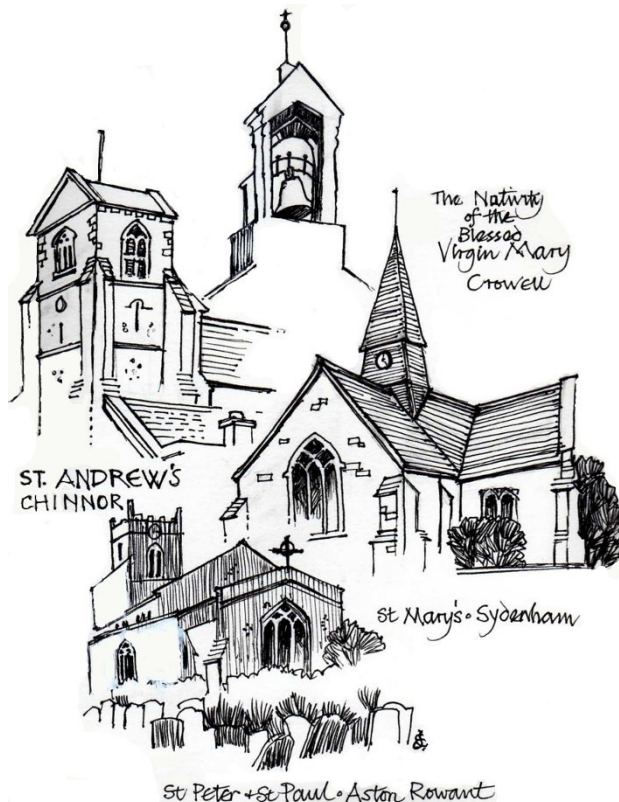




# THE UNITED PARISH MAGAZINE

MAY 2026

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





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

<b>MAY 2026</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>LED BY</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Easter 5</b>	<b>1030am</b>	St Andrew's, Chinnor	<b>Holy Communion Followed by APCM</b>	Jacky
	<b>6pm</b>	St Andrew's, Chinnor	<b>Taize</b>	Tony and Monica
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6</b>	<b>9am</b>	Aston Rowant	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Margaret
	<b>1030am</b>	St Andrew's, Chinnor	<b>Christian Aid @ Methodist Church</b>	Led by Methodists
	<b>1030</b>	Sydenham	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	Jacky
	<b>6pm</b>	Crowell	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Jacky
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day</b>	<b>10am</b>	St Andrew's, Chinnor	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Tony
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6</b>	<b>9am</b>	Aston Rowant	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Aston Rowant Team
	<b>1030am</b>	St Andrew's, Chinnor	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Jacky
	<b>6pm</b>	Sydenham	<b>BCP Evensong</b>	Margaret
<b>Sunday 24 May Pentecost</b>	<b>9am</b>	Aston Rowant	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Tony
	<b>1030</b>	St Andrew's, Chinnor	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Jacky
	<b>6pm</b>	Crowell	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Maggs and Andy
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		Jacky
		<b>United Parish Service 1030 ROGATION (and TRINITY) @Manor Farm, Chinnor</b>		Jacky

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

**Bible Readings**  
**May and June 2026**  
**Year A**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May Easter 5</b> <b>UNITED PARISH SERVICE +</b> <b>APCM</b> white	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John14:1-14
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6</b> white	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1Peter 3: 13-22 John14:15-21
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May Easter 7</b> white	Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68:1-10 1Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost/Whitsun</b>	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b 1 Cor 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>UNITED PARISH SERVICE</b> <b>Rogation service</b> <b>@ Manor Farm</b>	Deut 11:10-15 Psalm 147: 1-13 Romans 8:18-25 Mark 4:26-32
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity 1 Sunday (green)	Isaiah 40.12–17,27–31 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11–13 Matthew 28.16–20
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity 1 Proper 5 (green)	Hosea 5.15 – 6.6 Psalm 50.7–15 Romans 4.13–25 Matthew 9.9–13,18–26
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity 2 Proper 6 (green)	Exodus 19.2–8a Psalm 100 Romans 5.1–8 Matthew 9.35 – 10.8
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Trinity 3 Proper 7 (green)	Jeremiah 20.7–13 Psalm 69. 14-20 <b>Romans 6.1b–11</b> <b>Matthew 10.24–39</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity 4 Proper 8 (green)	<b>Genesis 22:1-14</b> Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 <b>Matthew 10:40-42</b>

