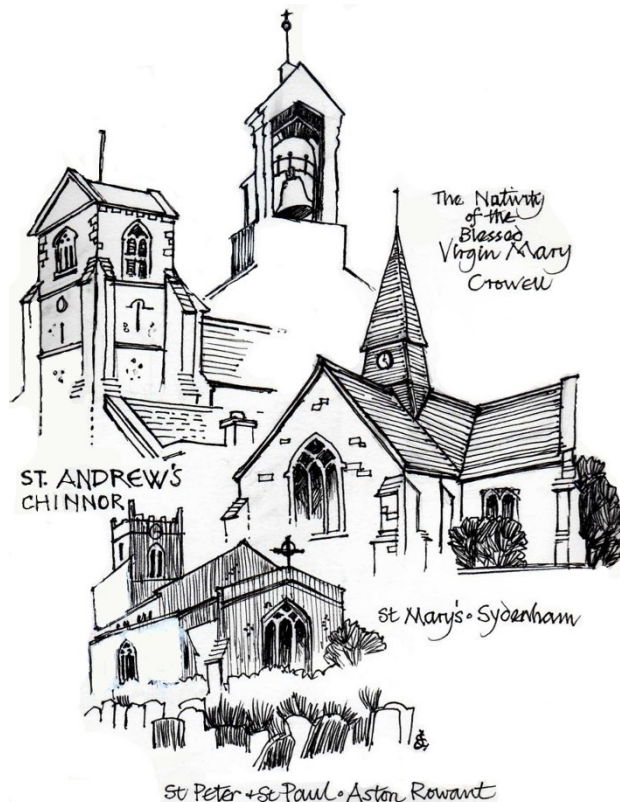




THE UNITED PARISH MAGAZINE

JULY 2026

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





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

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

August 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	Taize	Tony and Monica
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10	9am	Aston Rowant	Fellowship with refreshments (no HC, no organist)	Aston Rowant Team
	1030	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Tony
	6pm	Crowell	Evening Prayer	Andy and Maggs
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Joan
	1030	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Tony
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Margaret
Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030	St Andrew's	Holy Communion	Jacky
Sunday 5th Sunday 30th Aug	9am	Crowell	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030	Whites Field Chinnor	United Parish service Café church with Methodists and CCC	Jacky plus others

July and August 2026

Sunday Readings

5 th July 2026 Trinity 5 Proper 9	Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67 Song of Solomon 2.8-13 (instead of the Psalm) Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
12 th July Trinity 6 Proper 10	Genesis 25.19-34 Psalm 119.105-112 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
19 th July Trinity 7 Proper 11	Genesis 28.10-19a Psalm 139.1-11,23,24* Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
28 th July Trinity 8 Proper 12	Genesis 29.15-28 Psalm 128 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

2 nd August Trinity 9 Proper 13	Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 17.1-7,16* Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
9 th August Trinity 10 Proper 14	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b* Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
16 th August Trinity 11 Proper 15	Genesis 45.1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.21-28
30 th August Trinity 12 Proper 16	Exodus 1.8 - 2.10 Psalm 124 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20

PASTORAL LETTER

Joan writes,

I love hearing and reading other peoples' stories. Often they help me to see my own life from a different perspective. They show us how love, loss and faith have shaped lives. I thought I would share two examples of stories I find inspirational.

I have just finished reading a biography of Gordon Brown. You may remember Gordon and Sarah's first child Jennifer was born 7 weeks prematurely, weighing only 2lbs and 4ozs. She had already suffered a brain haemorrhage and she died after ten days. Her parents sat with her every day as her life support was gradually withdrawn. During that short time they arranged for her to be baptised. They explained that this was not just, a comfort or a ritual; it was a recognition that every single life, even the shortest had a purpose and every person is irreplaceable. Sarah added "It's always going to be painful and it's always a huge part of you. She's our precious little girl who lives in our hearts." Sarah received over 13000 letters and she replied to everyone who gave an address. She also set up a charity, looking at the causes and consequences of prematurity, as she felt determined that something should come out of all the unhappiness.

