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Lord Jesus, who walked the way of the cross and gave himself willingly
for us,
help us to be generous in our living and give ourselves to you.

Amen

(David Adams)

Services at St Andrew's March 2026

Sun 2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Readings: *Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

Morning Worship 9.30am – LWLs

Evensong 4pm Officiant Rev Jane Bradbury

Psalm: 135:1-14

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 Luke 14:27-33 Reader: Val Barker

Wed 4th Christian Meditation 9.30am

Midweek Mass with Stations of the Cross Wed. 10.30am – Officiant:

Rev Jane Bradbury

Sun 3rd Sunday of Lent

8th Readings: *Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-4*

Parish Mass 9.30am – Officiant: Rev Doug Adams

Wed 11th Christian Meditation 9.30am

Midweek Mass with Stations of the Cross Wed. 10.30am – Officiant:

Rev Doug Adams

Sun 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

15th Readings: *1 Samuel 1:20-28; Psalm 127:1-4; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25-27*

Morning Worship 9.30am – LWLs Judy Dunne and Val Hopper

Wed 18th Christian Meditation 9.30am

Midweek Mass with Stations of the Cross Wed. 10.30am – Officiant:

Rev Teresa Folland

Sun 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

22nd Readings: *Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*

Parish Mass 9.30am – Officiant: Rev Jane Bradbury

Wed 25th Christian Meditation 9.30am

Midweek Mass with Stations of the Cross Wed. 10.30am – Officiant:

Rev Doug Adams

Sun 29th Palm Sunday

Readings: *Is 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16 [or 9-18]; Philippians 2:5-11; Matt 26:14 – 27:66 [or 27:11-54] Matt 21:1-11; Ps 118:1-2; 19-end*

Benefice Service with Holy Communion 10am at St Olafs, Poughill
Officiant: Rev Teresa Folland assisted by LWL Alison

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS 2026

Funerals

Frederick George Furse

Died 7th December 2025

Service at St Andrew's Church on 10th January 2026
followed by burial in the Churchyard.



A Service to Celebrate the Life of

Graham John Pitt 15 09 1954 - 28 01 2026

was held at St Andrew's Church on 18th February 2026
followed by burial in the Churchyard

Joan Pauline Davey – Died 17th January 2026 aged 82 years
Private burial followed by a Thanksgiving Service
held at St Andrew's Church on Saturday February 21st 2026



Dates for your diary

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| Fri 6th March | Lent Lunch 12md at St Andrew's |
| Sat 7th March | Spring Cleaning of the Lychgate area 10am |
| Mon 9th March | School Visit to St Andrew's 9.15am |
| Fri 13th March | Lent Lunch 12md at St Swithin's Church |
| Sun 15th March | Mothering Sunday with Distribution of Posies |
| Fri 20th March | Lent Lunch 12md at Launcells Parish Hall |
| Mon 23rd March | School Visit to St Andrew's am and pm |
| Tues 24th March | School Visit to St Andrew's in the afternoon |
| Fri 27th March | Lent Lunch 12md at St Swithin's Church |
| Thurs 2nd April | Maundy Thursday Service 8.30pm at St Andrew's |
| Fri 3rd April | Tenebrae Service for Good Friday 3pm at St Andrew's |
| Sat 4th April | Easter Vigil 8pm at St Andrew's |

Sun 5th April

Parish Mass for EASTER DAY at 9.30am

There will not be an Evensong Service today

Sun 12th April

Stall at Pendeen Car boot sale. There will also be one on May 10th & June 14th. Do come & support us.

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Help needed to keep Stratton's bells ringing

JAMES DAVIES

A HEFTY sum is needed in order to save the historic church bells at the heart of Stratton after damage was sustained to the supporting bellframe.

The tower captain, together with the Parochial Church Council, are on a mission to raise a piece of the town's history, which people might not have even, but they certainly will have heard.

Each Sunday, church bells at St Andrew's Church are rung in all people to worship however, since spring, the call of the bells has been missing for the first time after the church's bellframe was found to be in desperate need of repair.

Since the beginning of the year, only five bells have been ringing due to major restoration work being needed in the belfry before all eight bells can be heard once more.

St Andrew's Church explained: "The sixth bell cast iron bell frame is cracked, so it cannot be rung and the frame castings of the six bronze bells have been pushed up and out of position by the effects of cold steel joint rafter expansion. Fortunately, all the necessary work can be carried out in the belfry, thus avoiding the entire bell installation having to be removed from the tower, the cost of which would be astronomical."

However, the works have been quoted at a sum of more than £36,000, and at such a high price, the community is being asked to give their support to the fundraising effort.

It explained: "We need to raise in excess of £36,000 to complete this work and restore this beautiful peal of eight bells to their former glory."

Despite the hefty sum, around £2,000 has already been raised and promised towards the repairs, leaving a total of £34,000 needed to fully fund the works.

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Hospitals recognize veteran community

A HOSPITAL for to commemorate the Armed Forces Veterans has been an officially recognized community for the first time in the town of Stratton, Cornwall. The hospital is a tribute to the brave men and women who served in the Armed Forces and who have returned to the town to live out their lives. The hospital is a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of the Armed Forces and the support of the community.