# PASTORAL LETTER

Greetings dear reader

We live on the entrance road to the Pavilian Park. One of the joys of living here is that we see so much of village life: football, cricket, tennis, children at play and of course the dog walkers. Occasionally I get to join them and chat all things dog as we walk. The reason I occasionally join the dog walkers is that our daughter has a dog and when she and her husband go away we are asked to have the dog. She is a delightful Cockapoo named Poppy.

Lately, I have been reading about domesticated dogs and especially the special relationship with humans. Apparently, according to Britannia, domestication likely began when certain wolves adapted to human environments, attracted by food scraps and safe habitats. Over generations, wolves with reduced fear of humans and heightened social intelligence were selectively favoured, This evolution was not solely physical; it also included behavioural traits such as tameness and an ability to interpret human social clues. One of the domestication traits of dogs is the herding instinct. We see this with Poppy – when we come in from a walk she keeps barking to get us all herded into a seated and therefore relaxed group. Only when we are all seated on the settee does she stop barking and settles down, job done.

I think Poppy and her herding have got something important here to teach us and that is the importance of social groups, most obviously family, friends and social networks. They cement social care and the support of each. We see this most obviously in family where each supports the other. Families are the mainstay of the fabric of society. However, for many they lack such support and life is lonely. Indeed, we are told that loneliness is one of the biggest problems in our western culture. Approximately 27% of adults in the UK reported feeling lonely some of the time with 7% stating they felt lonely often or always.

According to Government surveys, responders ticked 'yes' to the following questions:

Do you feel lonely?

Do you feel you lack companionship?

Do you feel left out?

Do you feel isolated from others?

I believe this is where the Church can step in to provide an antidote to loneliness. I've seen many folk come to faith through baptism/marriage/funeral ministry or indeed, the fellowship of tea and coffee after services. Many other things can provide such fellowship and you only need to read the range of adverts in this months Parish Magazine. One can sample things from lunchtime concerts to cream teas and pancakes.

This all begs the question 'do you know anyone who is lonely?' Could you invite them to a church event or could you notify the office or one of the clergy of a need? If so, I guess Poppy would be proud of you!!!

by Rev'd. Brian Griffiths

# PRAYERS



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



<p><b>Please pray for:</b> Gillian Bev Brian Dorothy Sylvia Kathleen Olivia Amelia Terry Joan Bob Brenda Suzanne Bill Brian and Jackie Cheryl</p>	<p><b>Baptisms</b> Elsie St Andrews 10th May</p> <p><b>Weddings</b> Matt and Tracey Aston Rowant</p>	<p><b>For those who mourn for:</b>  Peter Peake  Siobhan McKee  Keith Jarvis</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](mailto: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>
5 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> May
12 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May
19 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May
HALF TERM	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> June
8 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> June
16 <sup>th</sup> June	18 <sup>th</sup> June
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> June
30 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

## 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: 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

# 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](http://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.*

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Honouring The Turning Of The Earth With Joy And Gratitude



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

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**5.00am**

**Donkey Lane Community Orchard, Chinnor**

Whatthreewords: 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](mailto: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**





# 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

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### My Details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please notify the charity if you:**

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

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.

# ***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](mailto:rector@unitedparish.church)) or call/message on 07769 825 305

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

*Matthew 5:4*



## World Day Prayer Committee AGM and shared lunch

The Ecumenical WDP committee met on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at Meadow Song Henton for their AGM. We discussed the WDP services that were held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's Church. We then looked forward to next year's WDP services that will be held at the Methodist Church; when we will be celebrating 100 years of the WDP movement, which is being prepared by USA.

Our meeting concluded with a 'Bring and Share Lunch', where we enjoyed true and wonderful Christian fellowship.

