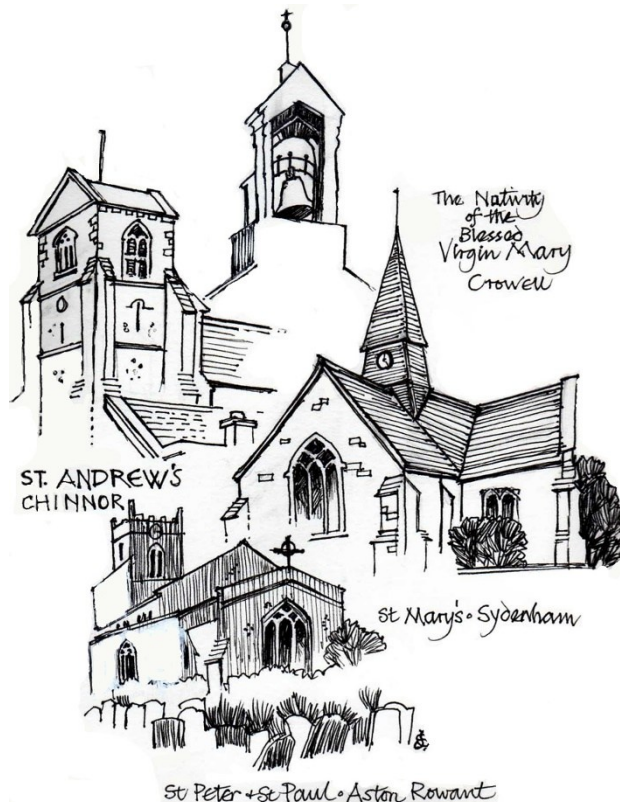




THE UNITED PARISH MAGAZINE

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





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

Sunday June 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 7th June Trinity 1	8am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion (No hymns)	Tony
	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Tony
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	Taizé	Tony and Monica
Sunday 14th June Trinity 2	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	Margaret + Shane
	1030	Sydenham	BCP Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	Evening Prayer	Maggs and Andy
Sunday 21st June Trinity 3	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Tessa and Jo
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Margaret
Sunday 28th June Trinity 4	9am	Aston Rowant St Peter & Paul Festival	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030	St Andrew's	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	Evening Prayer (With Holy Communion)	Jacky

July 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 5th July Trinity 5	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 and Monica
Sunday 12th July Trinity 6	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030 am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	<i>tbc</i>
	1030	Sydenham	BCP Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	Holy Communion	Jacky
Sunday 19th July Trinity 7	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Richard +Pam
	1030 am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Commu- ion	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Jacky
Sunday 26th July Trinity 8	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Commu- ion	Jacky
	1030	St Andrew's	Holy Commu- ion	Tony
	6pm	Crowell	Evening Prayer	Jacky

Readings June and July

7th June	14th June
Trinity 1 (Proper 5)	Trinity 2 (Proper 6)
Hosea 5.15 – 6.6 Psalm 50.7–15 Romans 4.13–25 Matthew 9.9–13,18–26	Exodus 19.2–8a Psalm 100 Romans 5.1–8 Matthew 9.35 – 10.8
21st June	28th June
Trinity 3 (Proper 7)	Trinity 4 (Proper 8)
Jeremiah 20.7–13 Psalm 69. 14-20 Romans 6.1b–11 Matthew 10.24–39	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

5th July	12th July
Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67 Song of Solomon 2.8-13 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	Genesis 25.19-34 Psalm 119.105-112 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
19th July	26th July
Genesis 28.10-19a Psalm 139.1-11,23,24* Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	Genesis 29.15-28 Psalm 128 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Reader,

In the Church Year, we are now in the season called 'Trinity', which last 22 weeks.

When I was ordained and began life as a curate, there was a 'joke' about how the Vicar should always take Trinity Sunday off and the Curate should get to do the sermon that day. It was seen to be a real challenge to understand, and an equally challenging task to explain it to others.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three yet one, one yet three. Like H₂O experienced as water, steam and ice, God known as three separate persons of the Trinity, yet in essence one. Which might at first seem simple to grasp, yet in reality far more complex, hence we have 22 weeks to think about it!!

I've just completed writing a three-part course on 'The Creeds' for a United Parish study group, where the Trinitarian Nature of God is clearly evident in the words we repeat when we say the Creed together every Sunday, although you won't find the word 'Trinity' in the Bible. In identifying bible passages to include in the course material, and in constructing questions for the group to discuss, I have been on a journey of discovery which has included at times being puzzled, confused, informed and illuminated.

It's reminded me of the importance for me of sitting beside the disciple Thomas, confronting my doubts when presented with something amazing and mind-blowing, and questioning and thinking: *"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."* (John 20:25) But I also recognise the importance as a disciple of Jesus of being available to encounter the Risen Christ for myself, and hearing his voice: *"Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."* (John 20:27)

My journey of discipleship is one of life-long discovery – for me it's essential to have a questioning faith, that's how I learn and confront my doubts and questions. But that sits alongside another strong belief I have, that God is so immense and beyond my understanding, with mystery and awe, that there comes a point where I must simply trust him and put my faith in him.

