

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW DONHEAD ST ANDREW

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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This Newsletter begins with a message from the Reverend Kate McFarlane, who was licensed as our new Rector on 1st September in front of a large congregation at St Leonard's Church Semley. There are brief reports on the Church Fete, Harvest and Pen Hadow's talk about his walk to the North Pole. Looking forward, there are details about Remembrance Sunday, the selling exhibition of art and sculpture, the Gourmet Raffle, the Carol Service, Midnight Mass and the annual Quiz Supper which has moved from early December to mid-January.

THE RECTOR WRITES ABOUT REMEMBRANCE

November is, of course, the month of Remembrance. For Christians it begins with All Souls, remembering those most dear to us whom we have loved and lost and continuing in the national and international commemorations on Remembrance Day. This year November also sees the immeasurably important UN Climate Change Conference, COP26.

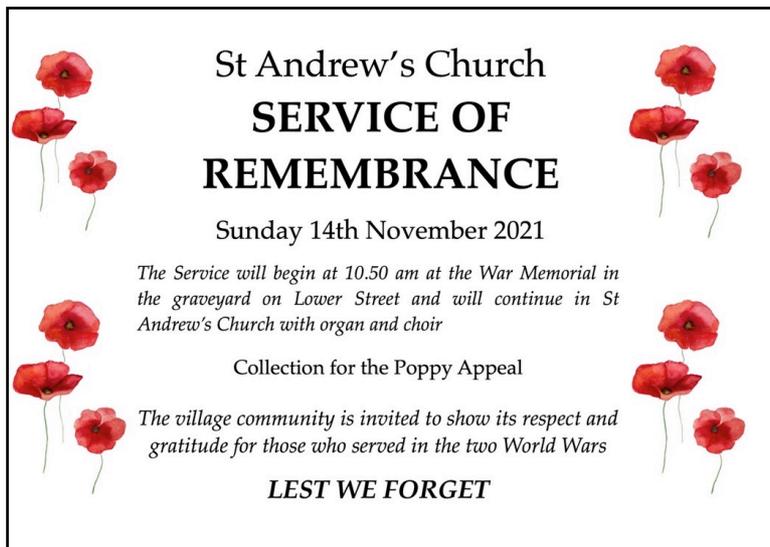
As we begin to understand the severity of the climate emergency, and to appreciate the vested interests we must battle in order to make any meaningful changes, perhaps we should be remembering and giving thanks for, the dedication and sacrifice of those who are paying the ultimate price for their commitment to protecting life on earth. 227 campaigners were killed around the world in 2020, a record number of people murdered while working to protect our planet and its rich diversity. Since the Paris Agreement on climate change was signed in 2015, on average four activists have been killed each week, though even this is likely to be an underestimate because of growing restrictions on journalists and free speech.

These statistics are made up of people like Fikile Ntshangase, a South African grandmother who campaigned against a coal mine in KwaZulu-Natal Province and was shot dead in her home; Óscar Eyraud Adams, an indigenous man murdered in Mexico for protesting when his crops dried up after the community water source was diverted to richer areas and a Heineken factory; and Gonzalo Cardona, a Colombian biologist committed to saving bird species from extinction.

So perhaps this November we can remember not only those who have died in war but those who are now dying in conflict related to the climate emergency, giving their lives for the future of our planet, defending our shared future. The famous Kohima Epitaph seems utterly apt: 'for your tomorrow we gave our today'.

What a challenge and inspiration these people are. The most powerful tribute we can pay to their sacrifice must be both to use our own freedom, won for us by previous generations, to demand change from companies and governments and to make every personal lifestyle change we can to protect and restore our precious planet.

The Reverend Kate McFarlane



St Andrew's Church
**SERVICE OF
REMEMBRANCE**
Sunday 14th November 2021

The Service will begin at 10.50 am at the War Memorial in the graveyard on Lower Street and will continue in St Andrew's Church with organ and choir

Collection for the Poppy Appeal

The village community is invited to show its respect and gratitude for those who served in the two World Wars

LEST WE FORGET

**** HOT OFF THE PRESS ****

St Andrew's Church was one of the six finalists in the annual national competition for the best restoration of a church in the UK. Sadly we came in second but were awarded a special certificate of commendation. Brian Watts, our architect, and Michael Hockney were presented with the certificate by HRH The Duke of Gloucester.

A BUSY LAST FEW MONTHS

Church Fete

In May, St Andrew's Church PCC made the decision to go ahead with the 2021 Fete and to put in place some Covid-19 related guidelines for visitors and helpers. We had no idea how many visitors to expect; in the end estimates varied between 1,500 and 2,000 so clearly people were keen to get out and have some fun. The BBQ, Tea Tent, Beer & Cider Tent, Crockery Smashing, Bottle Tombola and Ice Cream van all had queues for most of the afternoon. Many of the stalls sold out completely, not surprising given the quality of produce on offer. The Annual Dog Show was a huge success, attracting twice the number of entries as in 2019. The Classic Car and Bike Show had a fascinating array of over 40 vehicles.