Margaret Poole on behalf of the WDP Committee in The Parish



## Chinnor Cross Walk

Around 70 – 80 people took part in the Chinnor Cross Walk on Good Friday this year. The cross was carried around 11 Stations to see and enjoy paintings depicting the last journey taken by Jesus from his arrest, through Jerusalem to the cross. The paintings were left on display for a week and many people took advantage of being able to see them. Thank you to all the artists for your tremendous creativity. Thank you to everyone, including the Village Hall, Parish Council and the three churches for allowing the paintings to be erected on your property. So many other people were involved in the organisation of this event – thank you. It was a highly successful event and hopefully one that will be repeated in the future.

Organised by St Andrew's Church, Chinnor Community Church and the Methodist Church.

One of the artists, Chris McGuire, has indicated that he has prints of his painting available. Each print costs £40 with the profits being donated to the Friends of St Andrew's Church – please contact Laurretta if you are interested in purchasing a print.



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## Celebrating 10 years of Eco Church

2026 is a significant year as we celebrate 25 years of A Rocha UK and 10 years of Eco Church!

A Rocha UK's Eco Church programme equips churches in England and Wales to care for creation.

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth, through the Eco Church survey. The survey covers five key areas of church life:

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings and energy
- Land and nature
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

The survey will guide you and help you assess your progress towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church award!

A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. We are a member of Churches Together in England (CTE) and accept the CTE's Statement of Belief. As such, we welcome any church or organisation (where applicable) that supports this to join the Eco Church scheme.

To mark the 10th anniversary of Eco Church, four special services will take place across England and Wales – in Liverpool, Chelmsford, Swansea and Exeter. The first is in Swansea on Saturday 16 May at Aeon Baptist Church, starting at 3pm, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet, chat and share stories. Every Eco Church is part of this milestone, and we want to celebrate the commitment shown by thousands of churches, including yours, over the past decade.

St Andrew's Church and St Peter and St Paul Church have both been awarded a Silver Eco Award and the Chinnor Methodist Church has been awarded a Bronze Eco Award. While Chinnor Churches Go Wild! Is part of a nationwide initiative, our small actions at home and in the community really do make a difference!

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

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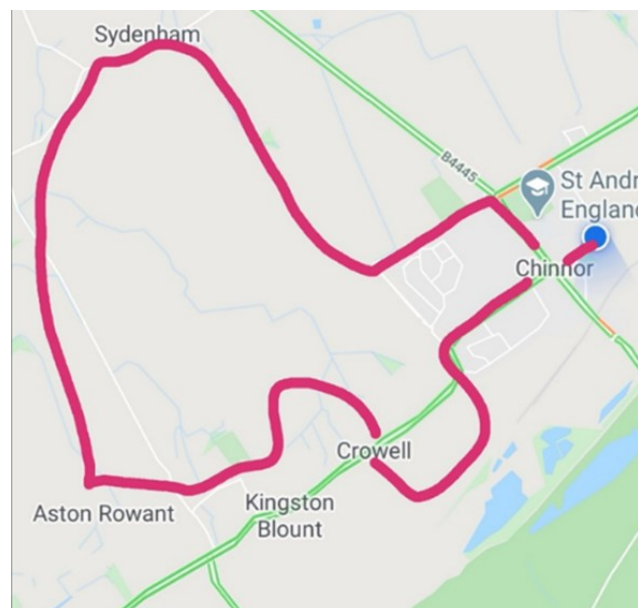
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# Rector's Ramble

Saturday

4<sup>th</sup> 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)

## **Eulogy for June Lovell**

*Notes of key events provided by June's son, Matthew.*

*Eulogy written and delivered by Margaret Poole LLM*

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and June has returned home to be united with her parents.

June was truly a Chinnor girl through and through.

June's parents were John, (always known as Jack), and Lily Lovell, nee Clarke.

They met at The Black Boy Pub on Station Road where Jack, an "Old Contemptible" having joined the QOOH age 18 in 1914, who was now working as a local butcher's boy, lodged. Lilly regularly knitted there with the daughter of the landlord of the pub.

They married and June was born on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1926 in Aunty Floss and Uncle Harry Clarke's house opposite the Crown Pub and set up home in Lime Grove. It was not long before the family were summoned to Long Crendon to take over running the Pub the Rising Sun, Easington Terrace, for Grannie Sarah Lovell, something that June's mother really did not enjoy being, a landlady!

