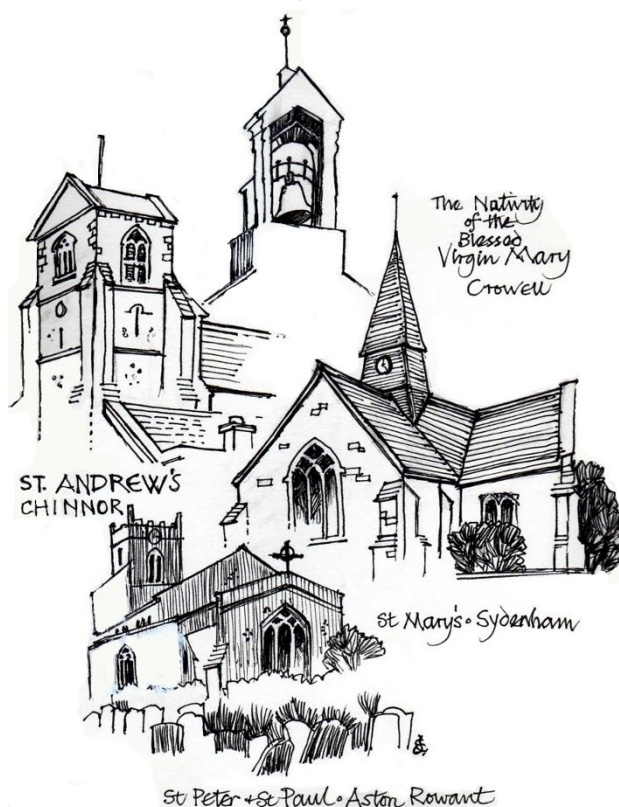




THE UNITED PARISH MAGAZINE

AUGUST 2026

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





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

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August 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	Taizé	Tony and Monica
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10	9am	Aston Rowant	Fellowship with refreshments (no HC, no organist needed)	Aston Rowant Team
	1030am	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 Aug Trinity 12	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030	St Andrew's	Holy Communion	Jacky
Sunday 5th Sunday 30th Aug Trinity 13	9am	Crowell	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030	Whites Field Chinnor	United Parish Service Marquee Café church (not Holy Communion)	Jacky

Sept 2026	TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE	LED BY
Sunday 6th Sept Trinity 14	8am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion (No hymns)	Jacky
	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Margaret
	1030am	St Andrew's Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	St Andrew's Chinnor	Taizé	Tony and Monica
Sunday 13th Sept Trinity 15	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Jacky
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	All Age Worship	Margaret + Shane
	1030 am	Sydenham	BCP Holy Communion	Joan
	6pm	Crowell	Harvest Supper With hymns	Jacky
Sunday 20th Sept Trinity 16	9am	Aston Rowant	Morning Prayer	Aston Team
	1030am	St Andrew's, Chinnor	Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Sydenham	BCP Evensong	Jacky
Sunday 27th Sept Trinity 17	9am	Aston Rowant	Holy Communion	Tony
	1030am	St Andrew's	Harvest Festival With Methodists joining us. Not Holy Communion	Jacky
	6pm	Crowell	Evening Prayer With Holy Communion (no hymns)	Jacky

Readings August and September

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9 Proper 13	Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 17.1-7,16 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
Sunday 9th 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
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11 Proper 15	Genesis 45.1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15. 21-28
Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12 Proper 16	Exodus 1.8 - 2.10 Psalm 124 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
Sunday 30th August Trinity 13 Proper 17	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
Sunday 6th Sept Trinity 14	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149:1-9 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday 13th sept Trinity 15	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114:1-8 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
Sunday 20th h Sept Trinity 16	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday 27th Sept Trinity 17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78: 1-7 Phil 2:1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32
HARVEST SERVICES	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Psalm 65 2 Cor 9: 9-15 Luke 12:16-30

Announcement from the Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr
Rector to the United Parish of
Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell

Dear United Parish

There is some news that I need to share with you this morning.

After much prayer, reflection and discernment, I have accepted the post of Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley in the Diocese of Salisbury.

My final Sunday here will be **18th October**, and I will be licensed in my new parish on **10th November**. I hope that many of you will want to come, to that and you would be very welcome.

For me, this has not been an easy decision. The reasons for moving are complex and layered, and over the coming weeks, if you would like to ask me about them, I will be very happy to talk.

But today, there is one thing that I most want you to hear.

I am not leaving because of a lack of love.

Not because I have stopped loving this parish, and not because I have felt anything other than love from so many of you. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to share in your journeys: to worship with you, laugh with you, cry with you, celebrate with you, and sometimes simply to sit quietly beside you. Those memories will stay with me always.

I won't pretend that this isn't emotional. There have already been plenty of tears, and I suspect there may be a few more before October arrives. But once I've the crying under control, my hope is that these remaining three months will not simply be about saying goodbye. Rather, I hope they will be a time of joy, thanksgiving and celebration as we give thanks for all that we have shared together, and for all that God has done among us.

The Church has always been a people on the move. God calls us into new places and new seasons, not because the old ones were failures, but because God's story is always continuing. I leave with deep gratitude for all that you have given me, and with every confidence that God will continue to bless this parish in the years ahead.

Let us pray.

Loving God, We thank you for every step of this journey we have shared together. We thank you for friendships formed, faith deepened, laughter enjoyed and burdens carried together.

As we enter this new season, hold us all in your love.

Give us grace to cherish the past, courage to embrace the future, and joy in all that still lies before us.

May we continue to know your presence with us, wherever you lead.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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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:
Gillian Bev Brian Dorothy Amelia Terry Joan Bob Brenda Jane Karen Emma Sue Paul	St Andrews 2nd August Louis 13th September Arlo 20th September Elara Aston Rowant 6th September Freddie	John Wyatt Pam Scriviner Jean Stanley

Parish Prayer Link



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

Your request will be handled with utmost sensitivity and discretion.

