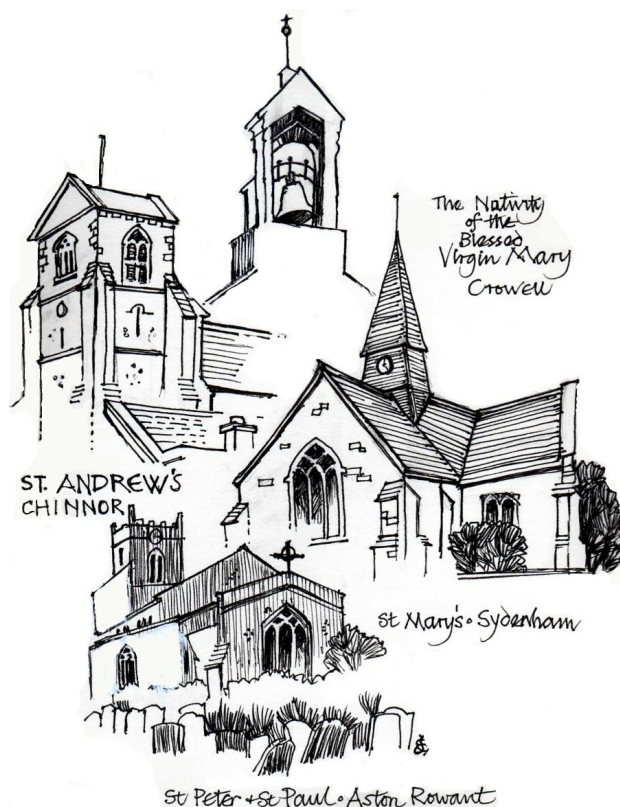




THE UNITED PARISH MAGAZINE

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2025

The United Parish of Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant & Crowell





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Drawing on the front cover - The 'United Parish' - Jean Stanley

October 2025	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 5 Oct 2025 Trinity 16 Proper 22	8am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion (No hymns)	Jacky
	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030 am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	Taizé	Tony + Monica
Sunday 12 Oct 2025 Trinity 17 Proper 23	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030 am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	Margaret
	1030 am	Sydenham	(BCP) Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	Holy Communion	Jacky
Sunday 19 Oct Trinity 18 Proper 24	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Tessa + Jo
	1030 am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Joan
Sunday 26 Oct Trinity 19 Proper 25	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Joan
	4pm	Crowell	BCP Evening Prayer	Jacky

November 2025	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 2 Nov All Saints	8am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	NO SERVICE	
	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Joan + Jacky
	4pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE FAITHFULLY DEPARATED	Ministry Team
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	NO TAIZE	
Sunday 9 Nov 2025 Remembrance	1030	Aston Rowant	Service of Remembrance	Tony
	1040am	War Memorial Chinnor	Service of Remembrance Followed by service in church	Jacky
	1045am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Service of Remembrance (Shorten service, inside the church)	Margaret
	1045am	Sydenham	Service of Remembrance (Gather on the Green)	Joan
	4pm	Crowell	Service of Remembrance	Jacky
Sunday 16 Nov Trinity 22 Proper 28	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Tessa + Jo
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Joan + Jacky
Sunday 23 Nov Christ the King Trinity 23	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	4pm	Crowell	BCP Evening Prayer with H.C	Jacky
Sunday 30 Nov 2025 St Andrew's Day Advent 1	1030	St Andrew's Chinnor	CONFIRMATION SERVICE With Holy Communion	Bishop Gavin And Ministry Team

SUNDAY READINGS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

5 Oct 2025 Trinity 16 Proper 22	Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 Psalm 37:1–9 2 Timothy 1:1–14 Luke 17:5–10
12 Oct 2025 Trinity 17 Proper 23	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 66:1–11; 2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19
19 Oct 2025 Trinity 18 Proper 24	Genesis 32: 22-31 Psalm 119:97–104; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8
26 Oct 2025 Trinity 19 Proper 25	Ecclesiasticus 35:12-17 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6–8,16–18 Luke 18:9–14
2 Nov 2025 All Saints	Daniel 7:1–3,15–18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11–23; Luke 6:20–31
9 Nov 2025 Remembrance	Job 19:23-27a; Ps 17:1-9; 2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38
16 Nov 2025 Trinity 22 Proper 28 2025	Malachi 4:1–2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19
23 Nov Christ the King Trinity 23	Jeremiah 23:1–6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43
30 Nov 2025 St Andrew's Day Advent 1	Isa.52:7-10 Romans 13: 11 – end Psalm 72:1-4,18-19 Matt 24:36-44

PASTORAL LETTER

Margaret writes

After the hottest summer on record, we are all settling into the season of Autumn with the start of shorter days to come and the welcome rain.

