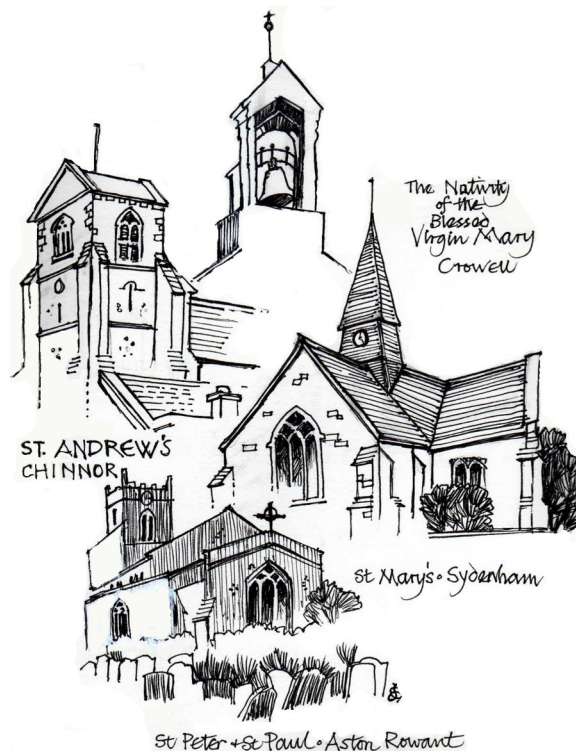


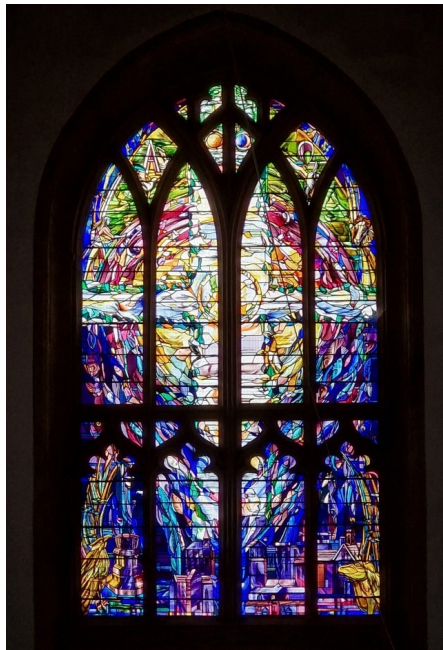


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August 2025	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7	8am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion (No hymns)	Jacky
	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
Sunday 10th August Trinity 8	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Joan
Sunday 17th August Trinity 9	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Tony, Tessa +Jo
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Margaret
Sunday 24th August Trinity 10	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030	Marquee Service at White's Field	Café Church with Methodists and CC	Jacky
5th Sunday 31st August Trinity 11	9am	Crowell	Holy Communion	Jacky
	4pm	UNITED PARISH SERVICE SYDENHAM	Hymns and Pimms Songs of Praise	Ministry Team
	No Soul Space at Crowell			



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September 2025	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 7th September Trinity 12	8am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion (No hymns)	Jacky
	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	Taizé	Tony and Monica
Sunday 14th September Trinity 13	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	TBC
	1030am	Sydenham	Harvest Festival	Joan
	6pm	Crowell	Holy Communion	Tony
Sunday 21st September Trinity 14	8am	St Andrew's	Holy Communion	Jacky
	9am	Aston Rowant	Harvest Festival	Brian, Richard +Pam
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Harvest Festival With Methodists	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Margaret
Sunday 28th September Trinity 15	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Joan and Margaret
	6pm	Crowell	Harvest Supper + Hymns	Jacky



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SUNDAY READINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7 Proper 13	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23 Psalm 49.1-12 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
Sunday 10th August Trinity 8	Genesis 15.1-6 Psalm 33.12-22 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40
Sunday 17th August Trinity 9	Jeremiah 23.23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2 Luke 12.49-56
Sunday 24th August Trinity 10	Isaiah 58.9b-14 Psalm 103.1-8 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17
5th Sunday 31st August Trinity 11	Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16 Luke 14.1,7-14
Sunday 7th September Trinity 12 Proper 18	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33
Sunday 14th September Trinity 13	Exodus 32.7-14 Psalm 51.1-11 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10
Sunday 21st September Trinity 14	Amos 8.4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13
Sunday 28th September Trinity 15	Amos 6.1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31
Harvest Festival readings	Deut 26:1-11 Psalm 100 Phil 4:4-9 or Rev 14:14-18 John 6:25-35

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

HOLIDAY PACKING

In a recent sermon, I confessed to being an over-packer when going away. For a recent trip to Scotland, in a car shared with 3 others, my bags alone took up one half of the boot space, which didn't go unnoticed!



After the sermon and my confession, someone kindly sent me the delightful poem printed on the next page. The humour of the poem was not lost on me, and nor was the rather painful parallel to my own thought processes. It's the *just in case* thought that fills my bags. The sermon of that day related to Jesus sending out the seventy (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20), and in verse 4, Jesus instructs his disciples "Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals". Excuse me???

It's important to remember that Jesus is a teacher who used hyperbole to drive home a point: for example, He isn't really expecting us to tear out our right eye out, or cut off our right hand (Matthew 5:29-30). So maybe Jesus isn't saying to us "travel irresponsibly, without any preparation and basic provisions". Maybe He is extending an invitation to *travel light*. And not just in the practical sense, but in the spiritual one too.

I wonder if there are other examples of *just in case* thinking going on in our lives?

We pack our days with extra tasks *just in case* we're not doing enough. We rehearse conversations in our heads *just in case* they go wrong. We buy more stuff online *just in case* we don't have enough. We keep scrolling on social media *just in case* there is something even funnier in the next post.

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And does *just in case* thinking really serve us? Or can it overburden our minds, as well as the boot of the car? Maybe, by not trying to cover every eventuality ourselves, we can leave some space in our lives for God's grace. And this, in turn, can become a conscious act of trusting God.

What if we took small steps to travel lighter: in our schedules, our conversations, our relationships, even our holiday packing?

So here's a gentle challenge for myself, that you may also consider adopting: packing *just a little less*, scrolling *just a little less*, overthinking *just a little less*.

My prayer is that through a practice of *just a little less*, I will come to understand what is *just enough*. And in moving from *just in case* thinking to *just enough* thinking, I will grow and deepen my trust in God Learning to trust that all will be well, even with *just a little less*.

Notice that Jesus didn't send the 70 out unprepared, He sent them unburdened: free to receive hospitality, to depend on the kindness of others, to discover that God provides through strangers and setbacks and the simple grace of enough. And God wants the same freedom for us. For us also to be unburdened, to not be weighed down by the effort of managing every risk or meeting every expectation (or, indeed, by filling half the boot of a Range Rover for a five-day trip!).

So if you, like me, sometimes feel weary from carrying too much (literally or emotionally), let's remember Jesus' invitation:

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28–30).

Let us travel light, trusting in God's grace.
With every blessing, Jacky

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Just in Case by Charlotte Mitchell

I'm going to the sea for the weekend,
in a couple of days I'll be back,
so I'll just take my little brown suit and a blouse
and a beret and carry my mac.

But what if the house is a cold one,
the house where I'm going to stay,
no fires after April, no hot drinks at night
and the windows wide open all day?
I'd better take one – no, two cardies
and my long tartan scarf for my head,
and my chaste new pyjamas in case they decide
to bring me my breakfast in bed,
and what about church on Sunday?
I could wear my beret and suit,
but if it were sunny, it would be a chance
to wear my straw hat with the fruit.
I can't wear my little brown suit, though
not with the straw and the fruit,
so I'll just take a silk dress to go with the straw
and a silk scarf to go with the suit.
I'll just take my jeans and that jumper
in case we go out in the car,
and my Guernsey in case we go out in a boat
and d'you know where my swimming things are?