For me I am 'jumping' metaphorically into God's loving arms, like a child jumping from the side of a swimming pool into the arms of a parent waiting in the pool to catch them, and when appropriate to let the child swim on their own. God will catch me as I jump and be with me as I swim through the waters of life, whether in the calm shallow end or in the challenges of the deep end.

So 'Dear Reader', during the next 22 weeks of Trinity I hope you discover something new about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and where there are doubts and questions, that you will encounter God in your searching with an open mind, and in the mysteriousness and majesty of God you will be able to trust him for those things that seem beyond comprehension. Try jumping and see what happens!

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds
with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Tony Whitaker

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 Gillian Karen Olivia Terry Joan Brain Dorothy Terry Bob Cheryl Karen Emma Brenda</p>	<p>Baptisms 31st May Ewan and baby Levi Crowell 5th July Freddie St Andrew's 26th July Ameliana St Andrew's</p> <p>Weddings 30th May Matt and Tracey Aston Rowant 14th July John and Suzanne St Andrew's</p>	<p>For those who mourn for:</p> <p>Barbara Morgan Jim Willment Mary Hollyer Lyn Watson</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.

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>
2 nd June	4 th June
8 th June	11 th June
16 th June	18 th June
23 rd June	25 th June
30 th June	2 nd July
7th July	9th July
	16th July

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 July, (June meeting cancelled)

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 7th June, 5th July

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: 2nd June, 7th July

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



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. It is 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 and she will put you in touch with the school.



**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.*

To make a donation, please see page 38

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Honouring The Turning Of The Earth With Joy And Gratitude



**Summer Solstice Sunrise
Outdoor Celebration
(with Holy Communion)**

Saturday 20th June 2026

5.00am

Donkey Lane Community Orchard, Chinnor

Whathreewords: supposes.reform.pouch



**Everyone is welcome!
with faith, little faith or no faith.**

Contact Rev'd Jacky for more information on 07769 825
305 or by email rector@unitedparish.church

PLEASE NOTE:

The Orchard is a traditional and rustic space:
uneven ground, no toilets, no running water, no electricity.
Please park respectfully near the shops and walk up (~ 100m),
taking extra care as you cross the railway line.

Do wear footwear and clothing appropriate to the terrain and weather on the day.
Some seating will be available but do bring your own chair or blanket.



**DONKEY LANE
COMMUNITY ORCHARD**



Jackys Photo Diary

Gina and Mike's wedding at Aston Rowant Church



Margaret and Jacky at Christ Church on Maundy Thursday , a beautiful service to renew vows of commitment to serve God and the United Parish

Journeying Through Grief

A four-week course offering comfort, hope and

**Whether your loss is recent or long ago,
whether you have faith or not,
you are warmly invited to a small, safe group**

Starting: Monday 15th June 2026

Time: 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Venue: St Andrew's Church, Chinnor

Duration: 4 weeks

To book a place, contact the Rev'd Jacky Barr
by email (rector@unitedparish.church) or call/message on 07769 825 305

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

Matthew 5:4



A life well lived

The sun shone brightly on Friday 22nd May which was so fitting for a wonderful, radiant person whose smile and personality was sunshine itself.

The life of Siobhan McKee, celebrated at St Mary's Church Sydenham, was led by the Reverend Dr. Jacky Barr and Reverend Joan de Val and attended by the many friends, work colleagues and family who Siobhan had meant so much to over the years. The packed church and marquee were testament to her popularity, kindness and a stoicism that marked Siobhan as the very special and charismatic person she was.

The church was bedecked with beautiful flowers, the choir, of which Siobhan was such a driving force, sang Howard Goodall's, 'The Lord is My Shepherd' and 'Nunc Dimittis', very much determined to do her proud. The congregation hymns were 'Be Still My Soul', 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' and 'The day thou gavest, Lord is ended'. All hymns selected by Siobhan.

Lloyd (McKee), during a moving and excellently delivered Eulogy, spoke of her long and successful career, finding Sydenham, their wedding at St Mary's, how she dealt with Concorde passengers and her 'mad mare' evoking much laughter. Her love of sport, her care of friends, wonderful holidays, the Eurovision Song Contest and 'fussy guests' eating list' were amongst many other attributes and recollections.

Siobhan's son, Rory, spoke touchingly of his wonderful and secure childhood, his happiest memories of chats in the kitchen, family lunches and sharing news. Siobhan's sister, Nuala recited 'Remember Me' by Christina Rossetti, Dr Chris Hood read '1 Corinthians 13 (King James Version) and Judy Thompson, our pianist played 'Variation 18 from Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini'.

After the service and burial, guests were invited to the OSR to enjoy the plentiful food and drinks whilst sharing memories of Siobhan.

Donations were given to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and Cancer Research UK

'When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go'

To view the service, see <https://www.youtube.com/live/pfQnj9a-600>

Fi Kermack

Promotional words for July 4th Concert

Saturday 4 July at 7.30pm. St Mary's Church, Sydenham

Sydenham Choir presents 'Music for the Seasons'.