The end of September saw us celebrating in our church services, all that is good from those long Spring and Summer days, as some of us bustled away in our gardens and allotments growing flowers and vegetables. It was a challenge to say the least, much watering had to be done, and the bugs kept at bay, and maybe the yield was a little disappointing due to the lack of rain, especially those root vegetables.

Yet many have had bumper crops of tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes etc... While my Bramley apple tree produced its best crop ever, but I had to harvest them early before the birds got to them. Yet I look forward to getting out there to gather in the abundance of blackberries that are adorning the hedgerows around, so that I can make our much-loved black berry and apple crumble.

Sadly, our farmers had had a tough harvest. Yes, they could get the crops in with the dry land and the long hot summer days, but the yield was poor due to lack of rain in the Spring. The next challenge that they are now facing is being able to cultivate the land for the next season of crops, because the ground is too hard.

Autumn is well known for being the season of the last harvests before the winter months set in. Whether its corn in the fields, fruit from orchards or produce from garden and allotments. Hence our freezers, cupboards and tables become evidence of God's fantastic creation of abundance and the hard work and ingenuity of human hands. Because of this we celebrate a season of gratitude and feasting, exemplified by our Harvest Festival services.

Dorothy Day an out-spoken American journalist and social activist who became Catholic when she was 30 in 1972 once said:

'Food for the body is not enough; there must be food for the soul'.

As Christians we are called not only to harvest and celebrate the fruits of our produce but also the Fruits of the Spirit. In his letter to the Galatians Paul recalls these fruits for us:

But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no other law.
Galatians 5. 22-23

Harvesting the Fruits of the Spirit is not limited to any one season of the year or life, but is a harvest for all seasons, indeed a harvest for every day.

As we are all aware from cultivating crops, it is very hard work and for us to gain the Fruits of the Spirit it is a similar process. We need to plough up the hardness in our hearts to become tender and responsive, plant the Word of God into ourselves, patiently wait and be tested, resist the old, negative responses and finally we harvest joy, patience, peace etc...

What could be better for us than a life full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness gentleness, faithfulness, goodness and self-control? It would be heaven on earth if everyone had these qualities highly cultivated in their hearts.

Fruits of the Spirit are even more attractive when someone shows love, patience or kindness towards another, it's wonderful. These qualities can create lasting bonds between people. But even more importantly, these are the inherent qualities of God, demonstrated powerfully to us through the life of Jesus. He attracted crowds of people just by exhibiting these qualities, especially during the most difficult of circumstances.

As we live our lives in the world, the fragrance the appearance of our fruit attracts others. Someone might ask how you can be so loving to one that is unlovable, or so patient in a difficult situation.

Without these magnificent qualities of God, we could not last a day. They are there to harvest every day of the year, every day of our lives. They are accessible to all no matter where we are in our lives, difficult times or ordinary times. They are there ready to harvest when we are ready to read and listen God's word, discern that word in our hearts and act upon it.



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 Dorothy Pete Karen Claire John Brian	12th October Aster and Sephi 16th November Torben 7th December Spencer Weddings	John Rutson Fiona Castellaro

Parish Prayer Link



If you would like prayers offered for yourself, someone you know or a situation you are aware of, please do let us know by contacting Tricia in the Parish Office by email at office@unitedparish.church or by phone on 01844 352472

Your request will be handled with utmost sensitivity and discretion.

And if you would like to become one of the prayer link members then please get in touch with Jacky.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

@ St Andrew's Church Chinnor

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

Chooseday Church



A fun, activity filled afterschool church session.

Craft activities, Bible stories, action songs and more, refreshments served (especially toast!)



Starboddlers

A fun and action packed session for babies, toddlers and their carers. We use actions to tell Bible stories, we sing songs (we are sure Mr Cow will be a firm favourite again), we say a prayer, we ring the church bell. It's a friendly welcoming space to meet other families.