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Sarah Jones at the

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Update on the bells of St Andrew's, Stratton

The good news is that Jo, our Tower Captain, has managed to raise the funds needed to repair the bell frame and restore this beautiful peal of eight bells to its former glory. Grants have been promised from the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers Bell Restoration Fund and the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust; our JustGiving Page raised an incredible £15,840 (£15,000 of this having

been given by one very generous donor, who saw our appeal on the front page of the Bude and Stratton Post!) with an additional £4,000 of Gift Aid; add to all this several other individual kind donations and we are good to go. Work will begin on Monday 23rd February and should be all done and dusted by the end of March. Not long to wait!

Jo Barnes Tower Captain

Wonderful news, Jo. We will all be looking forward to hearing the bells ringing out again, loud and clear. Well done. Ed

Events at St Andrew's

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Children's Society work, through a donations box or the Christingle service collection. We raised £840.57 which was wonderful.

The New Years Lunch was greatly enjoyed and £164 was raised for church funds.

The Candlelit supper on Jan 30th celebrated Candlemas with beautifully lit tables and delicious food. £123 was raised for church funds.



Christmas Tree Festival

As promised in our last newsletter here are more details about last year's Christmas Tree Festival. The church was full of wonderfully decorated trees, each with unique and imaginative ideas. As well as church members we were delighted to welcome local individuals, businesses and organisations. Visitors were delighted with the variety of the trees and the twinkling lights, music and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who took part or helped in any way to make the events so enjoyable. We raised £631 for Church funds.

Flower Festival

Looking forward to the flower festival in May our theme this year is 'For the Beauty of Flowers'. A chance to celebrate the sheer beauty and diversity of the flowers themselves.

The festival will take place from Friday May 22nd – Sunday May 24th.



Mothers' Union Kledh Kernow

Members gathered to celebrate the feast of Jesus' Presentation at the Temple, also known as Candlemas. Candlemas is forty days after Christmas Day. The tiny baby is recognised by Simeon and Anna as the light of the world, and MU members will soon be looking towards Lent and then Easter. Following a time of worship, we held our AGM covering business matters, but also a time for looking back over the last year. At the meeting we were delighted to learn that Sandy Cheshire has been awarded the Cross of St Piran for her work as Local Worship Leader at St Swithin's Church and for her leadership of our MU branch before and during Covid. Congratulations Sandy.

We are delighted to welcome two new members to MU, Val Barker and Jo Barnes.

March Meeting – Easter Crafts on Monday 2nd at 2pm at Stamford House, Stamford Hill.

April Meeting – Please note that owing to a bank holiday we will meet on the second Monday of the week; April 13th, venue and time as above.



Update on the East Window

Our beautiful East Window is back in St Andrew's and looks better than ever. The colours are brilliant, panels are stable and this treasure has been conserved & protected for several 100 years to come.

There will be more news in the next issue as we hope to have the window and the bells rededicated and blessed by Bishop David at a special service.

This whole project wouldn't have been possible without so many

generous people. With gratitude and thanks to you all.

Ed

For the month of March
We remember in our prayers all those living in:

Week beginning:

- Sunday 1st** Hillhead; Berkeley Close; Bentley Drive
- Sunday 8th** Coast View; Cleveland's; the parts of Stratton Road within the Parish
- Sunday 15th** Stucley Cl; Primrose Rd; Alford Close; Elizabeth Rd; Speedwell Cl; all those living on the Broadclose Est.
- Sunday 22nd** Minster Avenue; Treleven Rd; Agnes Close; Hawthorne Ave; Manor Road
- Sunday 29th** Stapleton Road; Traly Close; Catherine Close

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Allan Gouldson, Bella, Lyzette Bevan, Karen Hunting and Baby Henry and family.

We bring before God, especially at this time, all who work in our local hospitals, the inpatients and all undergoing investigations and outpatient treatment. We remember too those of our church family who are ill at home or housebound.

The recently departed: Graham Pitt, Joan Davy

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Those in our Year's Mind
For the month of March

Week beginning:

- Sunday 1st** Lance Worden, Marion Dean, Poppy Betts, David Goodwin, Barbara Blood
- Sunday 8th** Gladys Fox, Arthur Bailey, Beatrice Sandercock, Hilda Rodd, Michael Saltern, Florence Brown, Royce Blythe, Harriet Skingley, Anthony Vallance, Cyril Leslie-Jones, Priest

- Sunday 15th** Arthur Colwill, Andre Coombe, Jack Veal,
Dorothy Davy, Brian Dorrington, Priest
- Sunday 22nd** John Philp, Frank Barker, Rita Phillpotts,
Peggie Curtis, Terence Cording, Margaret Philp,
A M Rattenbury
- Sunday 29th** Stanley Gerry, Trevor Hingston, Valerie Pooley,
Coral Forshew, Bridget Carrick, Alma Day

Eulogies seen in the Churchyard – God’s Acre

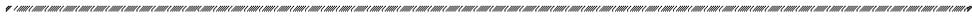
The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Then are they glad because they are at rest and so he bringeth them into the haven where they would be.

Thou shall keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on Thee because he trusteth in Thee.

*It is not exile, rest on high
It is not sadness, peace from strife
To fall asleep is not to die
To dwell with Christ is better life*

*Them also which sleep in Jesus
Will God bring with Him*



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