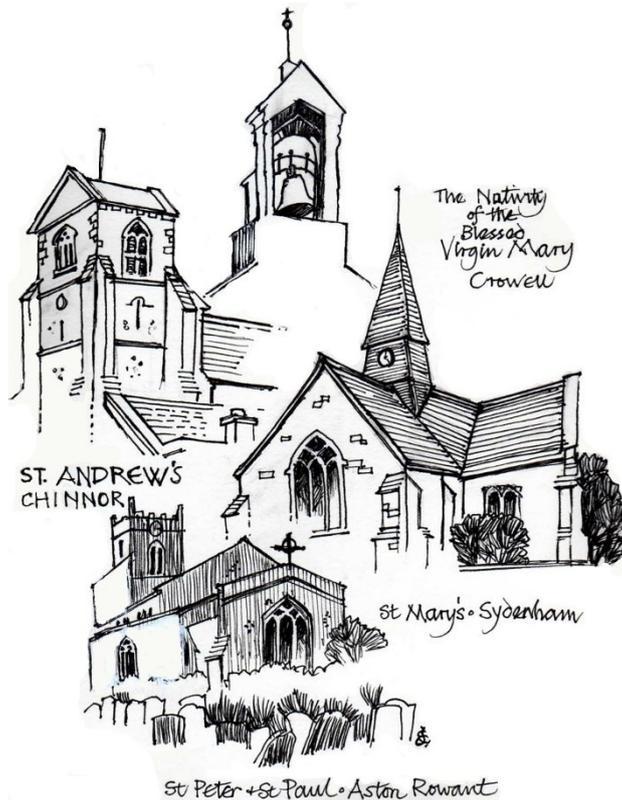




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MARCH 2026

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March 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 1st March Lent 2	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 8th March Lent 3	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	Tessa and Jacky
	1030am	Sydenham	BCP Holy Communion	Tony
	4pm	Crowell	No service	
Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday	8am	Crowell	Holy Communion (no hymns)	Jacky
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Mothering Sunday service (no Holy Communion)	Jacky Aston Rowant team
	9am	Aston Rowant		
	10am	Sydenham	Songs of Praise	Sydenham team
Sunday 22nd March Lent 5	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Richard +Pam
	1030	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	Evening Prayer	Jacky
29th March Palm Sunday	5th Sunday United Parish Service With Holy Communion 1030 Aston Rowant			
	Clocks go forward Saturday night 28 th March			

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April 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	7pm	St Andrew's		Jacky
Good Friday 3 rd April	10am Sydenham - Margaret Noon-3pm St Andrew's - Jacky			
Easter Vigil 4 th April	Sun- set 8pm	St Andrew's		Jacky
Easter Sunday 5 th April	09:00	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	10:30	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	10:00	Sydenham	Holy Communion	Tony
Sunday 12 th April Easter 2	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030 am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	Margaret and Shane
	1030 am	Sydenham	No service	
	6pm	Crowell	Holy Communion	Jacky
Sunday 19 th April Easter 3	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Richard and Pam
	1030 am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Jacky
Sunday 26 th April Easter 4	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Tessa and Jo
	1030	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	BCP Evening Prayer	Maggs and Jacky

Sunday readings Year A 2026

<p>1st March Lent 2</p> <p>Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17</p>	<p>8th March Lent 3</p> <p>Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42</p>	<p>15th March Mothering Sunday</p> <p>1 Sam 1:20-28 Corinthians 1: 43-7 Luke 2:33-35</p>
<p>22nd March Lent 5</p> <p>Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45</p>	<p>29th March Palm Sunday</p> <p>Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11 Liturgy of the Passion: Matthew 26.14 - 27.66 (Dramatised)</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday 2nd April</p> <p>Exodus 12.1-4[5-10], 11-14 Psalm 116.1,10-17* 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17,31b-35</p>
<p>Good Friday 3rd April</p> <p>Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1 - 19.42</p>	<p>Easter Vigil 4th April</p> <p>Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21</p> <p>Proverbs 8.1-8,19-21; 9.4b-6 Zephaniah 3.14-20 Romans 6.3-11 Matthew 28.1-10</p>	<p>5th April Easter Sunday</p> <p>Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18</p>
<p>12th April Easter 2</p> <p>Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21 Acts 2.14a,22-32 Psalm 16 John 20:19-31</p>	<p>19th April Easter 3</p> <p>Zephaniah 3:14 -20 Acts 2.14a,36-41 Psalm 116.1-3,10-17 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35</p>	<p>26th April Easter 4</p> <p>Genesis 7 Acts 2.42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2.19-25 John 10.1-10</p>