<i>Chooseday Church</i> <i>Tuesday afterschool</i> <i>3.15 - 4 15pm</i>	<i>Starboddlers</i> <i>Thursday 11am</i>
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

THE EXTRAs

HOLY COMMUNION



Every Thursday, 10am, St Andrew's Chinnor

Streamlined service no hymns, short reflection,

Followed by refreshments, always with the Good Biscuits!

PARISH ZOOM MEETING



First Monday of the Month, 5pm

ONLINE: Prayer, Bible study, fellowship and chatting.

Zoom meeting ID= **879 0063 5431** Passcode= 427771

Next meetings: 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec.

No meeting in January

TAIZÉ



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

Taizé prayer service is a gentle soothing candlelit time of prayer, silence, readings and chanting.

Next Services 5th Oct, 7th Dec

No Taizé service 2nd Nov or 4th Jan

MEN'S GROUP



A social group, meeting at The Crown pub in Chinnor on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

The Rector buys your first drink!

Next meetings: 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec

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

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

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.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Jane Tucker
07890 346 781
safeguarding@unitedparish.church

Rector to the United Parish

Rev'd Jacky Barr
07769 825 305
rector@unitedparish.church

Safeguarding Advisor (Oxford Diocese)

Erica Hegg
07341 866 832
safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org

Local Authority Social Services

Oxfordshire County Council
Social and Health Care Team
PO Box 780
Oxford OX1 9GX
0345 050 7666 (option 2)
Opening times
Mon- Thurs 830am -5pm
Fri 830am -4pm

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**

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.

HELPLINES

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| • NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 | • Family Lives: 0808 800 2222 |
| • Childline: 0800 1111 | • National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 |
| • Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900 | • Respect Phoneline: 0808 8010 327 |
| • NAPAC: 0808 801 0331 | • National Careline: 0800 0699 784 |
| • Samaritans: 116 123 | |

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding



RECTOR'S PHOTO DIARY

August and September 2025

Holiday time with wonderful sunsets



Marquee Service with all three Chinnor Churches worshipping together.

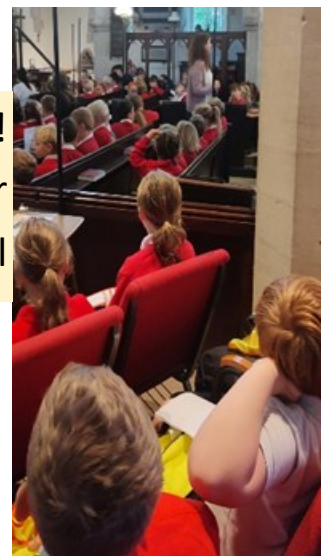


The Rector's Ramble, finally happened and raised £490



Back to School!

Welcome service in church for Aston Rowant school



Harvest season finished with a delicious Harvest Supper at Crowell

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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
07769 825 305

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4



Introducing our new Children's Work Co-ordinator:

Hi! My name is Fiona Ludlow. I live in Chinnor (just a conker's throw from the church). Until recently, I was teaching at St Andrew's CE Primary School but have been involved in and led children's work in churches for many years. I love music and I sing with the Watlington Community Choir as well as at Chinnor Community Church, where I worship. I also love art and creativity which often involves making a mess! Steve, my husband, and I enjoy exploring the coast around the UK in our campervan and walking in the beautiful Chilterns. You may have met us walking our enthusiastic cockapoo, Ziggy.

I am excited to be working with the schools and with all the volunteers involved with the children's activities in the United Parish. Some of these, I have known for many years and some are those I continue to worship and serve with at Chinnor Community Church, where I am also involved in the Rainbow Tots and CCC Mums and Babies groups. Together, our goal is to help children and families understand how much God loves us all and how we can be his friends. I look forward to meeting you!





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.

Please do speak or email to Rev'd Jacky if this is something you are interested in.



HARVEST FESTIVAL with harvest refreshments: 20 & 21 September : 2-5pm : St Andrew's Church



A big thank you to the St Andrew's Church Flower Guild who decorated the church so beautifully with harvest arrangements. Thank you to the visitors who came to view the arrangements and enjoy a harvest tea with cake over the weekend. Thank you to Sue Greaves for donating the cakes and manning the servery. Thank you to those who helped serve, count the money and greeting the visitors – this event could not take place without all the volunteers helping. From the sale of refreshments and door donations the event raised £276.50.

Thank you to the Methodist Church and St Andrew's Church who donated dried goods at the Harvest Service on Sunday 21 September. The dried goods were split between the Sharing Life Trust in Thame and The Porch in Oxford.