June started school at Chilton Primary school. Walking the mile to school age 5 was the norm, and if June, Daphne Patchin, Alice and John Walker, the children of farm labourer, Ted, happened to be going his way, he would give them a lift on his horse and cart, if they were lucky.

Living in Long Crendon did not last long and with much sadness the family uprooted again when June was 6/7 and moved to Cowley Oxford, to a big old house on Holloway opposite the Morris Car factory.

Primary School was now on Horspath Road, St Christophers and at age 11 June won a place at the Central School for Girls in New Hall Street Oxford.

There were happy weekends returning to Chinnor with Mum and Dad to stay at Grannie and Grandad Clarke's house. And years later June recalled a memory of talking to Rector Baldwin's grandson, Will, about seeing him aged 6 in her grannie's house. Grandad Clarke used to do all the church repairs at St Andrew's Church, knapping flint, building the church wall and organ chamber\_ even kicking down one wall section because Will hadn't used a plumb line. Yet later Will redeemed himself by finding the old font below the where the grating is.

From 1937 and at the onset of world war 2, June's Dad was working in the motor pool at Morris Car Factory. The factory was used for bringing in the crashed fighter planes to recycle parts. June recalled that when she was 13, she remembered Rudolph Hess' plane arriving, being brought in on a low loader along Holloway. She also recalled watching the soldiers march by from their barracks and asking them, 'where they were going,' 'Germany' one said as he clipped her under her chin.

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In 1943 a lifelong friendship was struck up with Hazel Beare while at Milham Ford School and Chinnor School, (opposite corner of the Crown pub), as a student teacher. June did Monday at Milham Ford and the rest of the week at Chinnor. The headteacher at Chinnor was Mr Cuthbert and he was really pleased to have her take the standard 6 class, (Mrs Cuthberts class). Mr and Mrs Cuthbert had lost their youngest son in North Africa, and the grief had overwhelmed Mrs Cuthbert that she was no longer able to teach. There is a stained-glass window in his memory.

Many memories of long- lasting friendships ensued as June taught: Jan Benham, Jill Clarke (daughter of Will Clarke), Ruth and Margaret Bennett. Then there was Pat Folley and her sister Molly evacuated to live with their old aunt, next door to Val Gosling.

June was called up at 18, but was left to go to teacher training college at Hockerill College Bishop's Stortford 1944 -1946. This resulted in June being qualified as a teacher on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1947.

Her first teaching post, 1947-1950, was at Great Kimble for 4 years cycling from Chinnor there and back every day. It was at around this time that her parents moved back to Chinnor and built a bungalow for them all to live in, at 29 Oakley Road on the other side of Goods Timber Yard (now the houses on Timber Way).

June joined St Andrew's Church Choir, being the first out of 8 women, which included Janet and Pauline Croxford, Cousin Jill Clarke, and Pat Folly. There was also Mrs Parks, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Ray. They all soon got involved in appearing at the church fetes in the Rectory garden.

June then accepted a post as an Oxfordshire Staff Supply headship with a car allowance- although June never did take a driving test, as her licence was given her due to a backlog from the war!

What followed was a full and varied life in teaching for more than 2 decades as a supply head teacher in as many as 23 Primary schools in Oxfordshire, where she met many different people and children, forming many long lasting friendships.

Hugh Matthew was born in 1963. June took early retirement in 1984. June returned to live at 25 Oakley Road in Chinnor, looking after Jim Clarke and then eventually moving into 25a Oakley Road – on the land originally purchased by her mother Lily Lovell and passed to Jim for his carpenter's workshop.

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There are many gathered here today who will know that June didn't just retire and put her feet up. She was a people's person, and it was important to her that she got out and about as much as possible. Even after she gave up driving on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013. She would cycle or walk to where ever she needed to be.

For many decades she continued to sing with St Andrew's choir and was part of the Church family. She was committed and well liked, and she liked nothing more than conversation, tea and cake. It was in the choir that I first meet June and through conversation we realised that she had taught my father and his brother in those early days as a student teacher at Chinnor School on the corner.

As June became more housebound, she was supported by carers, neighbours and the church to be able to get out and about and who helped to provide her with what she needed on a daily basis.