D'you think I should take that black velvet
in case they've booked seats for a play?
And is it still usual to take your own towel
when you go somewhere to stay?
I had thought of just taking slippers,
but they do look disgustingly old,
I'd better take best shoes and sandals and boots for
the church and the heat and the cold.

I daren't go without my umbrella
in case I'm dressed up and it rains;
I'm bound to need socks and my wellies
for walking down long muddy lanes.

I'd rather not take my old dressing gown,
it is such a business to pack,
but s'pose they have breakfast before they get
dressed
I'd have to have mine in my mac.

I'm going away for the weekend,
in a couple of days I'll be back,
so I'll just take my little brown suit and a blouse,
two cardies, my long tartan scarf,
my chaste new pyjamas
my straw hat with the fruit,
my silk dress, my silk scarf,
my jeans, that jumper,
my Guernsey, my swimming things,
my black velvet, my towel,
my slippers (no one need see them)
my sandals, my boots, my umbrella
my socks, my wellies
my dressing gown, no, not my dressing gown,
Ok my dressing gown,
and a beret and carry my mac.



Promoting a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy
for children, young people & adults

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that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

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Social and Health Care Team
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Oxford OX1 9GX
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Opening times
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Fri 830am -4pm

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OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

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- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0800 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0800 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247
- Respect Phoneline: 0800 8010 327
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PRAYERS



*Prayer is God listening to the whispers of the World'.
This quote came from a child at St Andrew's School*



Please pray for:	Baptisms	For those who mourn for:
Bev Joan Baby Amelia Brian and Jackie Dorothy Claire Karen Lara Howard John and Janet R David Baby Mollie-Rose	17th August Wilfred and Otilie 31st August Mila	Alison Hood Bryan Roebuck Susan Matthews

HOLY COMMUNION EVERY THURSDAY

10am, St Andrew's Chinnor

Streamlined service no hymns, short reflection,
Followed by refreshments, always with the Good Biscuits!

NO THURSDAY COMMUNION 11TH AUGUST

DUE TO DECORATING IN THE LADY CHAPEL

PARISH ZOOM MEETING First Monday Of The Month, 5pm

Online (Zoom meeting ID 879 00635431 Passcode 427771)

Pray, Bible study, fellowship and chatting. **Mon 1st Sept**

SOUL SPACE no longer held monthly.

Next session Thursday 4th December, 1pm.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

First Sunday of the month, 6pm at St Andrew's

A gentle, candlelit time of prayer, silence, reading and chanting.

This beautiful service that is a balm for your soul and readies us for the week ahead. **Sunday 7th Sept**



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CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES @ St Andrew's Church Chinnor



All those who care for children are **very welcome** to attend these free of charge sessions!

Chooseday Church Tuesday afterschool 3.15--4 15pm	Starboddlers Thursday 11am
	4 th September
	11 th September
16 th September	18 th September
23 rd September	25 th September
30 th September	2 nd October
7 th October	9 th October
14 th October	16 th October
	23 rd October
HALF TERM	
	6 th November
11 th November	13 th November
18 th November	20 th November
25 th November	27 th November
2 nd December	4 th December
9 th December	11 th December
	18 th December

Soul Space @ Crowell

will now run

Three Times a Year

Soul Space for Advent Thursday 4th December 1pm

Soul Space for Mothering Sunday 15th March 2026 4pm

(for those who need an alternative space on this day)

Soul Space for Summer Sunday 19th July 2026 4pm

(This is instead of the monthly sessions)



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PINT & A CHAT

**FOR MEN OF ALL BACKGROUNDS,
QUESTIONS, AND FAITH LEVELS**

**First Tuesday of the month
7pm at The Crown, Chinnor**

**No pressure. No agenda
Just a space to talk life, faith
and everything in between**

**Hosted by St Andrew's Church.
– but it's not a sermon.
Just good conversation,
honest questions, and real friendship**

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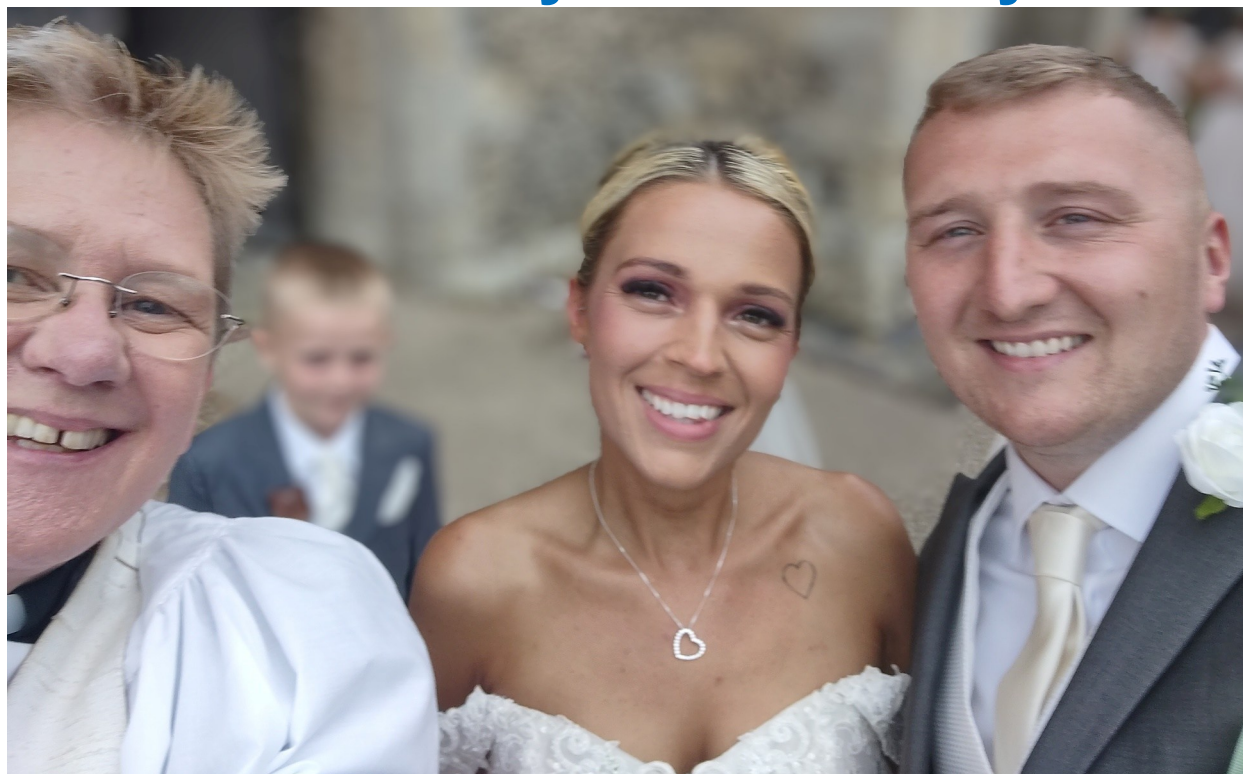
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Rev'd Jacky's Photo diary



Wedding of Alfie and Shanna on 21st June, in the background is their son who took his role as security very seriously!

Despite the photo being the worst photo in the history of selfies, the wedding of Thomasina and Hugo took place on 18th July in Sydenham. The service was jointly led by Rev'd Jacky and Rev'd Julie Nicholson from Hugo's home parish.