OXFORDSHIRE HISTORICAL CHURCHES TRUST : RIDE & STRIDE 2025 : SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

Lauretta and Nicholas Milligan walked from St Andrew's Church to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Crowell; St Peter & St Paul Church in Aston Rowant and St Mary's Church in Sydenham and back to Chinnor with a total of 15 kms.

Thank you to all the volunteers who manned the churches and welcomed the participants. Ride & Stride provides a superb opportunity to visit so many of our beautiful churches in Oxfordshire.



Thank you to everybody who sponsored our walk - £180.00 was raised through sponsorship and another £162.50 was raised through the Goodhub. All donations will be split between the OHCT and St Andrew's Church Fabric Fund.



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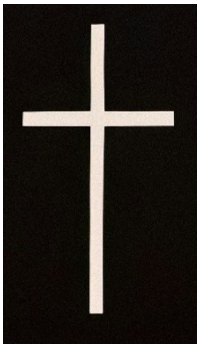
**The United Parish of Chinnor,
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Sunday

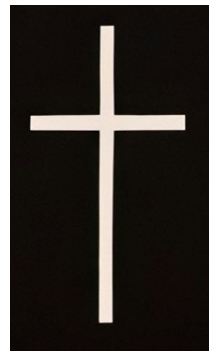
2nd November 2025

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You are invited to the service of

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

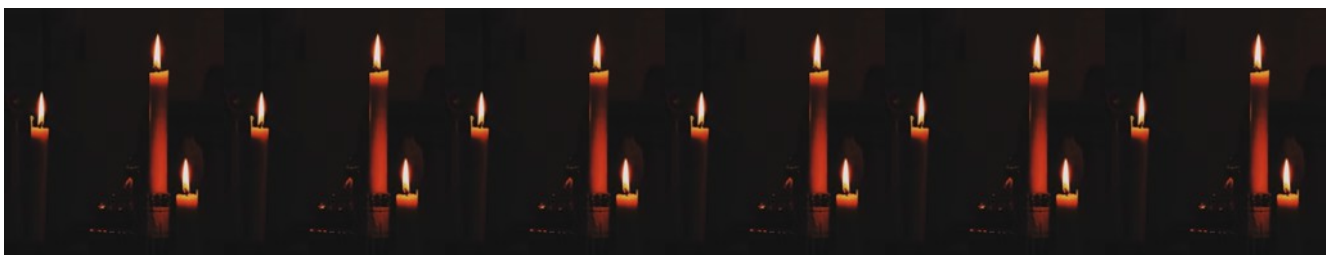


St Andrew's Church, Chinnor

A beautiful traditional service to remember your loved one(s) with hymns, Bible readings and the lighting of a candle, as the names of those we love, but see no longer, are read aloud.

We will include all those whose funerals we have taken part in this last year.

If you would like the name of your loved one read out as part of the service (whether their passing was recent or some time ago), please contact the Parish office by email (office@unitedparish.church) or leave a message on 01844 352472.



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CHRISTMAS 2025

Sat 29th Nov: 10am-noon

St Andrew's Christmas Fayre and United Parish Gift Day

Sat 6th Dec noon-2pm

Sydenham Christmas Fayre

Sat 6th Dec –Sun14th Dec 2pm-5pm

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 14th Dec: Seven Lessons and Carol service:

4pm Sydenham church

Friday 19th Dec

7pm Carols@Crowell (with readings)

Sunday 21st Dec: Nine Lessons and Carol service:

4pm Aston Rowant Church

6pm St Andrew's, Chinnor

Tuesday 24th December:Crib Services

4pm Aston Rowant

4pm Sydenham

5pm St Andrew's Chinnor

Tuesday 24th December:

Midnight (in Bethlehem) Mass

9pm St Andrew's, Chinnor

10pm St Mary's, Sydenham

Christmas Day, Holy Communion

1030am St. Andrew's Chinnor

9am Aston Rowant



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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : WORK IN 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. The work was started on Monday 11 August by the contractor Darren Braginton of 24/7. The two damaged paintings were removed and stored in the choir stalls. Halfway through the project the architect visited to inspect the work. Upon completion of the work and a day before the paintings were to be placed back on the wall, there was a roof leak caused by the strong winds and heavy rain. Once the leak was fixed, the contractor painted the leak marks, and the paintings were placed back on the walls on



Tuesday 16 September. Thank you to the contractor who accommodated several services that occurred during the project. Thank you also to Chris Stevens who helped with the removal of the paintings, storage and replacing the paintings on the wall. A big thank you to all who generously sponsored this work, as well as grants from the



Rugby Benevolent Fund and the Carrington Charitable Trust.