I met Alyn Haskey when I was teaching. An accident at birth left Alyn with cerebral palsy. He used a wheelchair, his speech was heavily slurred and he needed the help of an assistant to feed him and help him get around. He also had a wicked sense of humour, an able mind and an ability to challenge our perception of disability. In his early twenties he had already gained two university degrees, a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and a place in the 1984 paralympics squad – when he felt a call to ministry. He applied for a Lay Readership Course at St. John's College, Nottingham and was turned down. Failing to find a church willing to take him on in any ministry capacity, he set up a small trust and began work as an evangelist. I invited him to come and speak to some classes on coping with disability. He helped us to understand that many people who are physically handicapped have nothing wrong with their minds. Some years later he was to offer himself for ordination. Finally in 2004 he was ordained at Southwell Minster.

Not everyone was able to accept his ministry as his disability did impose some limitations but that reminds us that no-one offers a perfect ministry. His need of a carer to accompany him is a reminder to us of our dependence on the Body of Christ and is a good example of collaborative ministry.

Alyn's determination and zest for life was both infectious and inspiring. He said the greatest problem disabled people have is other people's reaction to them. He said, people are continually talking down to you, which is most frustrating – having to live with rejection, fear and prejudice. He said that it's not so much what they say – it's how they react. He ended by saying "Give us a chance to get to know you. Don't back away from us."

He wrote this poem entitled "Body Language"

You turn away and hide your face
questioning my role in the human race;
Limbs that are twisted, head never still.
No sign of intellect, mind or will.
You interpret the signs and put me in a box,
But I'm breaking out of your human locks,
The messages are there but in a different key,
It's not in my appearance that you'll find the real me.

PRAYERS



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



Please pray for:	Baptisms	For those who mourn for:
Bev Gillian Olivia Terry Joan Brian Dorothy Terry Bob Jane Karen Emma	5th July Freddie 26th July Ameliana St Andrew's	Val Harding

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.

August Powerdown

You will have noticed that our August service schedule is reduced. We did this last year and it was well received. The key thing will be to check before you set off, which church you should be aiming for!



CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES @ St Andrews Church Chinnor

Chooseday church is for primary school children, and Starboddlers is for babies and toddlers. Both are free of charge.

<i>Chooseday Church</i> <i>Tuesday afterschool</i> <i>3.15--4 15pm</i>	<i>Starboddlers</i> <i>Thursday 11am</i>
7 th July	2 nd July
	9 th July
	17th July
Both will restart in September	

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

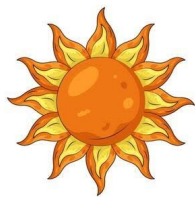


First Monday of the Month, 5pm

ONLINE: Prayer, Bible study, fellowship and chatting.

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

Next meetings: 6th July, 3rd August



SUMMER SOUL SPACE

Sunday 19th July 3pm at Crowell



TAIZÉ

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

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

Next Services 5th July, 2nd August

MEN'S GROUP



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

The Rector buys your first drink!

Next meetings: 7th July, 4th August

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 35

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

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

A NOTICE ABOUT OUR CHURCHYARDS

Our churchyard is a place of remembrance, prayer and peace. It belongs to the whole community and we are grateful to everyone who helps us keep it beautiful and well cared for.

Lights on Graves

The Diocese of Oxford's churchyard regulations do not normally permit lights, lanterns or other illuminated items on graves. At St Andrew's we have, for some years, taken a gentler approach and allowed a small number of simple memorial lights. Recently, however, the number of lights has increased considerably and we feel it is important to restore a more consistent appearance throughout the churchyard.

From **1st September 2026**, we therefore ask that each grave has **no more than one memorial light** which should be **white only** (not coloured); a steady light (**not flashing**) and **no higher** than the top of the headstone.