Join the Sydenham Choir for a vibrant and uplifting evening of music and celebration.

This year's concert promises a rich and entertaining programme, beginning with a joyful musical journey through the Four Seasons, woven together with poetry and song.

In the contrasting second half and to mark the 40th anniversary of **Les Misérables** the audience will be transported back to rebellious France with a stirring selection of favourite numbers— full of drama, passion and unforgettable melodies.

The evening will also include a heartfelt tribute to Siobhan, who is so sadly missed. With music, nostalgia, celebration and community spirit, this promises to be a truly special evening not to be missed.

Tickets are **£15 pp to include wine and raffle.**

Advance booking strongly recommended to avoid disappointment.

To reserve your seats, please e mail the number of tickets required to choir member Jo Tower - towerchoir@gmail.com Any questions? - telephone Fiona on 07785 220621

All profits raised will be donated to the upkeep of St Mary's Church.



SYDENHAM CHOIR PRESENTS



MUSIC FOR THE SEASONS

AN UPLIFTING CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE CHANGING SEASONS.

THE SECOND HALF WILL MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LES MISÉRABLES

7.30 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY 4TH JULY, 2026

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SYDENHAM

TICKETS £15 EACH (TO INCLUDE WINE AND RAFFLE!)

TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE EMAIL
CHOIR MEMBER JO TOWER
TOWERCHOIR@GMAIL.COM



WINTER



SPRING



SUMMER



AUTUMN

To make a donation, please see page 38

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CHINNOR CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you so much for all your support at the ecumenical Christian Aid service for the start of Christian Aid Week on the 10th May. It was a good to see so many of our supporters and we hope you were encouraged to hear about the work Christian Aid is funding in partnership with the Beacon of Hope charity in Kenya. We have collected **£817.50** so far for the urban garden project in Nairobi but the final total for the week, won't be announced until after we have received all the sponsorship money from Mike Marshall's 70K walk. It's not too late to sponsor Mike, so please email shortmantm@gmail.com and we can organise it for you.



Thank you also for your messages and prayers of hope which you created during the service, for the RESTORE campaign, using our Kintsugi pot. These will now be added to many others and presented to parliament. Christian Aid along with many other humanitarian organisations is seeking to highlight the need for the introduction of fairer debt justice laws as the climate crisis is colliding with a debt crisis – trapping many more people into lives of poverty.

Our next fund raising event is our **Summer Sunday Lunch** that will be held on **Sunday June 28th at the Methodist Church, starting at 1pm**. This will include a two course lunch, soft drinks, a raffle and entertainment. If you would like to come and support us, please will you reserve a place no later than the **21st June** by emailing shortmantm@gmail.com or leaving a message on 01844-350014. We want to make sure we have enough food for everybody and have a limit of 60 places!



To make a donation, please see page 38

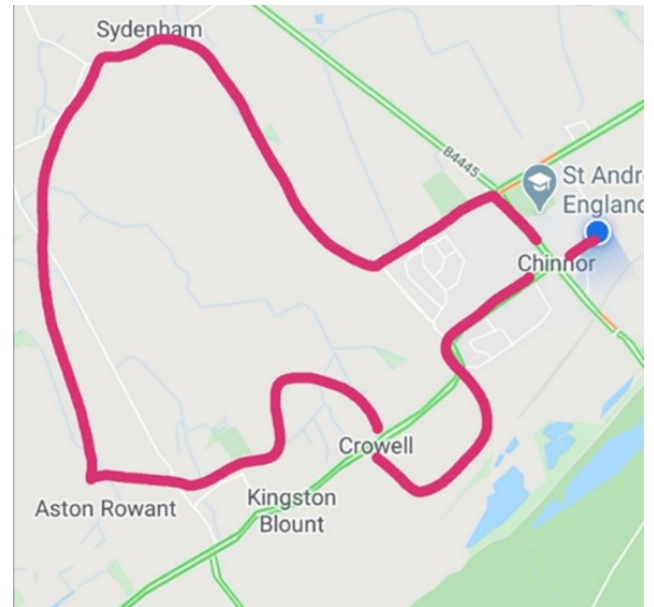
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Rector's Ramble

Saturday

4th July 2026



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, while raising money for the United Parish.

We invite you to make a donation, if you can.



(We will have a support vehicle following us, in case of any difficulties)



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& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust**

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A Rocha UK is turning 25!

A Rocha UK will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary event on Saturday 27th June at St John's Church, Waterloo in London.

That's right, A Rocha UK started in 2001, inspired by the incredible conservation work that was happening in Portugal, all as an outworking of a conviction to care for God's beautiful earth - and that vision continues today.

The event will be a time of thanksgiving, storytelling and celebration focusing on what we have achieved together. We want to recognise how much the A Rocha UK community has grown since 2001, through Eco Church, our Partners in Action and Wild Christian, and just how much action has been taken to care for and protect God's beautiful creation. During this time, the A Rocha Worldwide Family has also grown, and we now have sister organisations in over 20 countries around the world.