A faculty will be sought for the conservation of the paintings and the repair of the frames damaged by the leak and thereafter quotes sought for the necessary work. Grants will be sought for this work.

St Andrew's Churchwardens



Chooseday Church : We are back!!!

After a long summer break of 10 weeks, it was great to welcome back our Chooseday Church Family, along with some new children with their parents.

It was a full-on session as we spent time catching up with them all, sharing their news from the summer break, and just generally enjoying time all together again. It was fantastic to welcome back our older children, all looking extremely smart in their secondary school uniforms.



Great fun was had creating a new display for the Chooseday Church display board, with even more fun and great excitement, as the children opened the boxes from Amazon which contained games, craft resources and craft kits that we were able to purchase through the generous donation that was gifted to us from the Beer Festival grant committee. Watch this space as we use these great resources and share them with you in the up and coming publications of the magazine.

We look forward to the weeks ahead as we prepare and deliver sessions to all our children and look forward to welcoming new children and parents that pop in to see what we are all about.

Margaret

On behalf of the Chooseday Church Team



Wendy and Keith Jarvis celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 18 September. Wendy made a lovely cake to share at the Thursday Communion Service. Congratulations!





Remembrance Sunday Services

in the United Parish

Sunday 9th November 2025

Chinnor 1040am

War Memorial service with Parade:

(gather in the High Street, followed by a Service in St Andrew's Church)

In addition to the Parade and War Memorial service, also

1045am A short Service of Remembrance,

including the roll of honour and 2 minute silence in St Andrew's church

*(For those who don't want to, or are unable, to join the War Memorial service,
this will take place inside the church itself)*

Aston Rowant 1030am

Service of Remembrance

(the service begins in church and then will move outside to the War Memorial)

Sydenham 1045am

Service of Remembrance

(gather on the green)

Crowell 4pm

Remembrance prayers (with hymns)





**Friends of St.
Andrew's Church
Annual
General
Meeting
Report and Accounts**

Wednesday 15th October 2:30pm

**Preceded By
A talk by Brian Fowler on
A DAY AT THE BEACH
AT TOWER BRIDGE**

Donations to Florence Nightingale Hospice

Refreshments to follow Talk & AGM

**St Andrew's Church
Church Lane
Chinnor OX39 4PG**

RSVP : Laretta on (01844) 355290

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

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : CHOIR VESTRY 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 have been stripped, and new purpose-built cupboards have been built reusing the wood to match and blend with the existing style. The cleaning items including the vacuum cleaner are stored in the right-hand cupboards, and in the left-hand side cupboards will be storage for children's work resources. Thank you to the contractor Tim Aze of Chiltern Carving for the excellent outcome.

St Andrew's Churchwardens



Before ^



< During ^



< After >



Chinnor Community Awards To Celebrate Local Heroes

Chinnor Parish Council proudly hosted its **3rd Community Awards evening on Wednesday 20 August 2025**, honouring the remarkable individuals and groups who dedicate their time and energy to enriching the lives of others. The event was both an honour and a privilege, providing an opportunity to thank those whose contributions make such a difference across our community. With heartfelt thanks to all nominees and volunteers, the evening highlighted the power of community spirit.

Huge congratulations to the hard-working St Andrews Luncheon Club team for their **Recognition Award (Group)**. These awards are about shining a light on the everyday heroes who make Chinnor such a special place,” said Liz Folley, Parish Clerk “Each nominee and winner reflects the heart of our community, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication.” The Luncheon Club was started approximately 38 years ago. It is still going strong and is held fortnightly throughout the year, in St. Andrew’s Church Hall. The team serve a hot main course, followed by a dessert and tea/coffee. The Luncheon Club has 42 members, who are served by a wonderful team of 22 folk, who take on the following tasks: Preparing and cooking meals; Driving/escorting members; Putting out tables/chairs; Laying tables; Serving; Washing-up; Clearing-up. The Club has a Food Hygiene Rating of a maximum of 5.