June became a regular at Luncheon Club at the Church Hall, and as you can imagine with her love for food and good conversation, she enjoyed the lunches and company.

Her faith was still very important to her and once a month Rev'd Des Foote would pick her up and take her to Jean Stanley's at Hill Farm Court for Holy Communion. Des recalls that he always had to supply the chocolate and orange biscuits and make the tea, while Jean listened to June, repeating the same stories. Eventually, once tea was consumed Holy Communion was able to proceed. Des has very fond memories of these home services.

June was surrounded in her final years in Chinnor by a Church and a community that looks out for the vulnerable and needy, by supporting and sharing their Christian Faith.

June lived at 25a until December 2021 when it was deemed, she could no longer live on her own with carers coming in. The house was sold so that her care home fees could be paid at Valley Views Nursing home Darley Dale Derbyshire, near Matthew. June died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at the age of 99 years, and today, having returned to her roots her ashes will be interred to be with her mother and father here in St Andrew's Church yard.

## FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : EASTER

Thank you to the talented St Andrew's Church Flower Guild for decorating the church so beautifully with their Easter arrangements. The church hosted Family Afternoon Teas with a children's Easter Trail on Easter Sunday and Monday. A grand total of £ £217.40 was raised with the sale of refreshments and hamper tickets. Thank you to Sue Greaves for her delicious cakes, and all the volunteers and visitors who supported this event. Fundraising towards the ongoing care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church.



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



**EVERY**

**BOOK**

**TELLS**

**A STORY**

**6<sup>TH</sup> to 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
1 TO 5 PM**

**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.**

To make a donation, please see page 35

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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

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

## **Lunchtime Concert**

**Featuring**

## **WENDLEBURY WINDS**



**Friday 1 May**

**12.30 to 1.15pm**

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

**Refreshments Available before the  
Concert**

## FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : LUNCHTIME CONCERT : FRIDAY 1 MAY : 12:30-1:15PM

Wendlebury Winds, formed in 1990, is a group of talented players of wind instruments – flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn. Named after the Oxfordshire village where it originally met for rehearsals, it performs music written for various combinations of these instruments with a repertoire ranging from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including original works written specially for the group. Following its inaugural concert in 1992 more than 100 concerts have been given throughout Oxfordshire and neighbouring counties, as well as Birmingham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Powys, Staffordshire, and the South of France. All the concerts have been in aid of charities. For the concert in Chinnor the group has chosen to support “Soundabout”, an organisation which uses music, sound and silence to help learning-disabled people with complex support needs to thrive.

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### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : LYCH GATE

A big thank you to Brian Fowler for his work on the lych gate at St Andrew's Church. The gate is looking lovely with a fresh coat of varnish. The gates are dedicated to Brian's late wife, Mary Christine Fowler.



To make a donation, please see page 35

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## Christian Aid Week 2026

### Coffee Morning

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** there will be a coffee morning (10.30—Noon) for Christian Aid at St. Peter and St. Paul's Aston Rowant. We do hope you can come along and see the work Christian Aid is currently involved in.



Our annual ecumenical **Christian Aid service** this year will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May** at **Chinnor Methodist Church, Station Road, Chinnor starting at 10.30 am**. This year's story will feature a project from one of Christian Aid's partners called Beacon of Hope which works with residents in an informal settlement near Nairobi. Fridah lost her husband in a tragic accident and lives with her children and grandson in a rented a corrugated shelter, which does not have running water inside the house.. Through the project, Fridah has learnt to grow vegetables in small spaces, using cone gardens which is a form of vertical planting. At the end of a concrete alley, Fridah now has a productive urban farm where she grows vegetables to feed her family and sells some excess produce, which generates a small income to help pay for the children's schooling.

The theme of this years' service is Faithful Action and we do hope you can come and join us, to hear more about Fridah's story.

### 70K for May Challenge

For the past 2 years Christian Aid has encouraged us to fund raise by completing 70K in the month of May in many different ways (walking, running, cycling, swimming etc). Mike Marshall has very kindly offered to walk the distance again for us. If you would like to sponsor him, please sign up by emailing [shortmantm@gmail.com](mailto:shortmantm@gmail.com). Many thanks.