PASTORAL LETTER

Margaret writes: The Joy of Community

Well, we are all aware that we have all struggled these past few weeks with the wet dark days that we have experienced since the start of the New Year. It's been difficult to get motivated, and in true fashion as Brits, our main topic of conversation has been the weather. All generations from all different backgrounds, are longing for the brighter, dryer, longer days of Spring to arrive.

It is at times like this, and especially through the winter months that we often recognise the importance of community and where we live. We are truly blessed in the United Parish of Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell with all the opportunities for all ages to engage with community. There is sport for the youth, football and cricket. Then we have the uniform organizations along with many clubs for preschool and toddlers, especially at the local churches. The Chinnor library offers story time and drop in coffee mornings. There is the Railway, Chinnor allotments, Wine circle, U3A, Chinnor Rotary, Mill Lane Community Gardens, Sydenham choir and so much more. I could go on and on!!!

The joy of community is a profound experience that fosters connection, support, and fulfilment. Being part of a community provides a sense of belonging and purpose, allowing individuals to share experiences and resources. Social interactions are essential for emotional health and well-being, which helps to reduce stress.

Actively participating in community activities, fostering strong connections with others creating a network of mutual aid and solidarity.

In a Christian context, community can be a source of joy, support and spiritual growth, as seen in gatherings and shared worship. On weekdays and on Sundays across England alone, there are more than 16,000 Anglican church buildings, along with 42 Cathedrals, that bring people from all backgrounds together. If we were to look further to Wales, Scotland, Ireland and across the world, the thought of Christian communities from all denominational backgrounds gathering on a regular basis is staggering.

The joy of being part of a Christian community is a profound experience that transcends individual circumstances and reflects the presence and work of the Holy Spirit within the body of Christ. The joy is not merely an emotional response but a spiritual state that is integral to the life of the believer and to the community of which they are part. The Bible presents joy as a fruit of the Spirit, and it is a shared experience that arises from fellowship and unity among believers.

In the Old Testament, joy is often associated with worship and celebration, as seen in Nehemiah 8: 10, where the people of Israel are encouraged to find strength in the joy of the Lord. In the New Testament, Acts 2: 46-47 describes the early church as marked by joy, with believers meeting daily in the temple courts and breaking bread together, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart.

The Apostle Paul often speaks of joy in the context of community, urging believers to 'make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit and purpose' (Philippians 2:2). This joy is experienced collectively as the people gather to hear the Law and celebrate God's faithfulness.

Through the Holy Spirit, believers are united in purpose and love experiencing a joy that reflects the glory of God. This joy is a divine gift that flourishes in the context of Christian fellowship, providing spiritual growth, support and a sense of belonging that strengthens our faith in ways that we can't achieve alone.

What a joy, and such a blessing, that across the world as well as in our parishes; that having worshipped and shared fellowship, the church goes out, and continues to share the love of God with others, as it weaves itself into the fabric of local communities.

PRAYERS



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



<p>Please pray for: Bev Brian Gillian Dorothy Claire Karen Lara Pete Amelia Hannah Emily Liam and Carol Olivia Terry</p>	<p>Baptisms Dominic Aston Rowant 12th April</p> <p>Weddings Gina and Mike Aston Rowant 11th April</p>	<p>For those who mourn for:</p> <p>Brian and Gill Skinner John Bennett Patricia Jones Ruth Croxford June Lovell Olive Lincoln</p>
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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.

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

@ St Andrews 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>
3rd March	5 th March
10 th March	12 th March
17 th March	19 th March
24 th March	26 th March
HALF TERM	
21 st April	16 th April
28 th April	23 rd April
5 th May	30 th April
12 th May	7 th May
19 th May	14 th May

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: 2nd Mar, 6th April

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 Service 1st March

No Taizé service 5th April

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: 3rd March, 7th April

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

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

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

Chinnor Easter

Stations of the Cross — Good Friday

Start—10.00 am Car Park
Village Centre.