The event will begin at 12pm with a service of thanksgiving, followed by lunch and speeches. St John's is a Gold-awarded Eco Church which originated in 1877. Octavia Hill, one of the founders of the National Trust, used the church as a space for people living in poverty to enjoy nature in an urban environment. We hope to enjoy their beautiful churchyard garden during the event. We are inviting anyone who would like to, to bring an interesting item of memorabilia from the last 25 years in the life of A Rocha UK for others to see.

Chinnor Churches Go Wild! Is one of A Rocha UK's longest standing Partners and in 2025 celebrated its 18th birthday with a celebration convention. CCGW! was founded by Bob Sluka and Jo Whitfield back in 2007. Representatives from CCGW! are planning to attend the event in London.

Date for your diary : The Chilterns' Unique and Disappearing Wildlife : An illustrated lecture by Ian Gamble : FRIDAY 3 JULY : ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : 7pm – 7.45pm with refreshments served from 6.30pm.



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Who : All ages

Where : St Andrew's Church, Chinnor OX39 4QU

Date : Friday, 3 July : 7pm- 7.45 pm

Refreshments Served from 6:30pm

Donations received for CCGW!

A 20th Century Painting of St. Andrew's Church, Chinnor

Notes on its provenance and family connections.

On 18th November 1936 at St. Andrew's Ruth Mary Howlett (a 21 year old "spinster of this parish") married Cecil Jesse Newman (a 21 year old bachelor in the R.A.F. Medical Services at Farnborough). The fathers of both had died during the couple's early teens; but Cecil and Ruth were blessed with long lives and a fruitful marriage.

Cecil's career in the R.A.F. meant that they and their family lived in many different places during the following decades, but Ruth always considered Chinnor her home and, for Cecil, it was the place of some of the happiest memories of their youth. Their first child (Wilfred), though born in January 1938 at Didcot, was brought to Chinnor for baptism on 6th March 1938. There followed a daughter (Cecily) born in Oxford in July 1943, a son (John) born near Watlington in October 1945 and a second daughter (Christine) born in Norfolk in January 1947. And, in due course, these four children gave them a total of nine grandchildren, all of whom were able to help Cecil & Ruth celebrate 60 years of marriage in November 1996.

As part of these celebrations the family clubbed together to fund the painting (by Daniel, the artistically gifted son of John) of a picture of St. Andrew's Church – the place where "it all began" - to be presented to Cecil and Ruth at a celebratory lunch near their retirement home in Lincolnshire. Until they moved into a care home in the final phase of their life, the painting was proudly displayed on the wall of their bungalow at Metheringham.

On the sale of their home, the painting passed into the care of Cecily at her long-established home in Oxford. Cecil died in Lincoln Hospital on 1st September 2005, aged 90; Ruth died in Woodview Care Home (Branston, Lincs) in April 2007 in her 92nd year. It was Ruth's will and wish to be buried back "home" in Chinnor and her final resting place (with the ashes of Cecil accompanying her in the coffin) can be found in the churchyard to the South-East of the St. Andrew's church building. This is not far from the grave of Ruth's parents, Charles William and Clara Howlett, which is a little further to the south and next to the boundary wall.

The donation of the painting to St. Andrew's Church follows from the death of Cecily, its "caretaker" in September last year. She was the first of Cecil & Ruth's children to die, while the other three are advancing into their eighties. Cecily's children and heirs need to dispose of the contents of their old family home prior to its sale.

Given that no family member feels able to guarantee the painting an appropriate long-term home, it was proposed that the most fitting place to house and preserve it is St. Andrew's itself. At the request of Claire and Mark and with the agreement of my surviving siblings I have been asked to provide the Church with these background notes to accompany the donation.

I am particularly happy to support the donation and to provide this background note as, having made a detailed study of the Howlett family history, I know that Ruth's Howlett ancestors can be traced back in Chinnor parish registers through seven generations to the baptism in 1694/5 of Simon Howlett son of William Howlett; and, furthermore, it can be shown, with the aid of surviving wills, that six preceding generations of Howletts were resident at nearby Emmington between the 1540s and 1680s.

The descendants of Cecil & Ruth alive in 1996 are detailed in a note attached to the back of the painting. Today their descendants are scattered the length and breadth of England, and beyond, and include 12 great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild (soon to be 2), as well as the 3 surviving children and seven of their 9 grandchildren.

Wilfred – May 2026.