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Rev'd Jacky's Photo diary



How many people does it take to put up a marquee? Turns out it's a lot! We are grateful to Aston Rowant school's PTA for their help!

The sun rose and people got up for 5am and so our first Sumner Solstice sunrise service was a great success! With many thanks to the volunteers at the Community Orchard in Chinnor for hosting us.



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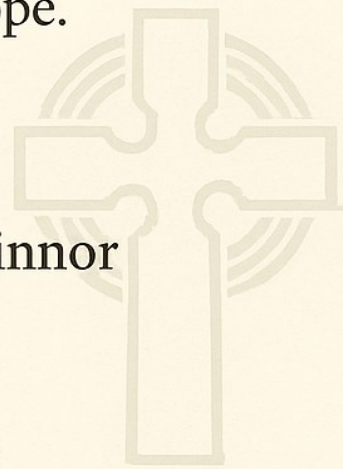
Journeying Through Grief



A four-week course offering comfort, hope and gentle support in bereavement

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are warmly invited to a small, safe group where we explore grief in light of Christian hope.

- Starting: Monday 6th October
- Time: 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- Venue: St Andrew's Church, Chinnor
- Duration: 4 weeks
- Places: 12 places available
(but don't worry—it will run again)



To book a place, contact:

Rev'd Jacky rector@unitedparish.church
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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4



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The Light of the World by William Holman Hunt (1851–54). It shows Jesus carrying a lantern and knocking on a door that has *no external handle*, symbolising our hearts permit only internal opening.

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SUMMER SERVICES A Gentle Pause

As we move into August, we're making a few small adjustments to our service pattern. Like many churches, we find that this quieter season offers a natural opportunity to rest, reflect, and make space for renewal.



And so, some of our regular services will be paused during August – not out of neglect, but out of care. Care for those who serve week by week, and care for the whole community as we allow ourselves a little breathing space in the warmth of summer (or even the occasional rainstorm!).

Worship will continue each Sunday, do check the service rota carefully. The heart and essence of our worshipping life together remains. But you may notice a slightly simpler rhythm for a few weeks. Normal patterns will resume in early September.

Thank you for your understanding, your prayers, and your faithfulness. Let's use this season gently – to rest in God's presence and return refreshed.



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CONFIRMATION

An invitation to the next part of your faith journey

Confirmation is an ancient Church of England rite of passage that marks a person taking responsibility for their own faith, and moving on from having Godparents (still to be cherished, of course!).

Bishop Gavin is coming to the United Parish to confirm our candidates. If you would like to join them and become confirmed yourself, do let me know and we can have a chat about it.



The Confirmation service date is

Sunday 30th November at 1030am.

There does need to be some preparation before you are confirmed, once I have an idea of who would like to be confirmed I'll arrange the preparation sessions accordingly.

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Serena Quartermaine Hutton

17th December 1935 – 5th June 2025

Our mother Serena was born in Tottenham, North London, into an observant Church of England family with solid non-conformist connections, notably to the Primitive Methodists (though Serena signed the pledge as a child, as an adult she decided fine wine and Campari were amongst the joys of life and not to be renounced). On her mother's side her roots were in Kingston Blount, so it was to there that our grandmother went with her two small children to escape the Blitz, whilst her husband was in the army; Serena's great-grandfather had been a 'Prim' preacher on the Chinnor Circuit and what had been his chapel still stands at the Crowell side of the village.

Serena was the first of her family to go to university, winning a scholarship to Nottingham, where she met our father, Brian. They were married in 1958, a partnership that lasted until his death in 2023. The young couple soon went to live in Northern Ireland where Brian had family connections and where Patrick and I were born. Serena trained as a primary school teacher in Belfast, later returning as a lecturer to her teacher training college and then transferring to the Ulster Museum as their first Education Officer. During this time she studied for an external degree at the Courtauld Institute in History of Art, an interest that shaped the rest of her long life. A move to Edinburgh in 1974 meant Mum had to start again, as her primary school teaching qualification was not recognized in Scotland, but this turned out to be a blessing in disguise as it led her to teach at Edinburgh University, WEA, Newbattle Abbey College and the Open University. She stayed with the latter for more than forty years, for adult education proved to be her passion, enabling hundreds of people who might otherwise have missed out on a university experience to realize their dreams. Serena organized numerous field trips, notably to Florence and Venice. This continued when our parents moved south to Kingston Blount, the place where they lived for the longest period of their lives and where she added teaching at Rewley House in Oxford, Southampton, and at Chinnor Village Centre.



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Serena trained for the Anglican priesthood, alongside her dear friend Joan DeVal, as soon as it was possible for women to do so. Many locally will remember Serena's service as a non-stipendiary local minister for the diocese of Oxford, preaching, baptising, marrying and conducting funerals in the United Parish.; she even said that residents of Hempton Fields would book her for their final farewells. Latterly she found spiritual solace in silence and reflection in the Quaker Meeting House in High Wycombe, a community that along with dear neighbours and friends gave her immense support in the twilight months of her life in her nursing home in Benson, as memory and mobility were eroded. Her funeral in the church at Crowell reflected those twin strands of her spirituality. It was where she had served and where her parents and younger brother are buried, but it was conducted within the Quaker tradition, gently guided by Charlotte Collins.

Katherine Mezzacappa

Patrick Hutton



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We said Goodbye to our dear friend Mary Walker on Wednesday 30th July. Here is some the wonderful eulogy Mary's daughters, Fiona and Karen, shared with us.

Mary Walker

6th June 1937 – 6th July 2025



How lovely it is to see you all here — thank you so much for coming to celebrate our mum. We thought we'd start at the end and let you know that Mum died peacefully, with Fiona and me by her side. She was in no pain or distress.

Mum had been ill for about three weeks. She became increasingly sleepy, but she remained relaxed and happy throughout. During those final weeks, she had precious time with all of her adored grandchildren. To her

delight, Ruby came up from Cornwall, she saw Luke buy his first home and Jodie came to visit nearly every day. She Facetimed with Sam in New Zealand and Otis in London. She told them all she loved them.

Fiona had the brilliant idea (a very rare thing, as we all know) to bring some of Mum's favourite poetry books into the hospital, and we read lots and lots of poems. Mum invariably joined in — she knew so many poems by heart. She had a couple of wonderfully lucid days, and we took turns reading Robbie Burns in truly terrible Scottish accents. We laughed. A lot. Then Mum outdid us — she recited a poem none of us had ever heard before, which she claimed was from Whitehaven:

"Red, white and blue
The dirty kangaroo
Went behind the rubbish bin
And did a number two."

Mum was born and bred in Whitehaven, with three brothers, Alec, Tom and Jimmy and one sister, our lovely Auntie Ann. It was a close-knit family, and her bond with Ann was especially strong. We're so glad Ann's three boys are here today.

Now, Whitehaven isn't exactly one of the Lake District's chocolate-box villages but Mum absolutely loved it. And despite teasing her mercilessly

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about it, we did too. Her dad was a miner, her mum ran the roost (which may explain a few things). She told us in recent years that she never once heard her dad raise his voice. Not once. Isn't that lovely?

Mum was super clever. She passed her 11+ aged nine and went on to grammar school, where she also excelled at sport. She captained the school rounders team, played county netball and county hockey — and eventually went on to represent Hong Kong at hockey.

She trained to be a teacher in Yorkshire and kept dear friends from both school and college for the rest of her life.

During the college holidays, she worked at the Wasdale Head Inn, at the top of Wastwater— and it was there she met Dad. It sounds like an idyllic time: falling in love, surrounded by beauty and brilliant friends. If you've never been, you really must. Dad loved Mum's family and although he struggled a bit with the accent, it was apparently much easier after a pint or two.

