBER

Tuesday 2nd	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 am - 12 o'clock
Friday 5th	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Thursday 11th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday 12th	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Friday 19th	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Friday 26th - Monday 29th	Art & Sculpture Selling Exhibition	Tba

## DECEMBER

Tuesday 7th	Community Coffee Morning	10.30 am - 12 o'clock
Friday 3rd	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Saturday 4th	Quiz Supper	6.30 pm
Friday 10th	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Saturday 11th	Gourmet Raffle in aid of Alzheimers' Society	11.00 am - 1.00 pm
Friday 17th	Choir Practice	6.00 pm
Sunday 19th	Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.	4.30 pm

Some of these events and activities - the ones marked with an asterisk \* should be pre-booked. Details of how to do this can be found on the St Andrew's Church Community website and on posters on the church noticeboards.

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH COMMUNITY WEBSITE

**You can find out more about 'who does what' at St Andrew's Church and the opportunities to volunteer for church and community activities by looking at the Church website:**

**[www.sacda.uk](http://www.sacda.uk)**

**Our website also lists services, events and activities or look at the notices on the noticeboard by the main gates in the Churchyard and 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.*