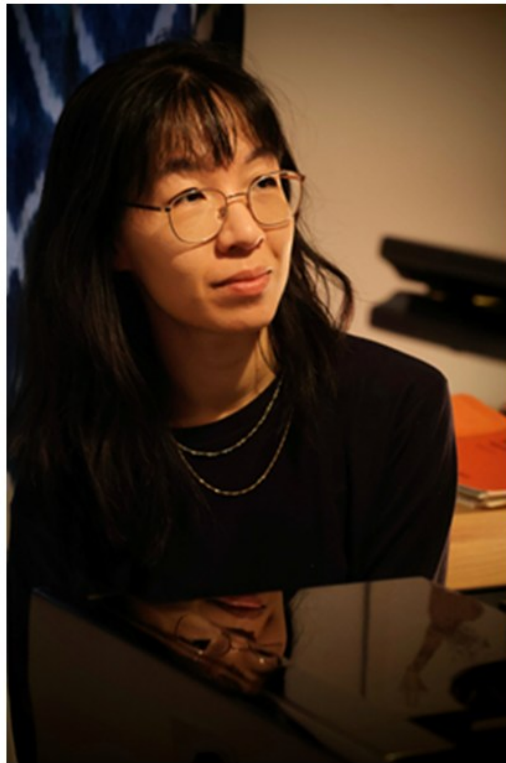


Friends of St. Andrew's Church

**Lunchtime Concert with a
piano recital**

Featuring

HELENA LEE



Friday 3 July

12.30 to 1.15pm

**Admission is FREE with a retiring collection in
aid of St. Andrew's Fabric Restoration Fund
and Samaritans Purse.**

**Refreshments Available before the
Concert**

HELENA LEE : FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026

Helena Lee ATCL, LTCL

Helena was a music scholar at Berkhamsted School, where she received the Alice Maynard Prize for Keyboard Studies. She studied with Dr John Winter and earned the Associate Trinity College London recital diploma with distinction. She later received a music scholarship to the University of Birmingham, where she studied with Alexander Boyd alongside her medical degree. Helena has also studied with Joanna Garcia and currently takes lessons with Charlotte Tomlinson in Oxford.

Helena has performed at venues across the UK including the Barber Institute, Elgar Concert Hall, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Forsyth Music, and Thame Lunchtime Concerts series.

Alongside performing, Helena is a member of the Curious Piano Teachers network and teaches in Aylesbury. She also has a medical career as a consultant geriatrician.

www.hleepiano.wordpress.com



Summer Sunday Lunch
Sunday 28th June at 1pm
Methodist Church, Chinnor,

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon including:

Two-course lunch

- **Soft drinks**
- **Raffle**
- **Entertainment**

Please reserve your place by 21st June

shortmantm@gmail.com

01844 350014

To help us cater for everyone, places are limited to 60 guests.



Don't throw it away!

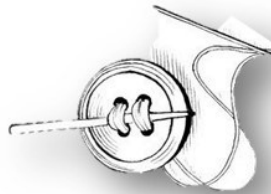


If you have small items that need mending,
bring them along to our

Repair Cafe



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



Nothing to mend?
Come along for
coffee and a chat



St Andrew's Church
Church Rd, Chinnor OX39 4PQ
Saturday 11th July 2026
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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Repair Café 16th May 2026 Feedback : Greening Chinnor

Huge congratulations to the amount of customers we were able to accommodate at yesterday's Repair Café. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

We had a steady stream of people and didn't get too overwhelmed. Apart from a couple of tweaks that will be made to the booking in process, I thought it was a lovely morning.

So here are the stats!

We had 14 volunteer fixers and helpers including Laretta and Lynn busy keeping us all well refreshed. Thanks to Laretta for all her help in setting up and taking down. Well done to Eamonn in taking on sharpening. He was kept busy.

We checked in 39 items of which 31 were fixed and 4 repairable and/or given advice and 4 either failed or were rejected. This gave us the grand total of a 79% fix rate. Well done everybody!

Items registered were:

Shears, secateurs, scissors, knives, an axe and a Swoe! An electric heater that blew the fuses!! The usual kettles, hot water dispenser, coffee maker and a milk frother. We also had in a beautiful Christmas nativity musical box with LED lights and a Ninja fryer. The sewing team were kept busy with jeans, trousers a coat and also darning of two moth eaten jumpers.

There were a couple of wooden items that came in, which we couldn't accommodate and a few broken ceramics which unless we have a ceramics expert or the customer is willing to use glue from our glue table, we didn't attempt to mend.

As always, the feedback was very good.