Mum and Dad married in Whitehaven in 1962. On their wedding day, Dad sent her a telegram that read: "Congratulations, you lucky girl." Theirs was an enduring love and Dad died just before their 51st wedding anniversary.

After marrying, they moved to Bradford — and when Mum was nearing the end of each pregnancy, she wasn't allowed to leave the county - in those days you had to be born in Yorkshire to play county cricket. Dad must have been thrilled to have two daughters... We think he got over the disappointment eventually.

They were in Bradford until 1971 when we moved to Hong Kong. It was a massive wrench to leave family behind, but it became one of the greatest adventures of their lives. Mum taught primary school for the first time and settled on the age group she loved most: 8–9-year-olds. We knew she was a brilliant teacher — we were at the same school! — and saw first-hand how much the children loved her. Hers was a true vocation. We've received so many messages from former colleagues and pupils, and the word that comes up again and again is "inspirational." And I have to say 'naughty' also comes up as a recurring theme...

Mum had a special gift for the more challenging children. One pupil at Windmill School in Oxford was refusing to write a single word. So Mum, in front of the whole class, said: "If you do half a page of writing, Martin, I'll dance on the table." That was all he needed. Of course, she kept her promise — just as the headteacher walked in...

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Hong Kong life was full and rather glamorous. The miner's daughter now had a live-in maid. Despite working full time, she managed beach days, boat trips, weekly hairdos and manicures, endless dinners and dances — but most of all, lots and lots of hockey. Every Saturday, we were dragged along to watch her team (usually win). Dad was her most vocal supporter — occasionally too vocal. Once, a member of the opposing team threatened him with a hockey stick.

Mum's matches were often written up in the papers by a journalist with a little crush on her. He frequently credited her singlehandedly with the team's victory. His name was Yakoob Aladin, and the family joke became: "Yakoob Aladin — he never wrote a bad'un." But she was a great player and even played for Hong Kong when Australia came to visit.

When we returned to the UK in 1979, Mum and Dad were happy to be back among family and old friends. They moved to Chinnor and quickly built a community there — often centred around The Wheatsheaf pub and many a raucous singalong round the piano. Karen and I glided through our teenage years as saintly models of decorum and restraint. It's rather satisfying to say that in a space where Mum can't correct me.

I think she was generally happy with the marriages we made! On the odd occasion she would confuse Paul and Joe by taking their side in an argument — only to realise it was her tendency to support the underdog.

Mum taught at Windmill School from 1980 to 1997. She championed sport - especially girls' football - organised trips, and threw herself into every bit of school life. When she retired, the messages she received from children (past and present) were so full of warmth and affection — it was clear how deeply she touched their lives. Her colleagues became firm friends.

Fiona and I ensured her retirement wasn't too peaceful. She'd been badgering us for grandchildren, especially as Ann already had three. I very kindly timed Ruby's arrival for the year Mum retired. Luke followed a couple of years later with Sam, Jodie and Otis in close succession.

She was an incredible grandma. You'll hear from Ruby, Luke and Jodie after this, and they'll say it better than we ever could. She really really loved them — and they knew it. We had countless holidays and Christmases all together, the chaos of which she (mostly) embraced. As they grew up and got a bit less cute, she took no nonsense. "Judge Dredd" was a nickname for a while... and the day she tipped a bowl of cereal over Sam's head is family legend.

Despite the chaos of grandchildren, Mum and Dad still snuck off for holidays, often in the UK, and often to their beloved Cumbria or Yorkshire. But they also returned to Hong Kong, and visited Bali and Fiji on – surprise surprise – a golden oldies hockey trip. They kept in touch with and visited family and lifelong friends. After Dad retired at 65, they had twelve happy years of joint retirement before he died in 2013. She missed him terribly — but carried on with extraordinary resilience and grace.

Mum was so happy to have the Farrells just around the corner and we came to visit often from London. She remained fully involved in the lives of all of her grandchildren and it was especially lovely to see them all develop adult relationships with her and to visit her on their own. Her faith played a greater part in her life and she helped with toddlers' church, Chooseday church, the summer Pulse groups. She took the children with her as often as they would tolerate but was less keen on the idea after Otis turned his Palm Sunday cross into a gun... She was lucky to have such kind neighbours and friends nearby and always felt very looked after especially in the months immediately after Dad's death. Thank you.

In the last 2-3 years, we noticed her becoming more forgetful, and eventually she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. But, astonishingly, she never got upset by it. She just laughed about it.

Even then she continued to live a full life, swimming every week and with regular little adventures for musicals, mini road trips - ok usually to funerals- and of course grandchildren time. It's only in the past year that she needed extra help. And yes she wasn't thrilled about that at first, but she got there. She was very well supported and again her wonderful neighbours were there to help whenever needed - including a daily newspaper run. Her carers loved her. The hospital staff loved her. And all of them commented on her smile. Yes that unforgettable smile.

We are beyond grateful that Mum lived such a full, rich, and love-filled life. She taught us to serve, to love, to laugh and to be happy — and she also showed us how to age with grace, humour, dignity and a large dose of naughtiness.

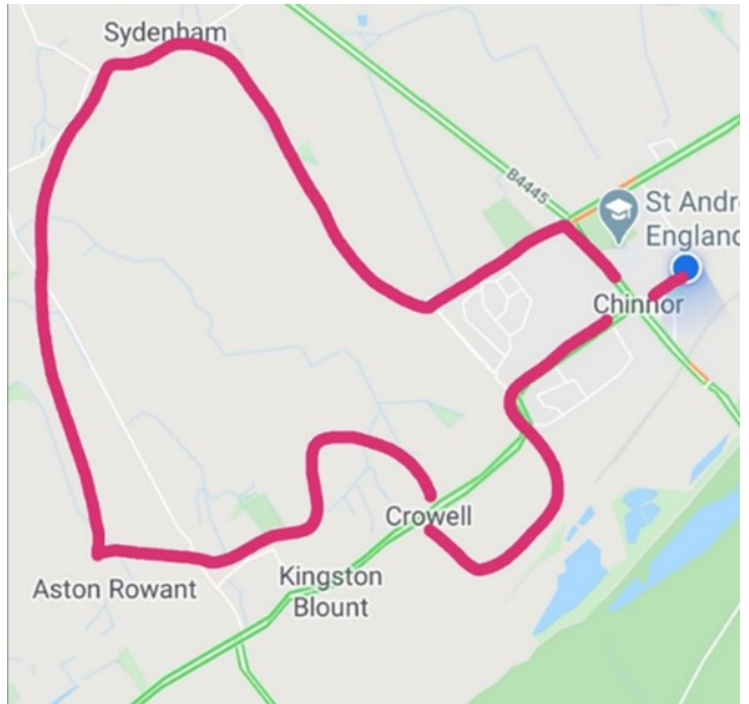
To know her was to love her — and we loved her very, very much. How lucky are we. Thank you, Mum. x

To celebrate 5 years as Rector!!

REARRANGED
Rector's Ramble
Saturday
30th August 2025

We were thwarted by the heat in July but do join us for the annual Pilgrimage around our beautiful parish churches.

Meet us at any of the churches to cheer us on or join the walk for any (or all) of the sections.



TIMINGS

Gather at St Andrew's 10am

Arrive at Crowell 1045am: Leave Crowell 11am

Arrive at Aston Rowant noon:

Lunch noon til 1pm: Leave Aston Rowant 1pm

Arrive Sydenham 215pm Leave Sydenham 245pm

Arrive St Andrews 4pm

(Timings are approximate depending on the weather and legs!)