Stations of the Cross

This year's walk will take us on the journey which Jesus took and led him to the cross. Local artists have created paintings depicting the last hours of Jesus' life. These pieces of art work are on display from Wed 1st April—Wed 8th April around the village. See map for locations.

Finish— 11.30 am Refreshments at Chinnor
Community Church, High Street, Chinnor

All are Welcome

Organised by Chinnor Community Church, Methodist Church and St Andrew's Church :
01844 352938 email: cccchinnorcommunitychurch@gmail.com Charity No. 1146343

Easter Services 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday 18th February*
19:00 St Andrew's, Chinnor (with Holy Communion)



MOTHERING SUNDAY *Sunday 15th March*
8:00 Crowell: Holy Communion
9:00 Aston Rowant: Mothering Sunday Service
10:30 St Andrew's, Chinnor: Mothering Sunday Service
10:30 Sydenham: Songs of Praise



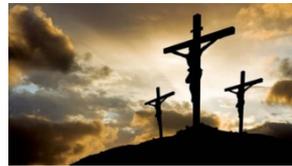
PALM SUNDAY *29th March 2026 (5th Sunday)*
10:30 Aston Rowant (with Holy Communion)



MAUNDY THURSDAY *Thursday 2nd April 2026*
19:00 St Andrew's Chinnor (with Holy Communion)



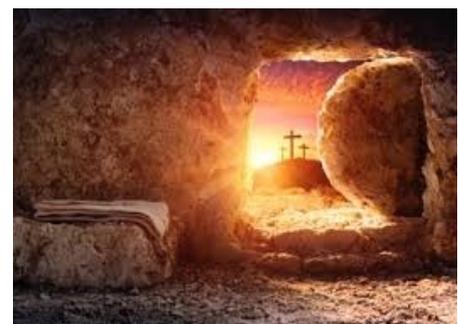
GOOD FRIDAY *Friday 3rd April 2026*
10:00 Sydenham
Noon– 3pm St Andrew's, Chinnor
(with reserve sacrament)



EASTER EVE *Saturday 4th April 2026*
Sunset 8pm St Andrew's Chinnor:
Vigil service (with Holy Communion)



EASTER SUNDAY *Sunday 5th April 2026*
09:00 Aston Rowant (with Holy Communion)
10:30 St Andrew's Chinnor, (with Holy Communion)
10:00 Sydenham: Easter Praise Family Service



An Invitation to Review Giving

Dear Friends,

We are blessed by our United Parish being more than a collection of buildings or services; it is genuinely a living community of prayer, care, and shared faith shaped by all who belong to it. Every act of generosity (time, skills, prayer, or financial giving) helps sustain the worship, welcome, and presence that we offer together.

This life together is sustained by the faith and generosity of its people. Everything we are able to offer from weekly worship, baptisms and funerals, pastoral care, open churches, and community events like the Christmas tree festival is funded locally by those of you who value and belong to this parish community.

Many people assume that churches receive financial support from central Church funds. In reality, we receive no central funding for any of our costs. Like most Church of England parishes, we must raise our own income to cover ministry, building repairs and maintenance, insurance, safeguarding, heating, lighting, and energy bills.

The parish is supported by the parish.

At present, we are operating with a financial deficit each year. Careful stewardship enables us to continue, but this pattern is not sustainable indefinitely. There is no external organisation that will step in to meet this gap; the future of the parish rests in the shared generosity of those who belong to it. Therefore, we are inviting everyone connected to the United Parish to prayerfully review their giving.

To give a sense of scale, our annual running costs are around £120 000. Even a modest increase in regular giving can make a significant difference.

Scripture reminds us: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9.7). But, please know that this is not about pressure or asking for more than you can comfortably or cheerfully give.

If you are able, please consider:

- Reviewing your current level of giving
- Setting up or increasing a standing order or direct debit
- Completing the Gift Aid form (over page) if you are a UK taxpayer, allowing us to reclaim an additional 25p for every £1 given at no extra cost to you.

Regular giving helps us plan responsibly and steward well what has been entrusted to us.

Bank details for Direct Debits and Standing orders:

United Parish of Chinnor (CAF bank)

Account number 0001 9680

Sort code 40 52 40

Some people also choose to remember the parish in their will. Legacy gifts of any size have sustained churches for generations and help ensure that worship and witness continue long into the future. Adding a simple letter of wishes to an existing will is an easy way to do this. Please do contact me if you would like to see an example of such a letter.