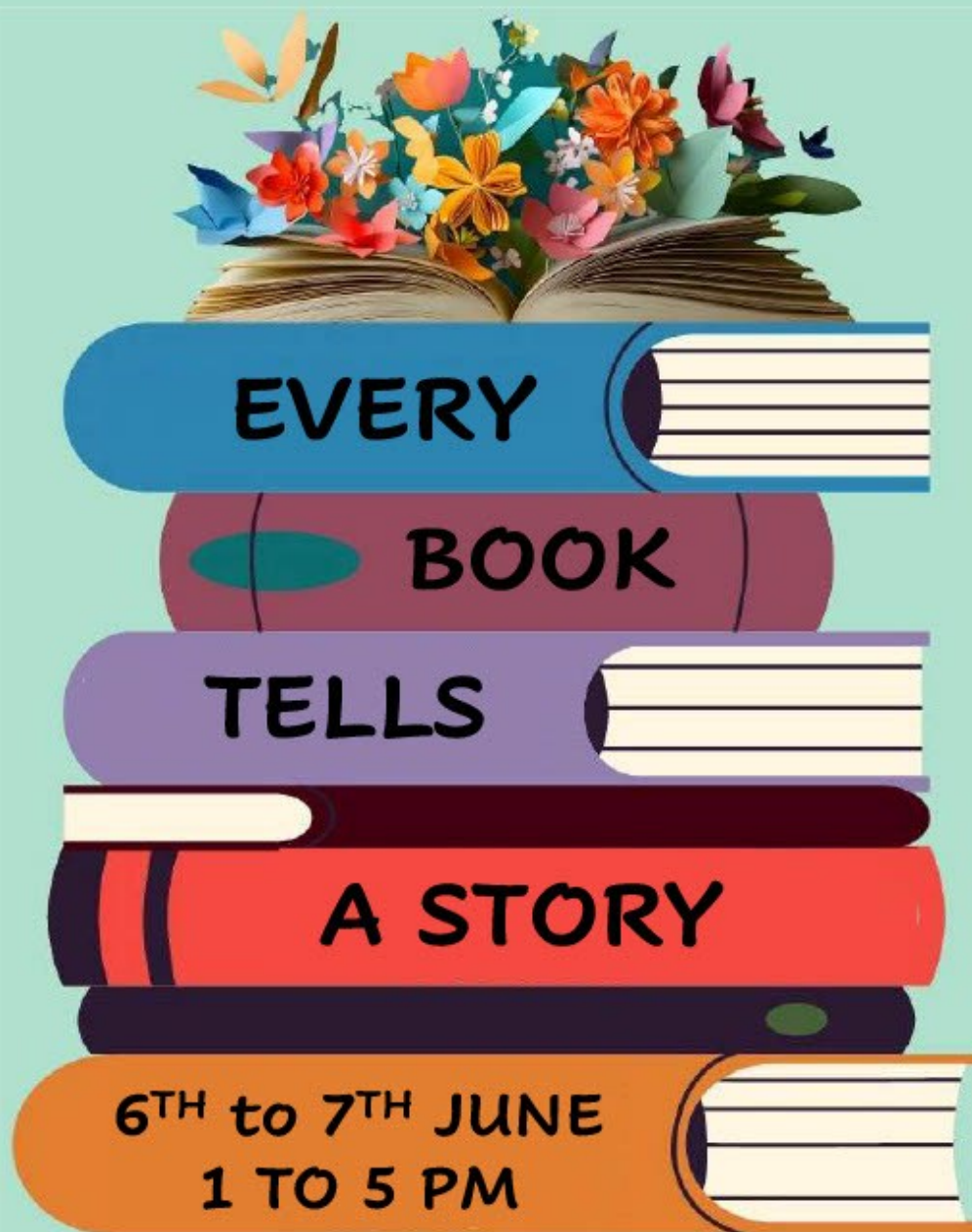
The admin team once again did a marvellous job of getting feedback forms completed which help us understand our demographics and where our advertising is being effective.

The next Repair Cafés are planned for:

- Saturday 11th July
- Saturday 12th September



FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
**FLOWER & CRAFTS FESTIVAL
WITH CREAM TEAS**



Special Highlights :

- Crafters and Artists
- Tours of the Bell Tower : 2-4pm
- Stall with Produce and Plants

Donations at the Door : £2

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

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : FLOWER AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL WITH
AFTERNOON CREAM TEAS : EVERY BOOK TELLS A STORY :
SATURDAY 6 – SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026 : 1-5PM

The St Andrew's Church Flower Guild is hosting a flower festival with the theme of "Every Book Tells a Story" on Saturday 6 June and Sunday 7 June 2026, in conjunction with Chinnor Open Gardens.

The church will be decorated with flowers depicting books and stories from all decades for all age groups. In addition, the church has invited several artists and crafters to share their skills during the flower festival in the church. There will also be a produce stall selling jams, cakes, crafts, etc and a plant stall – any donations towards the produce stall will be gratefully received closer to the date of the festival. Please note no bric-a-brac.

In addition to the artists and crafters, there will be a willow crafter outside in the churchyard creating willow dragonflies and dream catchers for children. Children can make mini clay thumb pots to be taken home to dry.

Cream teas will be sold on both afternoons of the festival. This year's festival will again host tours of the bell tower on both days.

Suggested donation of £2.00 at the door will be gratefully received. The funds raised during this Flower and Crafts Festival will go towards the ongoing care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church. 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.

Opening times: Saturday 6 June and Sunday 7 June: 1pm- 5pm
Bell Tower: Saturday 6 June and Sunday 7 June : 2-4pm

St Andrew's Church Flower Guild

UNITED PARISH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)
2ND May 2026 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHINNOR

MINUTES

Appointment of Chair, Secretary & Tellers

Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr – Meeting Chair

Mark Prescott – Meeting Secretary

Tellers NOT Required.