This is an event to have fun and enjoy time together,

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Ride + Stride is the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's biggest annual fundraiser.

The money raised helps us award grants for urgent repairs, conservation work, and essential improvements to churches and chapels of all denominations across Oxfordshire.

Whether you're walking, cycling, or using public transport, every sponsored mile directly supports the future of our county's historic places of worship.

Thank you to everyone who takes part - you make our work possible.

All four churches in the United Parish are taking part.

Lauretta and Nic Milligan will be walking to all four churches and fundraising for St Andrew's Church – if you would like to sponsor them, please see link below:



Please see the fundraising link:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/teammilligan25>

This year's event takes place on **Saturday 13th September 2025.**

Start fundraising today: ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : FLOWER AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL WITH AFTERNOON CREAM TEAS : THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC : SATURDAY 7 – SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2025 : 1-5PM

The St Andrew's Church Flower Guild hosted a flower festival with the theme of "Thank you for the Music" over the weekend of Saturday 7 June and Sunday 8 June 2025, in conjunction with Chinnor Open Gardens. The church was decorated with flowers depicting "Thank you for the Music" from all decades for all age groups. Thank you to all the flower arrangers who gave up their time to take part in the festival and their creativity interpreting the theme.

In addition, several artists and crafters were present in church and shared their skills during the flower festival with the visiting public. There was also a produce stall selling jams, cakes, crafts, etc and a plant stall. A big thank you to the crafters, artists, bakers, and thank you for all the donations of plants and jams for the produce stall. Thank you to Jackie and Brian Griffiths for manning the produce stall.

Thank you also to Anita, a local willow crafter, who displayed her beautiful willow work, and created willow dragonflies and dream catchers for children to take home. Thank you also to Jon the potter who displayed his lovely pots and supplied the clay for the children to make mini clay thumb pots to be taken home to dry.

The tours of the bell tower were very popular this year and a big thank you to the Bell Tower Team who manned the tower over the weekend.

Cream teas were sold on both afternoons of the festival and again they sold out! A special thank you to Sue Greaves, who donated the scones, and her team for manning the refreshments over the weekend.



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From door donations, produce sales, bell tower tours and refreshment sales a grand total of £2,116.00 was raised over the weekend. The funds raised during this Flower and Crafts Festival will go towards the ongoing care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church. This year the walls of the Lady Chapel will be restored after water damage and new cupboards will be installed in the choir vestry for valuable storage. St Andrew's Church is in the heart of Chinnor and beloved by locals and visitors alike. The building is used by the community, for the community.

St Andrew's Church Flower Guild



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A decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red frames the text on the page.

Join us to Celebrate HARVEST FESTIVAL St. Andrew's Church Chinnor

**Saturday 20th September 2025 &
Sunday 21st September 2025
2 – 5pm Harvest Teas**

**Sunday 21st September 2025
Harvest Service 10:30am**

Tinned Food Donations will be most gratefully
received and distributed to the Sharing Life Trust
and The Porch

Fundraising towards the ongoing care and
maintenance of St Andrew's Church



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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHINNOR

There are Work Parties planned for the following Saturdays – dates are:

- 23 August
- 20 September

Come and enjoy the company of friends old and new as we care for the grounds and the church.

10am-12 noon

Refreshments provided.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH: RESTORATION OF LADY CHAPEL AND INSTALLATION OF STORAGE CUPBOARDS IN CHOIR VESTRY

LADY CHAPEL:

Due to the extensive water damage to the walls in the Lady Chapel, quotations have been obtained and a faculty granted for the full restoration. This work will be carried out by qualified contractors who will carefully remove the two paintings and store them. The contractors will provide protection to the flooring, fixtures and fittings in the Lady Chapel while the work is undertaken. The contractors will have to remove the defective plaster and then replaster the area with lime putty render to match the original construction of the church. This will have to dry before painting. The planned date for this work to start is 11 August and will take approximately three weeks for the work to be completed. The approximate cost will be £4 500.00.

STORAGE CUPBOARDS:

With the growing work with children in schools and in church, resources to support this vital work are essential and need to be stored in the church for use by the Rector and the volunteers. The two choir robe cupboards will be stripped, and new purpose-built cupboards will be built reusing the wood to match and blend with the existing style. The cleaning items including the vacuum cleaner will be stored in the right-hand cupboards, and in the left-hand side cupboards will be storage for children's work resources. The work will start on Monday 4 August and will be completed in one week. The cost of the project will be £6 250.00.

Would you like to help the church by sponsoring the restoration work in the Lady Chapel or purchase of cupboards? It could be in memory of a loved one who had a particular connection with the church. All donations can be anonymous or will be acknowledged in the next Parish Magazine. Please contact the United Parish Church Administrator -email office@unitedparish.church or by telephone 01844 352472 if you are interested.

Cash donations or cheques (made payable to The United Parish of Chinnor) can be brought to the office or given to the Churchwardens.

Bank transfers can be made to the United Parish of Chinnor CAF bank account – with the reference – church restoration project

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00019680

Any donation however big or small will be very much appreciated.

Lauretta Milligan and Robert Pegg
Churchwardens



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A Walk around Chinnor's Community Spaces

The BBOWT Community Network project works with community volunteer groups in Berks, Bucks and Oxon to support and encourage their work looking after nature. We arrange networking events, and on-line meet ups.

“I attended the zoom meeting last month and really enjoyed meeting others from a variety of groups. We shared challenges, and I have taken away contacts for people who may be able to share experiences and give advice on a number of subjects, such as CIO status and sponsorship.” *Maureen Dyroff, member of Donkey Lane Community Orchard, Chinnor*

Chinnor is a large village in South Oxfordshire, on the Icknield Way below the Chiltern escarpment. The village is home to a cluster of volunteer groups looking after nature; Mill Lane Community Garden; Donkey Lane Orchard; Chinnor Churches Go Wild!, Greening Chinnor.

In May 2025 the Chinnor groups hosted other members of the Community Network for a guided walk around their projects. Local conservation expert Nicole Clough joined the walk to offer advice and encouragement.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the day – the energy was harmonious and positive. All the group hosts were super well-prepared!! Their excitement was palpable and were clearly very proud of showcasing their actions.” *Nicole Clough*

Through bringing community volunteers together, facilitating networking, and providing opportunities for skill-sharing, the Community Network ensures that the great work going on locally is seen by a wider audience.

“There was a delightful mix of local presence and visitors from further afield! We were all there as we wanted to learn more about the projects as we all had underlying interest in wildlife, also wanted to share our experiences.”

Valerie Pike, walk attendee.

As well as seeing the results of the community volunteering work, the walk gave participants the opportunity to discuss common problems and themes.



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“It also became evident that there is a core group of volunteers behind all these projects, and the question of ‘succession planning’ was a concern. How do we get the ‘younger generation’ engaged and involved in sustaining these projects?”
Valerie Pike, walk attendee.

“At the church in particular it veered into discussions about broader heritage, providing a lovely overlap and linking social history with nature..” *Nicole Clough*

One of the strengths of the Community Network is our links with other local organisations working in the community. CAG Oxfordshire are a network of over 100 community action groups working across Oxfordshire to make it a safer, fairer, greener, more sustainable place to live, work and visit. Jo Milton who is the CAG officer responsible for their food waste project, joined us for the Chinnor walk and met useful contacts for her work.