We recognise that financial circumstances differ greatly. If you are able to increase your giving, we are deeply grateful. If you are not able to, please know that your presence and participation remain highly valued. We ask only that each person considers what is right and possible for them.

Thank you for sustaining the life of this parish. Together, we will continue to keep prayer alive, our doors open, and the light of Christ present in the heart of our community.

With gratitude and every blessing,

Jacky

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



Charity Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity: United Parish of Chinnor (Registered Charity number 1142316)

This includes

St Andrew's, Chinnor,
St Mary's, Sydenham,
Ss Peter&Paul, Aston Rowant
BVM, Crowell

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Surname _____

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Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



News from Chinnor Heritage

The Chinnor Heritage website www.chinnorheritage.org.uk holds parish records of baptisms from 1581 and marriages and burials from 1622 to the 1970s.

Chinnor Heritage is pleased to say that burials from 1973 to 2025 have now been added to the online archive. This has been achieved thanks to the help and support of our Rector Jacky Barr and churchwarden Laretta Milligan.

During 2026 we will be adding baptism records from 1978.

We have also recorded the Absent Voters List from 1914-1918 war.

Due to a generous grant from Chinnor Parish Council we have now installed a new search engine which will make it very easy to search for historical topics, Chinnor legacy, culture and people. Have fun!!

Fiona Mantle and Zena Baker

<https://www.chinnorheritage.org.uk/>

Sing the Church Music of John Jarvis of Chinnor

Sunday 8th March 2026, 3pm to 6pm

At Chinnor Methodist Church, Station Road OX39 4PZ

John Jarvis (1812-1899), cordwainer, boot maker and grocer, led the music at the Independent church at Chinnor, now known as Chinnor Community Church. He was one of several musicians in the Chilterns and Aylesbury Vale who composed settings of psalms and hymns for four-part choir. His collection "Zion's Harmonist" was published in 1844. At this afternoon workshop we will learn several of these lively short pieces. Singers of all voice ranges are welcome, also players of bowed string and woodwind instruments. The ability to read music is helpful, but MP3 synthesised renditions of the music can be sent in advance, together with the sheet music in PDF format, to those stating their intention to come, and the parts will be rehearsed separately. Transposed versions can be supplied for transposing instruments. The afternoon will be led by Ian Cutts, formerly director of the Chiltern West Gallery Quire.

Link: Chiltern West Gallery Quire - CWGQ - Singing the music of the eighteenth and nineteenth century

This event is being run in association with **Wednesday Music**, a group which now meets at Chinnor Village Hall. Admission free; donations to the Church welcome.

Contact Ian at **sing.jarvis@fastmail.com**

HUNGER LUNCH

Monday 2nd March 2026

12.30 -2.00pm

at

Aston Rowant Church

Come and join us for a simple lunch of
delicious soup and bread.

Cash donations and gifts of dried and tinned food
would be gratefully received.

The Oxford Charity we are supporting is

The Porch's Steppin' Stone Centre.

They help the homeless to re-integrate
into the community.

The United Parish has supported this
Charity for many years and our donations
are gratefully received.

World Day of Prayer 2026, Nigeria, “I will give you rest, come.”

This year we share the stories of four Nigerian women. Women who have responded to Jesus’ invitation, “I will give you rest, come.”

Is Jesus speaking to you? Have you responded already? Will these stories inspire you to work for a world without injustice, insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair.

Come and join us on

Friday 6th March
at St Andrew’s church
services at 10.30am and 7.30pm

All welcome and please stay for refreshments.

Further information, resources and details of services nationwide can be found on the website www.wdp.org.uk NB Postponement of services due to poor weather may be posted on the website, local church websites and local radio.