We hope this strikes a compassionate balance between allowing a simple expression of remembrance, while preserving the peaceful character of our churchyard for everyone. If you are unsure whether an item is appropriate, please speak to the Rector or a Churchwarden before placing it on a grave.

Churchyard Bins

The Church provides four brown garden waste bins for flowers, plants and grass cuttings, together with a black bin for general waste and a green bin for recyclable materials.

Unfortunately, from time to time unsuitable items are placed in the bins. This can result in South Oxfordshire District Council refusing to empty them or charging the Church additional costs.

Please help us by using the correct bin for your waste or, where possible, by taking non-churchyard waste home with you.

Thank you for helping us care for this special place.

The Rev.d Dr Jacky Barr



Wednesday, 19th & Thursday, 20th August

Holiday at Home

Are you 55+ and want to have fun this summer?

If those around you seem to be going off for their summer holidays, but you are staying at home, why not join us at **Silver Harmony**?

If you would like to get out, meet new people, have some fun, come and join us!

At

Chinnor Community Church, High Street

between 10.00 am and 2.30 pm (lunch included)

Places are limited so you need to book soon with the booking form provided

To find out more, email vivandjohnhaywood@gmail.com or phone 07974442967

Booking Form

Title First Name Surname

Address

.....

Telephone number Mobile

I would like to attend (please circle) Wednesday, 19th August / Thursday 20th August

With / without my carer (please delete)

Please circle any mobility aids you will bring with you:

None Walking frame Wheelchair Other

If you require transport, please contact Chinnor Community Church office 01844352938

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED BOOKING FORM TO: Silver Harmony

c/o 28a Lower Icknield Way, Chinnor, OX39 4DZ

There is no charge for this event

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

CHINNOR CHURCHES GO WILD! : Love your Burial Ground Week with Churches Count on Nature!

Over the weekend of the flower festival at St Andrew's Church visitors were able to take part in looking around the churchyard and spotting any bugs, etc. There were also drawing activities for the children. Thank you to everybody who took part. Thank you to the Shodja family for spotting an Elephant Hawk Moth and colouring in the insects provided by the organisers of Love your Burial Ground Week.



CHINNOR CHRISTIAN AID

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped us raise a wonderful total of **£1,454.75** for Christian Aid Week. In these difficult economic times, we are so encouraged that people in our communities continue to support us with our fund raising. A special thank you to Mike Marshall for walking 70K for May and to all those who sponsored him in raising **£535.**

Thank you to everyone who support our lunch, we raised an incredible **£704.**

At our ecumenical service in May, you helped us create a kintsugi pot to highlight the Restore project that Christian Aid is currently highlighting. In July some of us will meet with our MP Freddie Van Mierlo and ask him to support the Restore Campaign. _The overseas aid budget from the government has been heavily reduced this year which has had an impact on projects that Christian Aid supports. The campaign is asking the government to introduce new debt justice laws as the climate crisis and the debt crisis are trapping more people into poverty. We are so grateful that many people here want to continue reaching out to support projects that are helping those who struggle every day to feed their families, overcome poverty and make their hopes a reality.

With Many Thanks,

Chinnor Christian Aid Team

To make a donation, please see page 35

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The Chilterns' Unique and
Disappearing Wildlife
A free illustrated lecture
by Ian Gamble

Venue: Chinnor
Friday 3rd July 2026

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!

Pastoral visiting

The God of all Comfort

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.'

Guided by these words of St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 5 **The Pastoral Visiting Team**, currently consisting of four ladies from the four churches, have been linked informally through Rev 'd Jacky with individuals in the Parish, who may be in need of a more personal and on- going befriending, and of maintaining spiritual links with the church family. We receive top up appropriate training when available and are accountable to Rev Jacky through regular feedback meetings.