“I want to link up with Mill Lane further to discuss their signage and invite them to the new growing Collaborate meeting!” *Jo Milton, CAG Oxfordshire*

Here is more information about the CAG Oxfordshire Collaborate meetings:
[Collaborate Groups | CAG OXFORDSHIRE](#)

The aim of the Community Network events is that they help groups recognise their own achievements and expertise and inspire other people to take action for nature on their local patch.

“I thought this morning went exceedingly well. It was good to have others from outside of Chinnor who we could share our amazing spaces with. I hope everyone enjoyed it.” *Linda Brawn, Greening Chinnor*



If you would like to host a Community Network walk with an accompanying expert in your area, please contact us at teamwilder@bbowt.org.uk

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Chooseday Church end of year picnic

After a very busy term we ended with our annual games and picnic in St Andrew's Churchyard.

Some of us may remember the good old days when the Barlett's hosted Sunday School summer parties in the Rectory Garden, where the children had fun joining in the games while the parents watched before all tucking in to picnic food or a barbeque.

Followed by the annual prize giving of books for children.



The Chooseday Church Team and the many extra volunteers have been able to replicate these times where all gather to celebrate all that is good and give thanks.

Much fun was had with the bubbles, 'Hook the Duck' and water games. Not sure who got the most enjoyment from these games, it surprised us that the older children had just as much fun as the younger ones did.

Thanks to all those who helped to prepare the wonderful picnic spread, there was much excitement as the children gathered like, a 'swarm of locusts,' to collect their delights before going out to sit in the sunshine.



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After a photo shoot with the children for a grant presentation of a £50 cheque from Chinnor Gardens, we presented all the children with individual age-related books, with special presentations of 'The Lion Graphic Bible', to 4 of our older boys who move on to secondary school in September.

Over the past 8 years of Chooseday Church many memories have been created, through all our sessions and the special events that we have held through those years. We, the Chooseday Church Team, the parents and all the children have gained so much through stories, crafts, games and fellowship.



The Team looks forward to planning for the next academic year and the opportunity to create memories that will stay with us all, young and old for years to come.

Margaret Poole

On behalf of the Chooseday Church Team

Many memories were created at these events and Chooseday Church

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REPAIR CAFÉ : GREENING CHINNOR : SATURDAY 5 JULY

On Saturday 5 July Greening Chinnor hosted a Repair Café at St Andrew's Church. Of the 39 items registered for repair from recipe books to a guillotine to knives sharpening, 38 were either fixed or advice given. Thank you to all the volunteers who provide this service for Greening Chinnor and the community for supporting this event. Don't throw it away!

The next Repair Café is on Saturday 27 September – see poster for more details.



ITEM			OUTCOME	
Linda	Lamp	.5	Jeremy Kall	😊
Lyn	Gullotine	.5	Jeremy	😊
David	Blackbird	.5	Kaith	😊
Michael	Ice cream	2	Simon	😊
Sue	Kawn Edger	4	Giles	😊
Naiyaer	Kerwood clef	1	Simon	😊
Wendy	Blender	0.5	Jeremy Kall	😊
Andrew	Book	.5	Elaine	😊
Cathy	Knives x 3	.5	Giles	😊
Victoria	3 Books	2	Elaine	😊
Jachie	Garden shears	2	Giles	😊
Christie	Garden shears + knives	2	Giles	😊
Sue	Crocheting Player	1	Kaith	😊
Suz	Radio	0.5	Kaith	😊
Gilly	Dressing table stool	2	Elaine	😊
Gilly	Lamp - Fixature	3	Simon	😊
Natasha	Cushion covers 1 top	2	Jeane	😊
Fergus	Sleam Iron	3	Jeremy	😊
Anna	Book	or	Wendy	😊
Jeremy	Hoody	or	Simon	😊
Susan	Spade	2	Simon	😊
"	Scales (battery)	1	Simon	😊
Diana	Leather Tooling Box	1	Elaine	😊
Ann	Hammer head	2	Kaith	😊
Margaret	Knives	2	Giles	😊
Brian	Loppers x2	2	Giles	😊
Lorraine	Garden shears	2	Giles	😊
	Tools x2	1	Jeane + Margaret	😊



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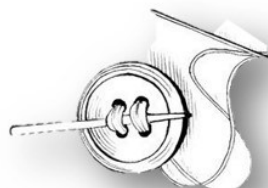


If you have small items that need mending,
bring them along to our

Repair Cafe



- ✓ Small electricals
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Mechanical items
- ✓ Leather work
- ✓ Book repairs



Nothing to mend?
Come along for
coffee and a chat



St Andrews Church

Church Rd, Chinnor OX39 4PQ

Saturday 27th September 2025

10:00am – 1:00pm

Last item accepted at 12:30 pm

Repairs are free but please give a cash donation to cover costs.

Any extra will go towards the care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church. We can only accept cash.

For more information email: greeningchinnor@gmail.com or call 07973 78839

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ST ANDREW'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL : YEAR 6 LEAVERS' SERVICE : WEDNESDAY 16 JULY : 6PM

St Andrew's Church welcomed pupils from Year 6 and their families with the Year 6 teachers, Mr Scarborough and Mr Matthews, for their Leavers' Service. It was lovely to hear the pupils share their memories, school trips and friendships as well as a lovely slide show of the Year 6's. Mr Scarborough and Mr Matthew shared this poem :

***We've now left school,
It's how the story ends,
Tears of happiness is what we recommend,
It's what we say,
But there's always a little pain,
Because once you've left,
It's not the same,
You could walk through school, and you would see,
Your friends who have grown up incredibly,
But now you've gone,
It's not the same,
As you may never see them again,
Your friends who have grown up right beside you,
Who have helped you through your daily strife,
Will go ahead and leave behind them,
You who wants the same old life,
But you cannot live your life in the past,***



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***You have to move on and just be glad,
That leaving has made you so sad,
As this just shows that you have loved,
Your days at school here with us,
So go ahead and live your life,
And become what you want to be,
But don't forget the days you spent,
When you were young at school with me.***

God bless Year 6's on their next adventure – you are always welcome at St Andrew's Church.

CHINNOR OPEN GARDENS : GRANT : CHOOSDAY CHURCH

A BIG THANK YOU to Chinnor Open Gardens for the grant of £50.00 for Chooseday Church. The money will be spent on purchasing bulbs which be will planted in tubs as well as in the two flowerbeds up the main pathway at St Andrew's Church. The cheque presentation was made at the Chooseday Church summer party on Tuesday.



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St Andrew's Church of
England Primary School

Volunteers Needed to Hear Children Read

Could You Help a Child Grow in Confidence?

Both church schools in our parish are looking for adults to come into school and listen to children read.

This is a role that the schools truly cherish – a chance to offer time, encouragement, and a listening ear. Many volunteers find it a joyful and rewarding experience.

If you could spare an hour a week, please let Rev'd Jacky know – we'd love to hear from you!



**All volunteers will be asked to complete safeguarding training and a DBS check, in line with the school's policies and commitment to keeping children safe. But don't worry, its not at all arduous and the school will guide you through it.*

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HARVEST FESTIVAL



**The United Parish of Chinnor,
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Crowell**



TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

Sunday 14th September 1030 Sydenham church

SUNDAY 21ST September 9am Aston Rowant

SUNDAY 21ST September 1030 St Andrew's
(a joint service alongside Chinnor Methodists)

Sunday 28th September 6pm:

Harvest Supper (with hymns) at Crowell church

(all welcome, Ploughman's style fare, bring your own drinks)

*If you are able, please bring non-
perishable goods to these services that
will be donated to the Sharing Life Trust
(our local food bank and The Porch (a
homeless charity in Oxford))*



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CHINNOR CHURCHES GO WILD! 18th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION.