### Save the Date

On **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm** Chinnor Christian Aid will be holding a **Summer Special Lunch** with entertainment. The event will take place at Chinnor Methodist Church in Station Road. If you would like to come, places for the lunch must be reserved by 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please email [shortmantm@gmail.com](mailto:shortmantm@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.



## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHINNOR**

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

30 May

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.



# Don't throw it away!



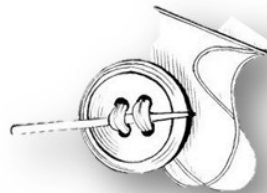
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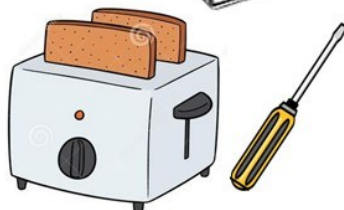
## Repair Café

Part of the Big Fix 2026. to help raise awareness of the importance of Repair Cafés

- ✓ 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:greeningchinnor@gmail.com) or call 07973 78839

## **Repair Café**

This year we are pleased to be supporting The BIG FIX 2026, a nationwide event, coordinated by Devon County Council, The BIG FIX has one aim – to fix and breathe new life into as many broken things as possible. Last year over 140 repair cafés and 1448 volunteers took part, mending 2358 items and saving more than 63,000 kg CO2e. The BIG FIX draws attention to the amazing work of Repair Cafés across the country and celebrates the brilliant volunteers who keep them going. All data collected throughout the event goes toward the BIG FIX Report, which is used by councils and Repair Cafés to highlight the impact and importance of their work.

The next Greening Chinnor Repair Café will be held on **Saturday 16th May 2026** at St Andrew's Church 10 am – 1 pm (last item accepted 12:30 pm).

At our Repair Café you can bring:

- any small household electrical item (e.g., kettle, radio, hifi, lamp, etc.). Please don't bring white goods or anything you can't carry.
- toys, mechanical items and small leather items. We probably won't have spare parts but hopefully will be able to recommend what is needed.
- broken item that needs gluing - e.g. china, plastic toys etc. We will have various kinds of glue such as araldite, super glue etc.
- clothes or textiles - we can help with buttons, simple patches, minor repairs such as seams and hems.

Remember that at our Repair Cafés, along with small electrical and electronic items and general repairs we can offer leather repairs and book advice/repairs.

Entrance is free. Cash donations towards costs and St Andrew's would be most welcome. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for what repairs we can offer on the day.

## FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : CANTILENA WINDS BAND CONCERT

On Friday 17 April the Cantilena Winds Concert Band played a variety of pieces taking the audience on a holiday across the world from England to Africa to America. It was the perfect way to spend a couple of hours on a Friday morning with talented musicians and lovely music with delicious refreshments as well. Thank you to all the band members and especially Liz and Michael for arranging the concert. The band offers its services free of charge and a grand total of £197.00 was raised from donations towards the care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church. Thank you to all those who attended the event and especially those who provided and helped with refreshments.



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## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : EASTER SERVICE : ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Year 6 students delivered a retelling of the Easter Story at the church before Easter half term, performing for both KS1 and KS2. The children handled the production with incredible maturity and talent, capturing the season's significance



perfectly. It was a joy to see our younger pupils so captivated by their older peers' hard work and dedication.

A huge "well done" to Year 6 for such a professional performance, and a big thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes!

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### **‘ACHURCHNEARYOU.com’**

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 Revd Tony Whitaker if you have any suggestions for,  
or comments about the website*      email: [office@unitedparish.church](mailto:office@unitedparish.church)



# 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

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### My Details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please notify the charity if you:**

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
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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.