These relationships are achieved through in-person meet ups in the home, hospitality or through phone chats to 'check in' and offer support - in a relaxed form, as guided by the individual. Two of us regularly pray for those who have written prayer requests in the prayer book left in St. Andrew's church for parishioners and visitors. Home Communion is also offered, and we will be supporting Rev'd Jacky's second *Journeying Through Grief* course at Andrew's church in July, following the one last October. Where possible and appropriate we also send a card on the first anniversary of a deceased loved one to the next of kin.

Barbara Bedford/June Gibbs/ Rona Knight/ /Jo Whitfield

Prayer Vigil for Chinnor

Do you love living in Chinnor?

Do you have any concerns about aspects of life in Chinnor?

Would you like to do something to help the life of our community in Chinnor?

Could you spare a few minutes on 22nd July about midday?

Following our two previous Prayer Vigils, the first focussed on Peace last November, and the next in April focussed on prayers for the Earth, our third Prayer Vigil will take place on 22nd July and will focus on Chinnor and all aspects of our community here.

Would you like to offer prayers of thanks for our Good Neighbour Scheme, or our network of Defibrillators, or the Silver Band, or the Guide and Scout groups, or our schools and nurseries?

Would you like to pray for God's guidance on the efforts of our Parish Council/ Councillors/Clerk? Would you like to pray for protection of the vulnerable members of our community from being affected by Scams? Would you like to pray for our children to stay safe as they enjoy their school holiday activities? Or what else?

Please drop into St Andrew's Church for a few minutes or longer between noon and 13.00 on 22nd July. There is no set format for the Vigil, attendees are welcome to vocalise their prayers or pray in silence alongside those attending.

If you are not free at that time, jot your prayer points down on a piece of paper and drop it into the church during the days before, add you name if you wish or offer the prayers anonymously. All prayers submitted will be displayed in Church during the week of the Prayer Vigil and included in the prayers during the Vigil.

Jane Tucker

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.

CHINNOR CHURCHES GO WILD!

It is with sadness that Chinnor Churches Go Wild! (CCGW!) announced that Rev'd Dr Brian Griffiths has stepped down as Chair. The committee has decided to continue to work together – the four churches in the United Parish as well as the Methodist Church, Chinnor. A big thank you to Brian for his leadership, especially last year when CCGW! hosted a convention to celebrate its 18th birthday. CCGW! is one of A Rocha UK's longest standing Partners in Action. Brian will remain a member of CCGW! A small gift of appreciation was given to Jackie to give to Brian at the Rogation Service. If you are interested in joining CCGW!, please contact Laurretta.



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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 hosted a flower festival with the theme of "Every Book tells a Story" over the weekend of Saturday 6 June and Sunday 7 June 2026, in conjunction with Chinnor Open Gardens. The church was decorated with flowers depicting "Every Book Tells a Story" from all decades for all age groups. Thank you to all the flower arrangers who gave up their time to take part in the festival and their creativity interpreting the theme. Both primary schools in Chinnor made bunting around the theme and this was hung on the pillars in church.

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

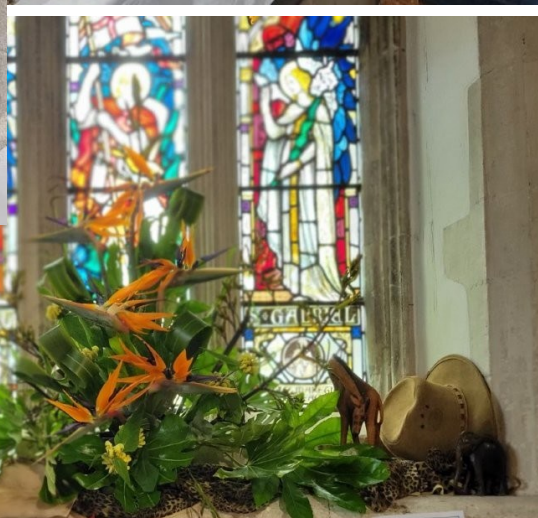
The tours of the bell tower were very popular this year and a big thank you to the Bell Tower Team who manned the tower over the weekend.