On 28th July 2025, **Chinnor Churches Go Wild! (CCGW!)** celebrated its 18th birthday since its foundation by Bob Sluka and Jo Whitfield in 2007. We wanted to celebrate this milestone by hosting a convention which brought together all the major players and invite them to share what we have learnt over the years and what strategic recommendations there may be for the future. We were delighted to be joined by some hugely significant speakers in the ECO Christian field, who gave their time so readily to share their knowledge and expertise – each talk enhanced by power point presentations. We were particularly delighted to welcome our keynote speaker and old friend **Dr Bob Sluka** from Rocha International, **Hannah Mann**, Environment Programme Manager, Diocese of Oxford; **Maranda St John Nicolle**, World Mission Officer, Diocese of Oxford, and Director of Christian Concern for One World (CCOW!), **Dr Paul Taylor**, Sustainability Officer, Reading University and **Helen Stephens**, Head of Church Relations, A Rocha UK.

The day went well with over 30 attending, including parishioners as well as those from further afield. A number of local organizations provided



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information tables around St. Andrew's Church, with our special thanks going to Rob Thorpe for manning a Fair Trade table, and to Laurretta Milligan, Jackie Griffiths and teams for providing lunch for the speakers and refreshments throughout the day.



For me, the highlight was towards the end of the afternoon when we opened up the floor for an open forum discussion. There were many contributions during this 'feedback' session, happy memories of past events and much appreciation for CCGW! in the work it's done locally and encouragement. There was a strong recommendation that CCGW! should continue with its present range of activities and continue to be an active A Rocha Partner in Action. Some thought CCGW! was at a crossroad - should there be any diversification into taking a more active role in ECO representation at perhaps a Diocesan or political level? Please pray for the CCGW! team as they consider next steps and do look out for our upcoming events.

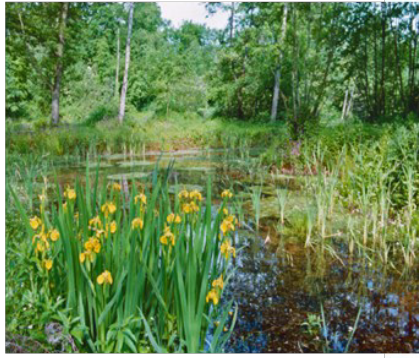
Rev'd Dr Brian Griffiths, 18th July 2025



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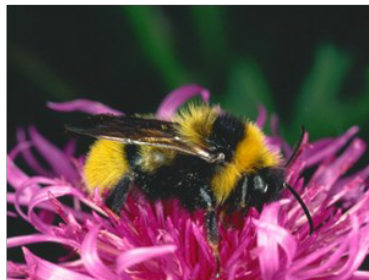
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Making Space for Wildlife with John Tyler



With so many ancient habitats disappearing from our countryside each year, even the smallest garden can provide a vital sanctuary for wild plants and animals. We look at a range of simple ways to make a garden more attractive to wildlife (and more interesting for us), including garden design, choosing the right plants, building a pond, establishing a wildflower meadow and managing your garden in a wildlife-friendly way.

Who : All ages

Where : Methodist Church, Chinnor OX39 4PZ

Date : Friday, 12 September : 7.30 pm

Refreshments Served from 7 pm

NB No parking at venue

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A look to the past

David Turner very kindly provided two photographs taken at St Andrews in the 1940's. The couple just inside the archway of the church are Nora Kingham from Henton, marrying Marshall Henry Turner from Long Crendon. This was 23rd November 1940. Leading Aircraftman Marshall was based at Sutton Coldfield at the time. This couple were my parents.



The second picture is from 6th October 1945 - the marriage of Helen Mary Kingham from Henton, to Private Leslie Cross from St Austell Cornwall. Leslie Cross and his best man Stanley Barrett were based at Thame Park during WW2. This couple were my aunt & uncle. The little boy to the right was Brian Turner, my brother. Later a member of Chinnor Silver Band.



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A Visit to Hempton Field

Thank you, all at Hempton Field, residents and staff, for making us all very welcome as we gathered to share with you some of the things that we get up to at Chooseday Church.

We all enjoyed the wonderful tea of sandwiches and cakes, as we gathered from a busy day at nursery school and school, before we headed into the lounge to meet you all, to sing songs and tell you about the crafts and activities that we get up to, as we learn about the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

We look forward to another visit next year.



Margaret Poole
On behalf of the
Chooseday Church
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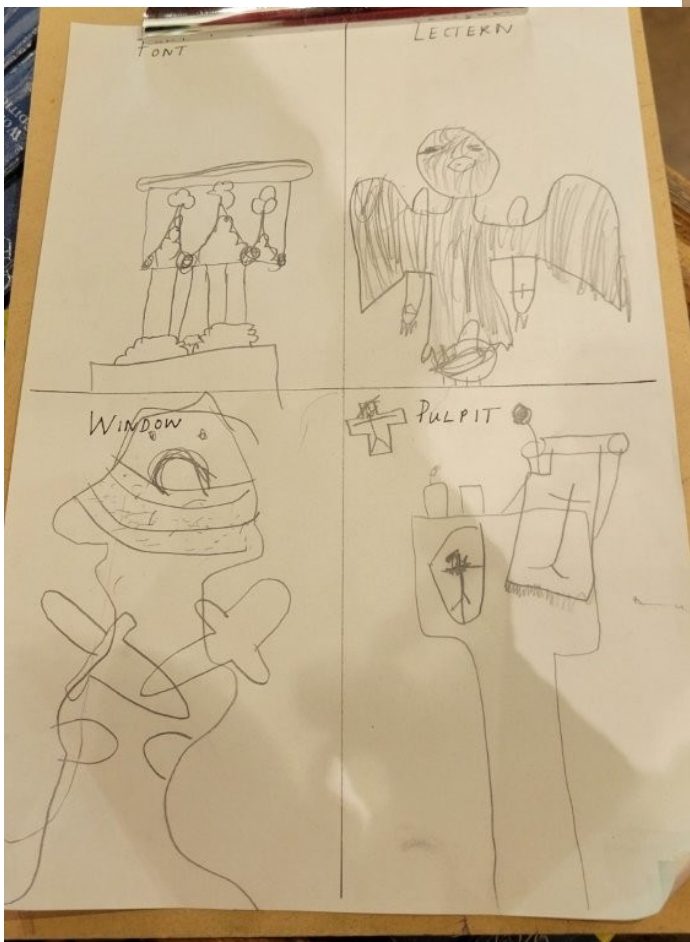
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VISIT BY YEAR 3 CHILDREN FROM ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH: WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2025

We visited the Church and I thought it was very big and that there were interesting things hanging from the ceiling. We drew different parts of the church, like the lectern, the pulpit and made brass rubbings. I loved doing the drawing and learning about St Andrew's Church, but I also liked the cookies that we ate at the end. Outside we saw the lych gate and learnt about the lightening conductor.

By Sebastian, Year 3.



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CHINNOR CHRISTIAN AID

A Very Big THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported our summer tea party in the extreme heat! It was a lovely afternoon and we are very grateful to all those who helped to make the event so special. We had some excellent entertainment from the KenSal duo, beautiful flower arrangements, handmade paper roses for every guest, wonderful raffle prizes, delicious homemade scones and cakes and we raised the wonderful total of **£581**. Since our ecumenical service in May, Aston Rowant's Coffee Morning and Mike Marshall's sponsored 70K walk, we have been able to donate **£2,053** to Christian Aid. We are so grateful for all your support that enables us to do this.



DATE FOR THE DIARY

Our next fundraising event will be a Barn Dance at Chinnor Village Hall on Friday 3rd October starting at 7.30 pm. More details and tickets will be available in September.