**Friends of
St Andrew's Church
Chinnor**

**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

**Saturday 29th November
10 am to 12 noon**

*Stalls Crafts Gifts Refreshments
Cakes Books Toys Raffle Tombola*

Father Christmas

And so much more

Fundraising for the care and maintenance of St
Andrew's Church (www.achurchnearyou.com/Chinnor-Sydenham-Aston-Rowant-Crowell-United-Parish)

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : CHRISTMAS MARKET : SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025 : 10AM-12 NOON

Christmas is just around the corner and the Friends of St Andrew's Church Christmas Market is the ideal place to shop for lovely, personalised presents for all the family and friends.

As there will be stalls selling crafts, Christmas decorations, jewelry, gifts, books, toys, £1 and 50p stall, jams, pickles, cakes, etc, any donations towards these stalls would be gratefully accepted and can be delivered to the church (choir vestry) a week before the market. Please note no white elephant goods. There will also be a special guest appearance of somebody very special giving out lucky dip presents – now who could that be?

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

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : QUIZ NITE : Saturday 21 SEPTEMBER

A big thank you to Robin Clarke, Quiz Master Supremo, and his partner in crime, Chris, for organising the quiz nite on Saturday 21 September. Thank you to all who supported this event.

After expenses, the quiz nite raised £402.50 which will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of St Andrew's Church.



Friends of St Andrew's Church,
Chinnor

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Saturday 6th December
to

Sunday 14th December

Open 2pm to 5pm each day

All Welcome

Donation at the Door **£2**

Seasonal Refreshments

Musical Entertainment

Lucky Draw for Christmas
Hamper

All funds raised go towards care and
maintenance of St. Andrew's Church

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Don't throw it away!



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : REPAIR CAFES

A big thank you to Greening Chinnor and all their volunteers for hosting the Repair Cafes at St Andrew's Church during 2025. The last one of the year was held on Saturday 27 September. Dates are being finalised for Repair Cafes for 2026 – watch this space! Here are some of the items brought in on Saturday morning and happy customers.



Crowell Stained-Glass Window Repair

I wonder what you were doing on Thursday 21st August 2025?. I was very busy watching, photographing and getting excited as I saw the West Stained-glass window at Crowell being replaced.

You may have already noticed that the West window on Crowell Church has been boarded up for some time. This followed the criminal damage caused months ago by person, or persons, unknown. Thankfully the weather was fine. Ben and Aiden of Norgrove Studios set to work putting the scaffolding up.



The first step was to remove the 'wooden window'. This took time and patience to avoid any damage. The window frame was carefully examined with any inconsistencies dealt with.

Next came the raising of one side of the window which was slowly offered up into its position. Ben outside and Aiden inside. At this stage Ben

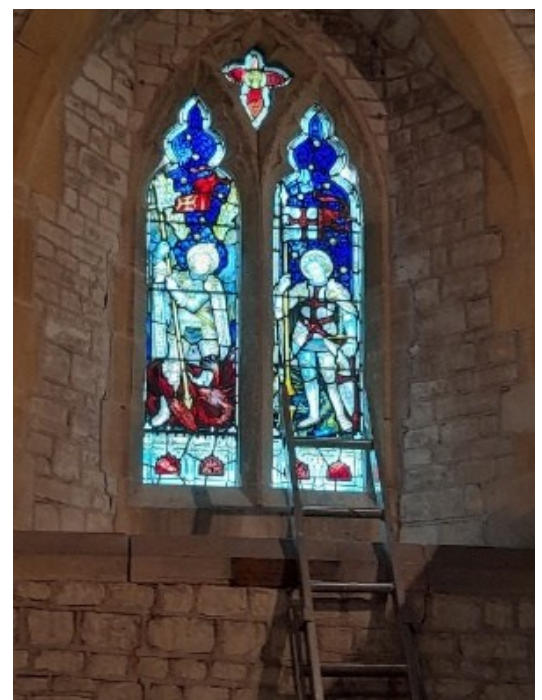
adjusted the existing stonework whilst Aiden held the window. Once they were satisfied the window was fixed into position. I was amazed to see the first half with the light through as perfect as the day it was installed.

The second window was installed in the same way with patience and professionalism at the forefront. Once the whole window had been installed the church lit up. The final touch was the stainless-steel powder coated wire mesh guards which are almost invisible.

It was educational to watch two very professional people working in such close harmony.