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

From door donations, produce sales, bell tower tours and refreshment sales a grand total of £1 675.00 was raised over the weekend. Thank you also to Chinnor U3a for their donation towards the flower arrangement "Alice in Wonderland" arranged by Peggy Miles. The funds raised during this Flower and Crafts Festival will go towards the ongoing care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church. A big thank you to all the visitors and all the volunteers who contributed to making this year's Flower and Crafts Festival another successful event. St Andrew's Church is in the heart of Chinnor and beloved by locals and visitors alike. The building is used by the community, for the community.

St Andrew's Church Flower Guild





News from Chooseday Church

Have you spotted the extra flower tubs along the walk into church in the last few weeks?

Thanks to the remainder of the grant from 'Chinnor Open Gardens', the children enjoyed getting their hands dirty as they planted up the tubs this term.

With such enthusiasm, we may have budding gardeners in the making!



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : HEDGE CUTTING

A big thank you to Jolyon Greaves Garden Maintenance Services and Sue Greaves for generously arranging for the yew hedge around the dustbins to be trimmed and shaped at St Andrew's – this is usually done around Derby Day.





Don't throw it away!

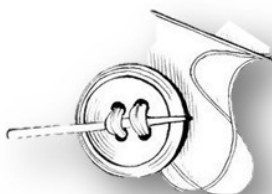


If you have small items that need mending,
bring them along to our

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

ROGATION SERVICE : MANOR FARM : SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

A United Rogation Service was held at Manor Farm on Sunday 31 May 2026 at 10:30am. A big thank you to Derek and Elizabeth Nixey for hosting this service and providing the “moos” with the help of the cows and calves! Thank you to David Hearn for providing the music. Chinnor Churches Go Wild! Provided nasturtium and sunflower seeds and plants for members of the congregation to take home and nurture. Thank you to Elizabeth and Sue for providing the refreshments after the service.

What Rogation Sunday means today

It is a moment to:

- Give thanks for creation and the natural world
- Pray for those who work the land and produce our food
- Reflect on our shared

responsibility to care for the environment

Seek God’s blessing on our homes, workplaces, and communities

In both rural villages and urban parishes, Rogation offers a chance to step outside church walls and see the parish as a place of prayer.



To make a donation, please see page 35

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RIDE + STRIDE for Churches 2026

Start planning
your route

Ride +
Stride 2026

Saturday 12th September

Walk, cycle and explore
Oxfordshire's churches



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OVER THE SUMMER

TRY TO BUY

WITH SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN MIND

To view snacks, soft drinks and summer ware and consumables go to:

www.ethicalsuperstore.com (choose 'Ethics' in 'Shop by' dropdown & click Fairtrade)

www.ethicalshop.org, www.wearefairtrade.com or visit local outlets.

Or check about stocks held by ROD THORPE -: 01844 351565

Email: chinnormethodisthires@chinnormethodisthires.org

Your custom will help individuals and communities trade themselves out of poverty.

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Chinnor heritage are pleased to announce that due to the very generous sponsorship of Chinnor Motors we have been able to publish our wartime novel *Rebecca's Diary*. Based on real events and set against the background of a world war, Rebecca and her family work their farm, take in evacuees, battle with agricultural regulations, food and clothing shortages and the invasion of the American Air Force. It tells the story of a village coming together in the face of adversity and features the brilliant work of the Women's Institute, the Chinnor's Red Cross contingent, the role of the village hall and of course, the Home Guard.

A few local names will be recognised! The village suffered heartache and loss and this is remembered.

Copies are available for a donation towards the hosting fee, via the website www.chinnorheritage.org.uk.

Or call Fiona on 07976887169. Chinnor Pets will also hold some copies and a collecting tin as well as Chinnor Motors.

ST ANDREW'S LUNCHEON CLUB : AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who provided a celebration tea for the King's official birthday on Wednesday 10 June at the St Andrew's Luncheon Club. One of the regulars said "It was an amazing afternoon tea and the food was outstanding! Thank you to all for their hard work."