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2025 VISITATION : 2nd JUNE 2025 : ST MARY'S CHURCH, WALLINGFORD

On Monday 2 June, Churchwardens from the United Parish of Chinnor, Aston Rowant, Sydenham and Crowell attended the 2025 Visitation Service at St Mary's Church, Wallingford, with Churchwardens from the Aston & Cuddesdon Deanery. The Visitation Service is a formal service with legal elements but is also a time to celebrate and give thanks for the role and work of all churchwardens and a time of fellowship with fellow Churchwardens. The service was led by The Venerable David Tyler, Archdeacon of Dorchester, and The Rev'd Prebendary Jane Haslam, Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester.



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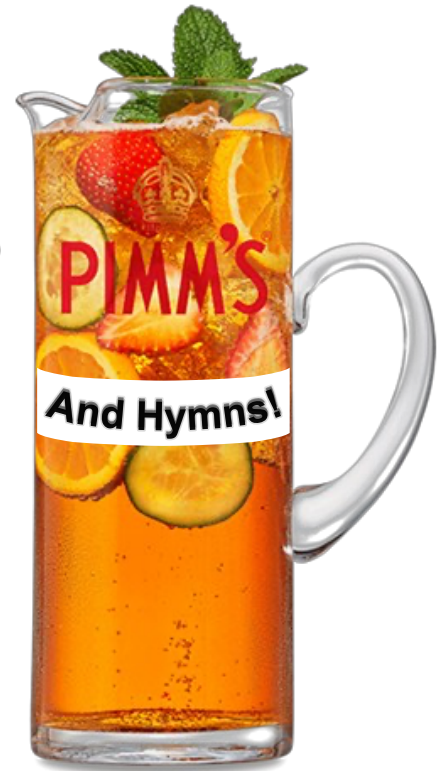
News from Sydenham

Hymns and Pimm's served up in Sydenham

Everyone is welcome at St Mary's on **Sunday August 31st at 4pm**

Fuelled by Pimm's (or something soft if you would prefer) our service will involve lots of singing to get those happy genes racing, a great deal of chat and harmony and a lovely coming together of the United Parish folk.

We look forward to seeing you at our inaugural Hymns & Pimm's Service.



Save the date: November 25th

St Mary's Choir will be visiting St Andrew's Church at around 6pm for our annual choir practice 'on tour'. All are welcome to come along and listen to our informal rehearsal where we will be singing part of our Christmas programme. More details to follow.

Early Risers

A few of us from Sydenham woke at the crack of dawn and ventured to the Donkey Lane Community Orchard in Chinnor to celebrate the Summer Solstice.

We were surprised and pleased to see 21 other early risers supporting Jacky in her first ever service of this kind in the Parish.

As the sun rose, we took Holy Communion and sang hymns joined by a chorus of birds in the still (thankfully) cool of the day.

It was a truly heart lifting time and we saved ourselves a trip to Stonehenge!

Fi and Gilly



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A quintessentially English Garden was the setting for the Sydenham WI Summer party. Held in the glorious gardens of Paul and Jane Rooksby, we were pleased to welcome Jacky, Joan and David to partake in a glass of Pimm's and laden table of sandwiches, snacks and cakes (well, we are the WI!)



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Thank you!

A huge thank you to Chinnor Beer Festival Committee for the very generous grant that you awarded Starboddlers and Chooseday Church at St Andrew's Church.

This grant has enabled us to purchase new games, craft materials, puppets and craft kits.

When we return to sessions after the summer holidays the children will have the opportunity to unpack all the goodies. Christmas will have come early!!

Thank you for the opportunity that you have given us to provide our young children with the chance to play and be creative, as they learn about sharing and caring, through the stories of the Bible.

Margaret Poole

On behalf of St Andrew's Church



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FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : WATLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT : SATURDAY 5 JULY

THANK YOU to the amazing Susie Ingram and the Watlington Community Choir for a joyful concert on Saturday night with the theme of "Songs for a Summer's Evening". The choir sang a wonderful variety of well-known tunes including such favourites as 'Oh Happy Day', 'What a Wonderful World' and 'Bring Me Sunshine' where everybody was invited to sing along.

The Choir is a non-audition, 'open to all', friendly choir, which rehearses weekly in term times, Thursday evenings, 7:30pm-9:30pm – contact the Choir Director, Susie Ingram on susieingrammusic@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining the choir. Thank you to all those who attended and supported this fundraising event. A total of £462.42 was raised after costs.



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QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 20th September
Chinnor Village Hall

Doors 7.15pm for 7.45pm start

Tables of up to 8 - £5 entry per person

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

To reserve your table please contact
Robin Clark on 07795 436375 or email
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All proceeds towards the renovation
of St. Andrew's Church



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Friday 12 September, 2025

10.30am – 12 noon

at

Chinnor Village Centre,

High Street, OX39 4DJ

Gifts and a raffle in aid of

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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Hempton Field Care Home—Meet the team!

Meet Daisy the Activities Co-ordinator and Morag the Kitchen Assistant.

Both of these lovely people help us when we either take a Communion Service or craft activities at Hempton Field Care Home.



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"We've had a tip-off that the sermon is going to over-run again."

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Wordsearch – The Transfiguration

The story of the Transfiguration is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). On that day, high up on a mountain, Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Jesus' true glory. For Jesus' face began to shine as the sun, and his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses, suddenly appeared, talking with him.

Overwhelmed, Peter offered to build three tabernacles on that holy place, one for each. But God's 'tabernacling', or God's *dwelling* with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on being in the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a bright cloud covered them, and a voice spoke, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciples should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

Why did Moses and Elijah appear? They represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they were handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

Transfiguration, high, mountain, glimpse, glory, shine, sun, garments, dazzling, appeared, moses, tabernacles, holy, dwelling, shrine, presence, Jesus, bright, cloud, mankind, listen, law, prophets, handing, fulfilment



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Date	Time	What	Where
23rd August	10am-Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
24th August	1030am	Marquee Service, Whites Field	Chinnor
30th August	10am	Rectors Ramble	St Andrews Church
31st August	4pm	Hymns and Pimms	Sydenham Church
2nd Sept	7pm	Men's Group	Crown pub Chinnor
12 September	10.30-Noon	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes	Chinnor Village Centre
12th September	7pm	John Tyler: Making space for Wildlife (CCGW!)	Chinnor Methodist Church
13th September	10am-Noon	Crowell Work Party	Crowell Church
13th September	All Day	Ride and Stride	All Churches
14th September	10.30am	Sydenham Harvest Service	Sydenham Church
20th September	10am-Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
20th September	7.15pm	Quiz Nite *	Chinnor Village Hall
20th & 21st September	2pm-5pm	Harvest Festival with refreshments *	St Andrew's Church
21st September	9am	AstonRowant Harvest Service	AstonRowant church
21st September	10.30am	St Andrew's Harvest Service	St Andrew's church
27th September	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
28th September	6pm	Crowell Harvest Supper	Crowell Church
6th October	3pm	Bereavement course begins	St Andrew's church
7th Oct	7pm	Men's Group	Crown pub Chinnor
15th October	2.30pm	Friends of St Andrew's AGM	TBC
2nd November	4pm	Commemoration of the Departed Service	St Andrew's church
25th November	6pm	St Mary's Choir "on tour"	St Andrew's church
29th November	10am-Noon	St Andrew's Christmas Market	St Andrew's church
6th-14th Dec	2-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival *	St Andrew's church
6th Dec tbc	Noon-2pm	Sydenham Christmas Fayre	Sydenham

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