The Fete was a very happy occasion, bringing together over 200 villagers who helped in some way or other. We were very grateful to the local businesses and villagers who sponsored the Fete. Our particular thanks to the Jeffery Family for allowing us to use the beautiful and spacious setting of Stoney Hills Field and for the four loads of logs in the Live Auction.

After deducting expenses, the Fete raised over £14,000. 30% went to county and local charities and the rest to St Andrew's Church to cover the income lost during closure in 2020 and 2021 and to pay clergy salaries and pensions. We gave £3,600 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance, £360 to Tisbus and £360 to Happy Gathering; all expressed their thanks in letters of appreciation.

A short video of the Fete can be seen on the website.

Harvest Festival

For the first time a Harvest Lunch was organised in the church, after the Harvest Festival service to which villagers brought produce. This was attended by 30 villagers. A delicious hot lunch was served. We welcomed the Rector, her husband Stephen and their two sons, Christopher and Edmund. Mark Jeffery spoke, giving us some fascinating insights about the Harvest. This was a very enjoyable occasion which we hope will become an annual fixture. The church sent a donation and the Harvest gifts to the Trussell Trust.

Pen Hadow's Illustrated Talk

Pen Hadow's Talk in October, delayed for over a year because of Covid19, attracted an attendance of over 120. He gave a fascinating account of his unique and extraordinary solo walk to the North Pole and showed his photography of the journey. Pen chose the charity Breast Cancer Now to receive half of the net proceeds of the evening, with the balance going to St Andrew's Church. Such was the success of the evening, we will be sending £775 to the charity.

COMING UP

Come and see...
DONHEAD
Art Exhibition
Donhead Community Space, Donhead St Andrews Church,
Donhead St Andrew, Shaftesbury SP7 9EB
Saturday 27th November 11.00-17.00
Sunday 28th November 11.00- 17.00
Monday 29th November 10.00- 15.00
Entry is free. Refreshments will be available each day.



Supporting the trussell trust & Donhead St Andrews Church

the trussell trust
Stop UK Hunger

Artists:
Elizabeth Hazelwood
Saskia Danel
Anna Cecil
Vivienne Ridd
Lynda Appleby
Anna McDowell
Bill McCombe
Paul Cutts
Pauline Dawkins
Julia Desch
Kim Praggnell
Sara Flux
Vicky Palmer
Nick Butcher
Venetia Syms

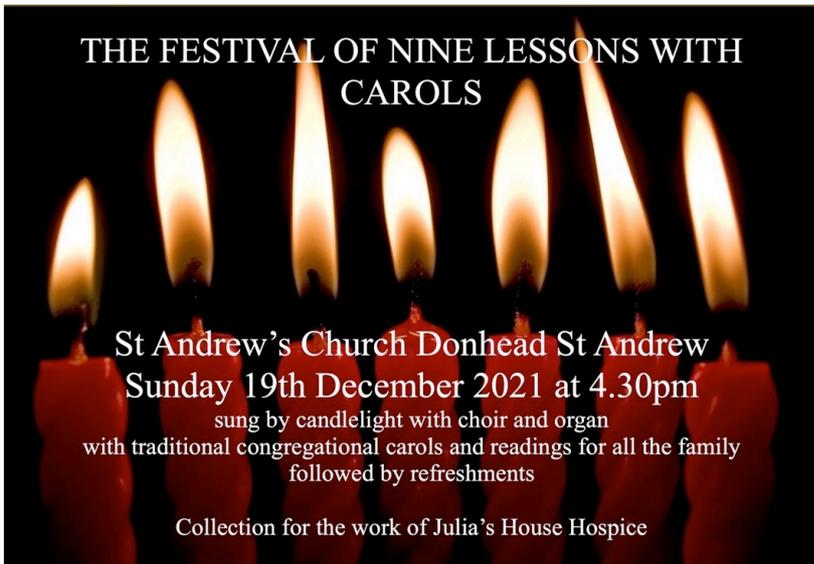
GOURMET RAFFLE
In aid of The Alzheimer's
Society
Saturday 11th December 2021
11.00am-1.00pm
St Andrew's Church



St Andrew's Church
**COMMUNITY
COFFEE MORNING**
10.30-12noon
First Tuesday of the month
Everyone welcome



The annual **Quiz Supper** will take place on Saturday 22nd January 2022. As usual Michael York will be the Quizmaster, with a raft of questions on every imaginable subject. The evening will begin at 6.00 pm. There will be a bar. Please put together a table of four to six. Tickets, which must be booked in advance, are £10 including supper, from Danuta Tagg 828106. The evening will support the STARS Appeal for Salisbury Hospital and St Andrew's Church.



Midnight Mass

Join us for this uplifting service on Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December at 11.15 pm in a warm candlelit church with Crib and Christmas Tree and well-known Carols and festive organ music.

**Correction:
11:30 pm**

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 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.

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.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH COMMUNITY WEBSITE

You can find out more about what's going on at St Andrew's Church by looking at the Church website, where you can also see a short film showing the improvements to the church.

www.sacda.uk

Everyone in the village is welcome to volunteer to help with church and community activities.