## 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

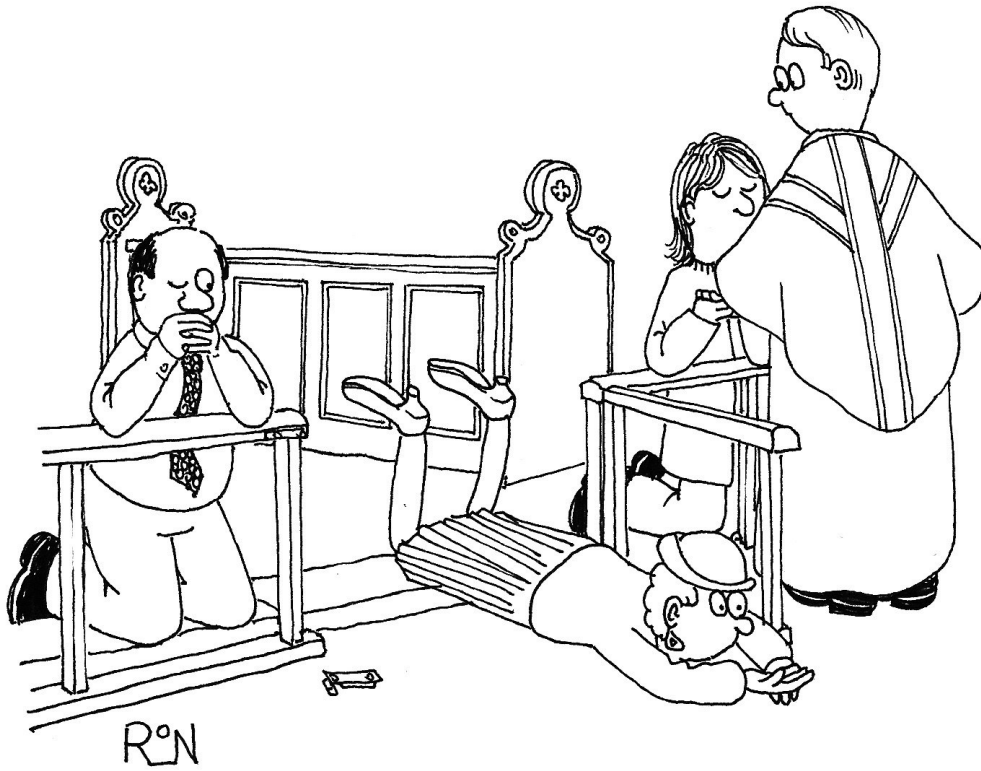


<https://www.justgiving.com/unitedparish-chinnor>

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.**





*Terry made a note to fix the bolt*

### PUZZLES

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Lord, we pray for the conflict in the Middle East, and how it is damaging the lives of so many millions of people. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; You break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. Through Your Holy Spirit, move upon the leaders of the nations to de-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but You Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in You. Let Your name be exalted among the nations; may You be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. *Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.*

Middle East Conflict Pray Damage  
 War Cease Earth Break  
 Bows Shatter Spears Burn Shields  
 Fire Crisis Many Lives millions  
 Lord Our Rock Fortress Deliverer  
 Hope Kyrie in You mercy

## Solutions

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# Parish Office

For all enquiries concerning baptism, confirmation and matrimony  
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**Treasurer:** Vacancy

**Opening Hours:** subject to change, please call or email ahead if you are  
planning to visit

**Monday**                **Closed**

**Tuesday**             **1.30 – 3.30pm**

**Wednesday**        **1.30 – 3.30pm**

**Thursday**            **1.30 – 3.30pm**

**Friday**                **Closed**

The best way of contacting the parish office is by emailing: office@unitedparish.church

## Parish Magazine:

Editor: Nicholas Milligan

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

Submissions should be emailed to magazine@unitedparish.church

DEADLINE: June Magazine is 21<sup>st</sup> May

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	What	Where
1st May	12.30 - 1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with Wendlebury Winds*	St Andrew's Church
3rd May	12am	APCM	St Andrews Church
10th May	10.30am	Christian Aid Service	Chinnor Methodist Church
16th May	10am-1pm	Repair Café	St Andrew's Church
18th May	10.30am— Noon	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Aston Rowant Church
30th May	10am-Noon	St Andrew Work Party	St Andrew's Church
31st May	10.30	Rogation Service	Manor Farm
6th & 7th June	1pm-5pm	Flower Festival*	St Andrew's Church
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
4th July	10am	Rectors 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-Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
4th September	12.30 - 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 Andrews Church Quiz Nite*	Chinnor Village Hall
26th September	7pm	Harvest Supper (more details to follow) *	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