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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHINNOR

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

25 July

29 August

26 September

CROWELL CHURCH, CROWELL

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

25 July

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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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FRIENDS ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : FUNDRAISING : CHINNOR SILVER BAND CONCERT : SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2026

Ruby slippers 👠

Phantom masks 🎭

DINOSAURS 🦖

Just a few highlights from Saturday night's Big Screen, Big Brass Chinnor Silver Band concert! What a fantastic evening of music, film favourites, and entertainment.

A big thank you to the Chinnor Silver Band and the Chinnor Training Band for a wonderful concert on Saturday 20 June at St Andrew's Church. The theme of the evening was Big Screen, Big Brass with hits like And All that Jazz and Over the Rainbow. It was lovely to hear the talent of all the players and the soloists of the Chinnor Silver Band conducted by Musical Directors Chris Andrews and the Training Band conducted by Tristram Church. Thank you to Carole Pegram for organising ticket sales and lovely to meet the Chair, Charlotte, as well. Thank you to Sara and Richard Higgs for organising the refreshments. Thank you to all the supporters of the band who attended this event. A grant total of £1 207.15 was raised through ticket sales and raffle tickets, with a donation of £603.57 towards the continuing care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church.

L Milligan



THE ARCHDEACONRY OF DORCHESTER : VISITATION AND ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS 2026

On Monday 22 June, the Churchwardens from around the Archdeaconry of Dorchester, in particular from Aston and Cuddesdon, Henley and Wallingford, gathered together for a service at Dorchester Abbey. Churchwardens are required to attend an annual Visitation Service to be admitted and sworn to office as Churchwarden. Their term of office begins from that date.

This annual service in the beautiful Dorchester Abbey was an opportunity to offer prayer and mutual support, and to be encouraged in the work that lies ahead for all churchwardens. It gives the Archdeacon, Associate Archdeacon and Registrar the opportunity to meet them and thank them in person. The Rev'd Prebendary Jane Haslam led the service.

Present from the United Parish of Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell, were Robert Pegg, Laretta Milligan, accompanied by their respective spouses, and Maggs and Andy Warman, accompanied by our wonderful Rector, Rev Dr Jacky Barr. Roy Harrison and Richard Boarder will be sworn in by Jacky at separate services at their churches.

L Milligan



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

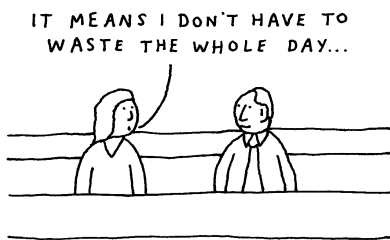
In life we took our gambles
Took the risk of the flowing stream
Not for us those lazy ambles
On the bank to idly dream

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

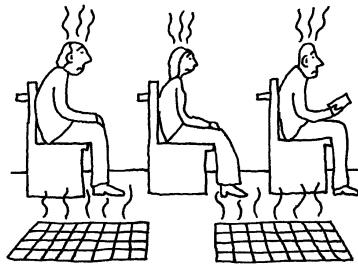
Go on, I am still with you
Waste no days in spirits vexed
In all, I found you in this life
You will find me in the next.