Maggs Warman (ChurchWarden)

Thanks go to them for the care taken in removing and restoring our precious window.



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Chinnor**

WILLOW WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2 -
4 PM**



**£12.50 per person including all materials and
refreshments**

**Hand craft your very own Willow Star. Hang on the door,
place on your mantle piece or in the front window before
the tree arrives.**

**Join us for an immersive and hands-on workshop with
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News from Sydenham

Harvest Festival

The altar was groaning under the weight of the Harvest donations at our recent service. It was a lovely Harvest Festival led by Joan who had, along with Nick Oakley rallied our younger villagers to read poems and help with the collection whilst the congregation offered gifts from the land (and their cupboards!) . The hymns were as ever enthusiastically sung, the flowers bloomed and fruit pies and home pressed apple juice were enjoyed by all.

Ride and Stride

St Mary's took part in the Ride & Stride on Saturday 13th September.

We were once again indebted to villager Eleanor Church who organised our participation as well as a band of loyal helpers. How brilliant that Stanley Bradley, one of the younger volunteers, was willing to do a stint but also making full use of the opportunity to do some homework in-between meeting and greeting the Riders and Striders! Unfortunately the weather was against us with torrential down pours but never let that deter the hardy! We did have some visitors who were grateful for the shelter and refreshments.

Hymns and Pimms

Fuelled by Pimms (or delicious locally pressed apple juice) St Mary's welcomed visitors from across the United Parish to our service with a difference at the end of August. Led by Rector Jacky the programme involved 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. Chris Hood not only played with gusto through no less than 8 hymns whilst the choir led the singing but also read the lesson with thespian qualities shining through. Thanks to everyone who came along but also helped.

St Mary's Choir outing - all are welcome!

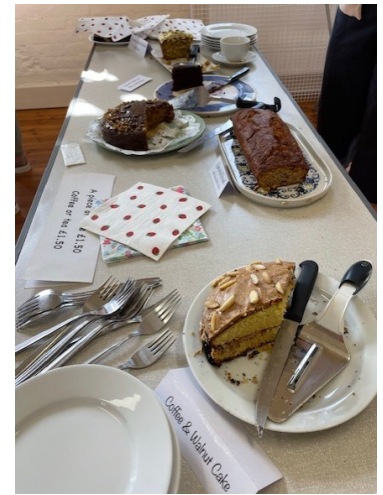
St Mary's Choir have for over 11 years organised an annual 'Choir Practice on Tour'. Venues have included Dorchester Abbey, Rycote Chapel, St Bartholomew at Brightwell Baldwin, St Mary the Virgin at Ewelme, St Helen's in Benson, St Botolph's at Swyncombe, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Crowell, and St Mary's Church at Adwell . We get around!! This year we will be visiting St Andrew's Church, Chinnor on **Tuesday 25th November at 6pm**. All are welcome to come along and listen to our informal practice/concert lasting for approximately 45 minutes where we will be singing part of our Christmas programme.

St Mary's has refurbished windows .

Considering that the structure of St Mary's has stood for over 900 years it is not surprising that constant repairs are required. The windows under the expert and specialist attention of Steve Bowman enjoyed a refurbishment with glass being replaced and frames renewed and painted.

We thank the Fayre committee for their contribution towards the work.

Take a break, take a big piece of cake. Delicious cakes, coffee and teas are all on offer at the monthly coffee mornings between 10am and noon in the OSR where good chats are had and feelings of fellowship are high. Next one is on the 9th October and then a big one with super raffle prizes on November 13th to raise money for MacMillan.



The Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December – 12 – 2pm

Soup and crusty bread, festive stalls and games, amazing auction and raffle prizes – something for all the family. We would love to see you. Do come along.

Carol Service

Sunday, 14th December - 4pm

Come to our lovely traditional candlelit service. Seven lessons and favourite carols with a welcoming mince pie and sherry or cordial.

Crib Service

Sunday 24th December - 4pm

Our popular family service is always a favourite! Sing your favourite carols and help find the crib figures.

Midnight Mass

Sunday 24th December – 10pm

Enjoy a quieter reflective time before the big day.

Dates for Santa's sleigh and Carols round the trees on the Green – to be confirmed.

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Every Church of England church has a listing on AChurchNearYou.com, and this is the website for our four churches in the United Parish. Every time any of us goes onto this website or searches for it via a search engine, it helps take us up higher in the list of search results, and means more people may be aware of our website, and of our parish and its activities.