Vestry Meeting - Selection of Church Wardens for 2026/7

Aston Rowant – Richard Boarder. Vacancy

Chinnor – Laretta Milligan. Robert Pegg

Crowell – Andrew Warman. Margaret Warman

Sydenham – Roy Harrison. Vacancy

Opening Prayers led by – Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr

Minutes from APCM held on 21st May 2025 - Agreed as true record – Passed Unanimously

Electoral Roll – 121 Members

Elected Lay Members of Deanery Synod – Andrea Oughton. Margaret Poole. Laretta Milligan.

Elected Parochial Church Council Members

Aston Rowant – Jackie Griffiths. Tessa Wyatt. Rona Knight

Chinnor - Patricia Prescott. Mark Prescott. Sue Ashdown. Shane Swaffield. Sue Wright. Nick Milligan

Crowell – No members nominated.

Sydenham – Adele Stancliffe. Gillian Harrison. Fiona Kermack

Thanks go to David DeVal for his many years of P.C.C Service.

Finance – Copies of accounts shared and external examiner appointed – Passed Unanimously.

Matters Arising – None received

Any Other Business (A.O.B) – No questions submitted.

Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr thanked for all her hard work.

Closing Prayer – Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr

FIRST PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Welcome – Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr

Apologies – 8 Recorded

MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 22 April 2026 – Passed unanimously

Friends of St Andrew's Church – The Church thanked the Friends for their donation of £744.00 for clock repairs.

Correspondence – None Received

Appointments of P.C.C. Officers

Lay Vice Chair – Andrew Warman

Secretary – Mark Prescott

Treasurer – Sue Ashdown

Safeguarding – Jane Tucker

Electoral Roll – Andrea Oughton

G.D.P.R – Mark Prescott

D.B.S – Margaret Poole. Andrea Oughton

No Roles were contested so voting was not required.

The P.C.C thanked Brian Griffiths for his work as G.D.P.R. Officer since its inception.

Standing Committee for P.C.C

The Rector, The Secretary, Lay Vice Chair, A Warden from each Church, A Finance Committee Member, One Lay Member (Patricia Prescott).

Any Other Business – None Received.

The Meeting Closed.

Maggs Warman

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CHINNOR**

 **20TH JUNE 2026**

 **7.30PM**
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHINNOR

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

27 June

25 July

29 August

26 September

CROWELL CHURCH, CROWEL

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

27 June

25 July

29 August

26 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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Mary Christine Fowler

This coming Sunday will be the 20th Anniversary of Mary Christine Fowler death and we will spend the day in reflection on a life well-lived. These are the words, that I wrote, that I believe Mary would have said; and expected us to live our lives by in the same spirit.

It is always my privilege, and pleasure, to maintain the gates.

Go on

You think that I have left you
As if I am no more
Yet you always knew that I would leave you
It is what our life is for

For if it were not for the leaving
Then what reason would there be
For the life that we are sharing
For the love that is you and me

We have lived life for each minute
At a pace so free and fast
We packed fun and action in it
Always as if it were our last

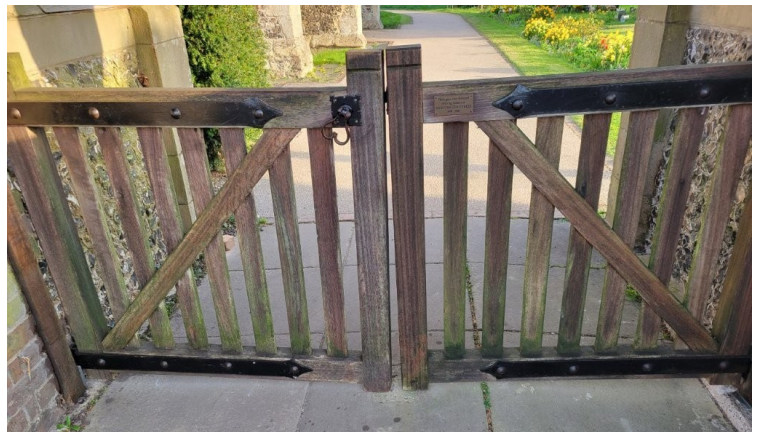
That is what made our time so special
We didn't wait to see what came
Or just take what we were given
We lived life like a flame

We were bright and we were daring
We went looking for the light
But we gave love, and we were caring
We did what we thought was right

In life we took our gambles
Took the risk of the flowing stream
Not for us those lazy ambles
On the bank to idly dream

And now I have travelled forward
But I am only out of view
I give you mine; now give me your word
You will see your journey through

Go on, I am still with you
Waste no days in spirits vexed
In all, I found you in this life
You will find me in the next.



Chooseday Church Grant

A huge thank you for the grant that Chinnor Beer Festival Committee awarded to Chooseday Church back in the Spring.

The children enjoyed the 'Great Reveal', when they opened the large Amazon box with all the games and arts and craft resources that we are planning to use over the course of the year.

We are so very grateful for all the support that we have received from Chinnor Parish Council, as it enables us to deliver sessions that are creative and fun.