Anne Marie, Barbara, Diane, Joan, Monica, Ruth, Margaret, Sue, and Ann

(Chinnor Branch World Day of Prayer)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

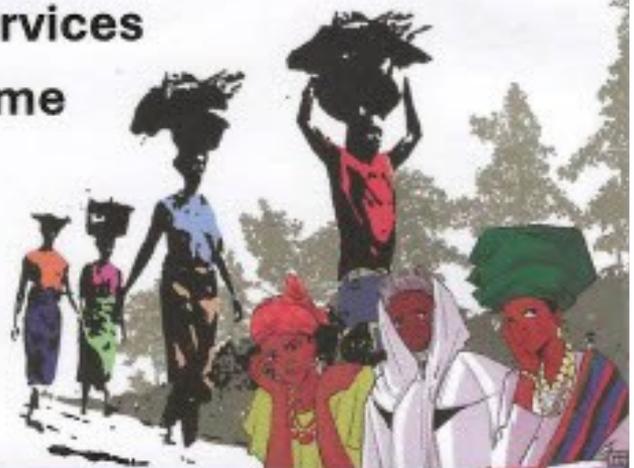
Nigeria 2026

**St Andrew's Church
Chinnor**

Morning Service at 10 30am

Evening Service 7. 30pm

**Refreshments served
after both services
All Welcome**



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

News from Chooseday Church

As you can see from all the photos, this term's activities have been fun packed with exciting topics. We have enjoyed learning about the Ten Plagues of Egypt, and the children enjoyed eating chicken wings as a substitute for frog's legs. It was all hands-on board when we had a session playing board games etc... We all needed to be ready for 'Greedy Granny' to wake up, in case we got hit with her false teeth. Unicorn snap was a winner along with the Animal Tumble Tower game, Guess Who game and Connect.

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday a week early due to half term. After devouring stacks of pancakes with varied toppings, we all had a thrilling, tossing the pancake session. Thanks, must go to the wonderful team in the kitchen that day. And have you noticed??????

The bulbs that the children planted way back in the Autumn, with the money donated to us by Chinnor Gardens, have come into bloom in the 2 long flower beds as you enter St Andrew's Church. It may have been very wet over the past few weeks, but how wonderful to see these Tete-a-tete and Crocuses popping their heads up through the wet soil.

We will be looking forward to planting bedding plants later in the spring.

Margaret and the Chooseday Church Team



Aston Rowant Cream Teas



FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 12:30—1.15pm

NIKITA BURZANITSA AND TYMOFII BURZANITSA

Nikita is a concert pianist, winner of numerous international competitions, and a graduate of the Royal College of Music under Professor D.

Alexeev, where he completed his Bachelor of Music (2018–2022) as a Milstein Medal Scholar, Master of Performance (2022–2024), and Artist Diploma (2025).

He has a wide-ranging repertoire, which is represented in his numerous concert programs. He performs concerts both in England and throughout Europe. In October 2021, he was awarded a Talent Unlimited scholarship (London, UK).

In November 2021, he became a scholar of the Piano Charitable Trust, which supports young pianists around the world (London, UK). In 2022 and 2023, he became a scholar of the Drake Calleja Trust (London, UK).

Tymofii Burzanitsa is a young pianist studying at the Purcell School for Young Musicians under Professor Tatiana Sarkissova. He is a laureate of many international piano competitions and holds the Eileen Rowe Award. He has performed in concerts in Ukraine, Poland, and the UK.

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

Lunchtime Concert

Featuring

Nikita Burzanitsa

and

Tymofii Burzanitsa

(Piano)



Friday 13 March

12.30 to 1.15pm

**Admission is FREE with a retiring collection in aid of
St. Andrew's Fabric Restoration Fund and the
purchase of a new piano for Nikita and Tymofii.**

**Refreshments Available before the
Concert**



FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS CHURCH
EASTER
FAMILY AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 5th and Monday 6th April
2 until 5 pm

Special Highlights :

- **St Andrew's Church Flower Guild Easter Displays**
- **Easter Trail for children (All children must be accompanied by Adults)**

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





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JUSTICE IN MIND



To view gifts, clothes, cards and household consumables go to:

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Email: chinnormethodisthire@mail.com



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- sponsorship of items for Food Banks can be arranged.**

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St Andrew's Church, Chinnor

Prayers for Earth



On

World Earth Day

Wednesday

22nd April 2026

12 Noon – 1pm

(Drop in any time)

Please bring your concerns about
the Earth that we could address in
prayer.



Would you like to join the next Chinnor Prayer Service?

Last November a dozen or more folks from across the Parish came together for an hour one Wednesday to join together to pray for peace. It was a very meaningful and successful event. There was no formal structure, some people prayed aloud many just sat praying silently, people arrived and left as they could, there was no need to stay for the whole hour.