Brian Fowler May 2006

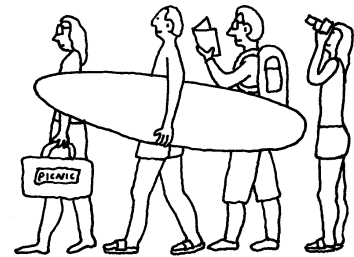
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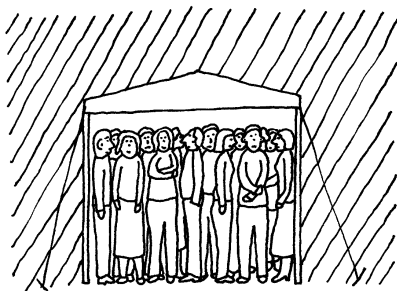
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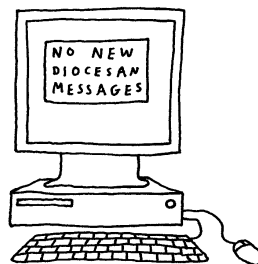
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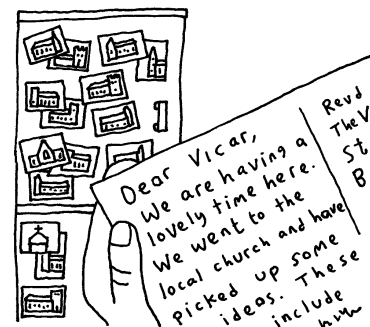
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THERE ARE NOT AS
MANY E-MAILS



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SEND POSTCARDS

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

Please contact Revd Tony Whitaker if you have any suggestions for, email: office@unitedparish.church

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



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



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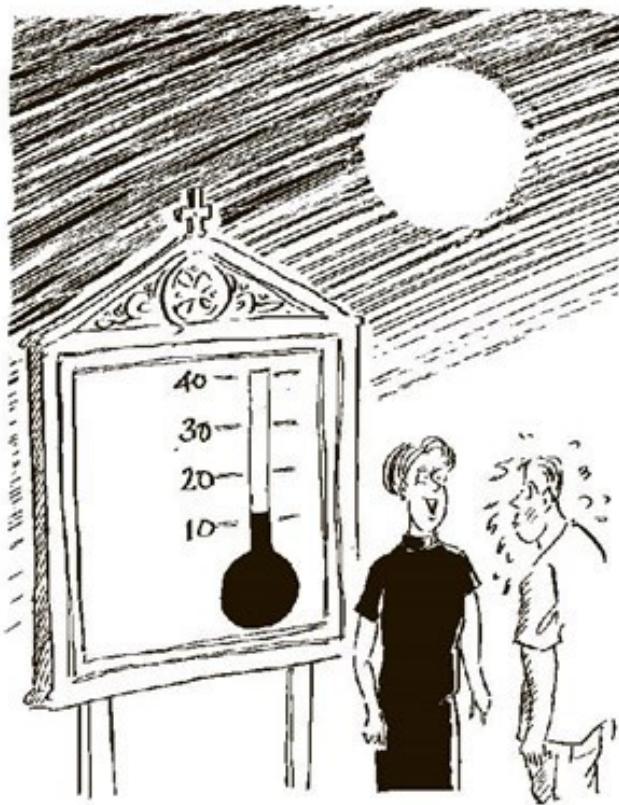


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May God bless you and we thank you for your generosity.





"No, it's not another appeal; it's the temperature inside."

PUZZLES

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It was 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington.

An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, and was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

July	Fourth	Declaration	Independence	Second
Continental	Congress	Washington	Draft	Thomas
Jefferson	Benjamin	Franklin	John	Adams
Truths	Created	Equal	Creator	Inalienable
Rights	Life	Liberty	Pursuit	Happiness

Solutions

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Parish Office

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Monday **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 20th July

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	What	Where
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	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
19th July	4pm	Summer Soul Space	Crowell
25th July	10am-Noon	Churchyard Work Party	St Andrew's Church
25th July	10am-Noon	Churchyard Work Party	Crowell Church
29th August	10am-Noon	Churchyard Work Party	St Andrew's Church
29th August	10am-Noon	Churchyard Work Party	Crowell Church
4th September	12.30 - 1.15pm	Lunchtime concert with JamJar*	St Andrew's Church
12th September	All Day	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust : Ride & Stride	All Churches
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	St Marys Church
6th Nov	12.30-1.15	Lunchtime concert with Pavlova Winds*	St Andrew's Church

* Friends of St Andrews Event