Margaret Poole



Bellringing

I am sure most of you will know me, my name is Bev and I have lived in Chinnor for most of my life, firstly with my parents and sister and then with my husband and our three children. In Chinnor like most villages across the United Kingdom church bells have marked the passing of time for centuries, they celebrate weddings, Christmas and National occasions and call communities together in times of Joy and Remembrance and it is a tradition found almost nowhere else in the world and for many ringers it is a part of the fabric of British life. For me however the journey into the bell tower began with a little stubbornness – nearly 25 years ago the Rector at our lovely church (I won't name names but if you know you know!!!) made it clear he wanted the bell ringing to stop, whether it was the noise, the disruption or simply the lack of enthusiasm for the tradition his opinion was obvious but instead of discouraging me it had exactly the opposite effect. That determination led me up the spiral staircase and into the ringing chamber for the very first time and I have never truly left. Over the past quarter of a century bell ringing has become woven into the rhythm of my life; it gives me a strong sense of friendship and community that exists within bell towers across the country. Bell ringers come from all walks of life and all ages, yet they are connected by teamwork, concentration and tradition. No single person can ring a full peal alone and every ringer relies on everyone else. Of course, life has not always allowed uninterrupted Sundays in the tower, there were breaks along the way to have my three children, for the Covid lockdown and later another pause whilst recovering from a cancer diagnosis. Returning to ringing after difficult times has brought me a renewed appreciation for the tradition and the people involved in it who offer encouragement, humour and support. The sound of the bells can be uplifting not only for those hearing them across the village but for the people pulling the ropes. What makes bell ringing especially remarkable is how uniquely British it is, ringers continue to practise methods that have been handed down through generations, whilst modern life changes rapidly the art of bell ringing still depends on patience, skill and teamwork rather than technology which suits an old fogey like me who finds it deeply satisfying preserving a tradition that could so easily disappear. So looking back after 25 years, what began as an act of defiance became a lifelong commitment. A Rectors wish to silence the bells instead inspired me to dedicate myself to ensuring that they would continue to ring out over the community for years to come and thankfully they still do. I would just like to add that our lovely Rector Jacky is incredibly supportive of the bell ringers and all of us are deeply grateful for this.

Bev

THE RECTORY MEADOW FELLOWSHIP GROUP

3 years ago, Jacky set up the Rectory Meadow Fellowship Group, in Chinnor. A group of 7 neighbours meet regularly to enjoy tea and cake, and to discuss the faith God has gifted us through Jesus Christ.

Jane Tucker says: 'Meeting with neighbours has built new bonds of friendships and helped deepen our faith.'

Peggy Miles says: 'we meet in a relaxed, yet stimulating, space where we can learn, ask questions and support one another. Jacky and Tony keep us on our toes, providing thought-provoking studies, and we input as little or as much as we feel comfortable.'

June Gibbs says: 'So far we have looked at the Parables, the Miracles of Jesus, the Suffering of Job, Peace in our World, what is Lent? And much more.

This is such a rewarding time together, and it would be wonderful if more small groups would find the time and place to 'Nourish the faith that is freely given to all who seek.'

June Gibbs

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Or read the latest United parish Magazine, Home Service Booklet,
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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.

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





Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden

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Wordsearch clues & answers - Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Mary - the virgin mother of Jesus. Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her Son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in history. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me blessed..."

Mary	Virgin	Mother	Elizabeth	Pregnant
Ordinary	World	History	Great	Event
Family	Jerusalem	Wedding	Cana	Wine
Beloved	Disciples	Dying	Cross	Keeping
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Treasurer: Vacancy

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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

Editors Note— We are trialing going back to a monthly edition of the magazine.

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DEADLINE: July Magazine is 21st June

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	What	Where
6th June	1230	Sydenham Fayre	Sydenham
6th+7th June	1pm-5pm	Flower Festival*	St Andrew's Church
20th June	5am	Summer Solstice Holy Communion	Donkey Lane Orchard
20th June	7pm	Chinnor Silver Band Concert	St Andrew's Church
27th June	10am- Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
28th June	1pm	Christian Aid Summer Lunch	Chinnor Methodist Church
3rd July	12.30 - 1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with Helena Lee*	St Andrew's Church
3rd July	7-7.45pm	Ian Gamble—Chilterns Wildlife CCGW	St Andrew's Church
4th July	10am	Rector's Ramble	St Andrew's Church
4th July	7.30pm	Sydenham Choir Concert— Celebration of Les Miserables	St Marys Church
11th July	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
25th July	10am- Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
29th August	10am– 12	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
4th September	12.30 - 1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with JamJar*	St Andrew's Church
12th Sept	All Day	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust : Ride & Stride	All Churches
12th Sept	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
25th Sept	7.30pm	Friends of St Andrews Church Quiz Nite*	Chinnor Village Hall
26th Sept	7pm	Harvest Supper	St Andrew's Church
2nd October	12.30 - 1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with Allsorts*	St Andrew's Church
5th October	10.30am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	St Andrew's Church
30th Oct— 1st Nov	11am	Sydenham Church Art Show	Sy Marys Church

* Friends of St Andrews Event