Some of those attending wanted to do it again someday, consequently we have put an entry in St. Andrew's Church diary for Wednesday April 22nd at noon for Prayers for the Earth (that date happens to be Earth Day). We can include prayers for Climate Change, care of our environment, management of plastics and toxic chemicals, support for wildlife, as well as anything else that is high in the news by then.

Please put a note in your dairies and come along if you can.

Jane Tucker

Chinnor Christian Aid

A Very big THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported our Chinnor Christian Aid Pancake morning on Shrove Tuesday. With sunshine filling the Chinnor Methodist Church, the generous people of Chinnor, enjoyed delicious pancakes, fun and laughter and raised £900, which includes the money kindly gift aided.

Last week we heard that the government's international aid budget has been reduced by 40% which is having a devastating effect on lifesaving programmes that Christian Aid is supporting in South Sudan.

The number of families fleeing war and persecution has reached record levels and the money raised will help provide essential medicines and food to families in crisis.

With many thanks from the Chinnor Christian Aid team

Save the date

On Sunday May 10th at 10.30 am in Chinnor Methodist Church, we will be holding our annual ecumenical service for Christian Aid Week.

We have a guest speaker, David Blackmore who has many years of experience working for Christian Aid. We do hope you can come and join us.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : NEW BENCH

A big thank you to Sue Ashdown and family, and Terry Ariss for the donation of a bench made out of recycled plastic. The bench is in memory of the late Michael Ashdown, and the late Heather June Ariss. The bench has been situated in the churchyard on the north side of the church.



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If you want to look up details of services and events in our United Parish,
Or read the latest United parish Magazine, Home Service Booklet,
on your phone, tablet or laptop,
then bookmark the following link:

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/Chinnor-Sydenham-Aston-Rowant-Crowell-United-Parish>

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 Rev'd Tony Whitaker if you have any suggestions for
or comments about the website* email: office@unitedparish.church



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



To make an online donation, our bank details are

CAF Bank (*who are a bank for charities*)

Account name: **United Parish of Chinnor**

Account number: **0001 9680**

Account sort code: **40 52 40**

If you would like to donate through our **Just Giving** page, here is our QR code



<https://www.justgiving.com/unitedparish-chinnor>

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.