Please contact Revd Tony Whitaker if you have any suggestions for, or comments about the website

email: office@unitedparish.church

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Lunchtime Concert

Featuring
PAVLOVA WINDS



**Friday 7th November
12:30 to 1:15**

**Admission is FREE with a retiring
collection in aid of St. Andrew's Fabric
Restoration Fund and OSJ Music for
Autism**

Refreshments Available

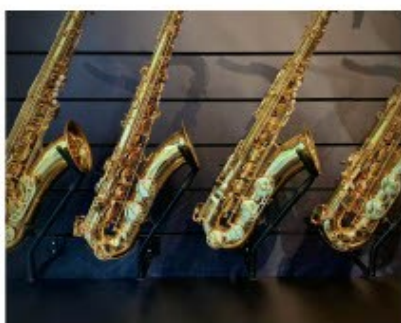
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Chinnor**

Lunchtime Concert

Featuring

ALLSORTS

Saxophone Quartet



**Friday 17th October
12:30 to 1:15**



**Admission is FREE with a retiring
collection in aid of St. Andrew's Fabric
Restoration Fund and Thames Valley Air
Ambulance**

Refreshments Available



Please return your House Box before the end of October and order your Christmas cards.

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported the Children's Society by having a house box. Every coin given helps children suffering abuse, exploitation and neglect. With your donation they can recover and look forward to a brighter future.

Please return your box (during October) to the church office on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon (1:30 – 3:30pm) or to Margaret Poole or Tricia Prescott at a church service or activity. If these times are not convenient please phone the church office and we will arrange collection from your house.

There will be a selection of Christmas cards displayed at St Andrew's church during October. If you would like to order any cards, please complete the order form and pay for them in cash. The prices of the cards vary so please check the cost as you order.

Thank you for your support

Best wishes

Tricia and Margaret

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If you are able to gift aid your donation, please contact the Church Office.

May God bless you and we thank you for your generosity.





"Good news on the lottery-funding for the organ repairs, Vicar – three of our numbers came up for £25!"

PUZZLES

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Wordsearch for October 2025

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke, Feast, Day, Written, Gospel, Acts, Greek, Physician, Travelling, Faithful, Paul, Compassion, Parables, Prodigal, Son, Good, Samaritan, Women, Poor, Lepers, Sinners, Jerusalem, Pagan, Rome, Early, Christians

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	What	Where
6th Oct	7pm	Pint & a Chat-Men's group	The Crown, Chinnor
15th Oct	2.30pm	Friends of St Andrew's AGM	St Andrew's Church
17th Oct	12.30-1.15pm	LunchtimeConcert:ALLSORTS Saxophone Quartet	St Andrew's Church
2nd Nov	4pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St Andrew's Church
3rd Nov	7pm	Pint & a Chat-Men's group	The Crown, Chinnor
7th Nov	12.30-1.15pm	Lunchtime Concert: Pavlova Winds	St Andrew's Church
9th Nov	10.30am	Service of Remembrance	Aston Rowant Church
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	St Andrew's Church
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	Sydenham Church
	4pm	Service of Remembrance	Crowell Church
15th Nov	2pm-4pm	Willow Workshop*	St Andrew's Church Hall
25th Nov	6pm	St Mary's Choir, Sydenham annual choir practice 'on tour'	St Andrew's Church
29th Nov	10am-Noon	St Andrew's Xmas Market *	St Andrew's Church
30th Nov	10.30am	Confirmation service	St Andrew's Church
2nd Dec	7pm	Pint & a Chat—Mens group	The Crown, Chinnor
6th Dec	Noon-2pm	St Mary's Christmas Fayre	Sydenham Church
6th-14th Dec	2-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival *	St Andrew's Church
14th Dec	4pm	Seven Lessons and Carols	Sydenham Church
19th Dec	7pm	Carols (with readings)	Crowell Church
21st Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols: 4pm at Aston Rowant church, 6pm at St Andrew's church		
24th Dec	Crib Services: 4pm at Aston Rowant Church, 4pm at Sydenham Church, 5pm at St Andrew's Church		
24th Dec	Midnight Mass (in Bethlehem) 9pm at St Andrew's Church, 10pm at Sydenham Church		
25th Dec	Christmas Day services 9am at Aston Rowant Church, 1030am at St Andrew's Church		

* Friends of St Andrew's Event