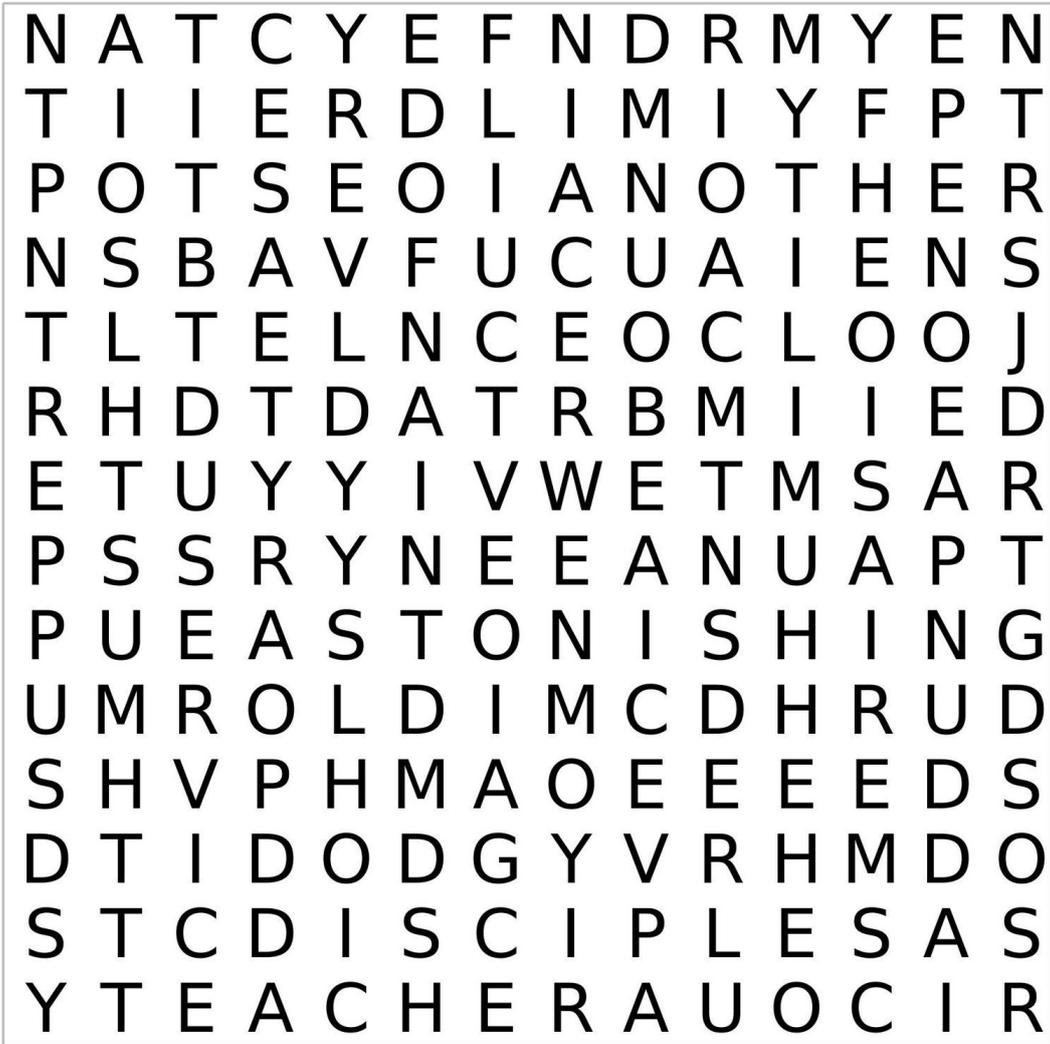




One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'...

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Love and serve one another

On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to his disciples before his death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed his disciples’ feet. This was astonishing for a ‘teacher’ to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is ‘mandatum novum do vobis’. The word ‘mundy’ is thus a corruption of the Latin ‘mandatum’ (or command). The ‘washing of the feet’ ceremony was an important part of the medieval church’s liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

Maundy	Thursday	Final	Command	Jesus
Disciples	Death	Last	Supper	Washed
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				Humility
				Obedience

Solutions

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Parish Office

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planning to visit

Monday **Closed**

Tuesday **1.30 – 3.30pm**

Wednesday **1.30 – 3.30pm**

Thursday **1.30 – 3.30pm**

Friday **Closed**

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Parish Magazine:

Editor: Nicholas Milligan

Editor's Note— We are trialling going back to a monthly edition of the magazine.

Submissions should be emailed to magazine@unitedparish.church

DEADLINE: March Magazine is 22nd March

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	What	Where
1st March	6pm	Taize Service	St Andrew's Church
2nd March	12.30-2pm	Hunger Lunch	Aston Rowant
2nd March	5pm	Parish Zoom Meeting	Zoom (Online)
3rd March	7pm	Pint & a Chat—Men's group	The Crown, Chinnor
13th March	12.30am-1.15pm	Lunchtime Concert— Nikita Burzanitsa & Tymofii Burzanitsa (Piano)*	St Andrew's Church
5th April	2-5pm	Easter Family Afternoon Tea*	St Andrew's Church
6th April	2-5pm	Easter Family Afternoon Tea*	St Andrew's Church
17th April	10.30am-11.30am	Cantilena Winds Concert*	St Andrew's Church
1st May	12.30am-1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with Wendlebury Winds*	St Andrew's Church
3rd May	12am	APCM	St Andrews Church
16th May	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
31st May	10.30am	Rogation Service	Manor Farn
6th & 7th June	10am-3pm	Flower Festival*	St Andrew's Church
20th June	7pm	Chinnor Silver Band Concert	St Andrew's Church
3rd July	12.30am-1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with Helena Lee*	St Andrew's Church
4th July	10am	Rector's Ramble	St Andrew's Church
4th July	7pm	Sydenham Choir Concert	St Marys Church
11th July	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
4th September	12.30am-1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with JamJar*	St Andrew's Church
12th September	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
25th September	7.30pm	Friends of St Andrew's Church Quiz Nite*	Chinnor Village Hall
29th September	10.30am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	
2nd October	10am-1pm	Lunchtime concert with Allsorts*	St Andrew's Church
30th Oct—1st Nov	11am	Sydenham Church Art Show	Sy Marys Church

* Friends of St Andrews Event