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

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

@ St Andrews Church Chinnor

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

Chooseday Church

A fun, activity filled afterschool church session.

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



Starboddlers

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



<i>Chooseday Church</i> <i>Tuesday afterschool</i> <i>3.15--4 15pm</i>	<i>Starboddlers</i> <i>Thursday</i> <i>11--11.45am</i>
	Sept 3rd
	Sept 10th
Sept 15th	Sept 17th
Sept 22nd	Sept 24th
Sept 29th	Oct 1st
Oct 6th	Oct 8th
Oct 13th	Oct 15th
	Oct 22nd
HALF	TERM
	Nov 5th
Nov 10th	Nov 12th
Nov 17th	Nov 19th
Nov 24th	Nov 26th
Dec 1st	Dec 3rd
Dec 8th	Dec 10th
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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 7th September

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 2nd August, 6th September

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: 4th August, 1st September

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:

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Rector to the United Parish

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Safeguarding Advisor (Oxford Diocese)

Erica Hegg
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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

The Rector's July: gloriously busy!



John and Suzanne got **married** despite roadworks and traffic lights outside St Andrew's!

THE Rector's Ramble:

It was a great day and we raised £465! With thanks to all who walked, lunched, donated and chatted with us at the different churches. Special thanks to **Maggie Warman** for providing support and backup. (More photos on page 14)



Our magazine editor decided to take the easy route!



The first stile of the day, the Rector wondering if this the moment for a quick sermon.... Meanwhile, Peter opened the gate next to the stile and strolled through, as did everyone else leaving the Rector stranded atop the stile!

And a couple of cute baptisms: the gorgeous Freddie (in the photos here) and the lovely Ameliana.



Year 6 from St Andrew's school joined us twice in the last week of term. They attended a Holy Communion service in the afternoon and came back in the evening for the traditional leaver's service.

News from Chooseday Church



It has been a very busy term in the hot weather, but thankfully our churches, being very cool, our families have welcomed the opportunity to come in out of the heat.

The last two sessions of the term proved very exciting when we made a visit to Hempton Field to share with the residents what we do in Chooseday Church, and at our last session we celebrated all that is good at Chooseday Church with a presentation from Rapha, a picnic and a gift of a book to every child.

Our thanks go to all those volunteers who make Chooseday Church what it is today. A special thank you to Jan Miller who mentored Rapha, Jan and Liz who serve up refreshments each week, also thanks to Lyn Jane and Lyndy who help us set up and clear down, and Fiona who has assisted the older children who continue to learn a new skill of handbell ringing, which they presented to the residents at Hempton.

Thanks, must also go to the staff and residents at Hempton Field who made us all very welcome., and a very special thank you to Heather who prepared a wonderful tea for the children as they arrived from school.

Planning has now been prepared for September to December, but in the meantime, we will be taking a well-earned rest!!!!

Margaret, Sian and Jan



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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

The Chooseday Church Team were delighted when Rapha, an Ex Chooseday-Church member, asked if he could volunteer with us as part of his D of E Award.

His commitment was 13 hours of voluntary work, though in fact he willingly gave us more hours and much more than we hoped for.

From tidying up the toy box, acting in the dramas, as Daniel (in the lion's den), both in church and at Hempton Field, leading craft tables and making some of our mundane regular tasks his own, Rapha has met all his goals, and carried them out with reliability and punctuality, and best of all with kindness and consideration.



This term we have been talking about emotions, in life and in the Bible.

The pinnacle of Rapha's time with us came when he planned and led a session on the last day of term. Rapha chose to deal with anger, reminding us that the Bible says it is not a sin to be angry, but it's how we respond to it that matters; it's never okay to hurt someone. This involved considering safeguarding, respecting boundaries, appropriate behaviour, working with volunteers and the inclusion of the whole of our Chooseday Church family, making a very mature presentation and giving out sweets! Despite losing his voice Rapha communicated so well with everyone, it was a very clear demonstration of how far he had travelled on his journey with us.

To close his presentation Rapha wrote the following prayer that he shared with us:

Dear God,

*Thank you for loving us every day. When we feel angry, please help us
To stay calm, make good choices, and use kind words. Help us to be patient,
forgiving, and to treat others with love and respect, just as Jesus taught.
Please be with us this week and help us to show your love to everyone we meet.*

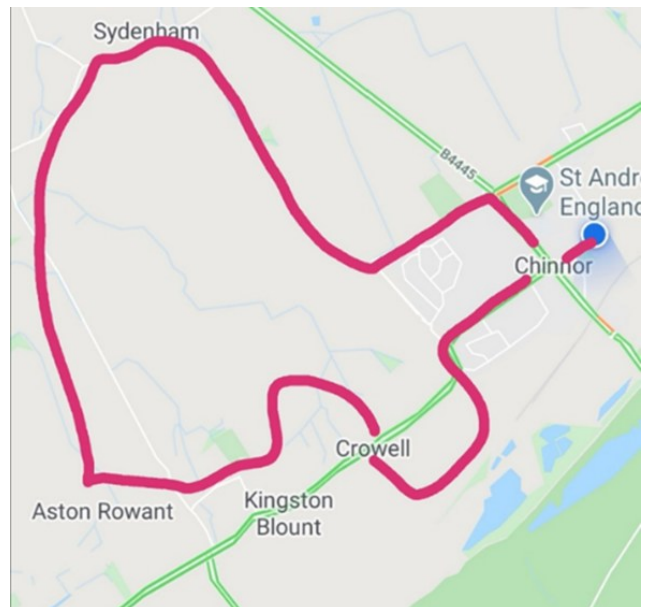
Amen

Written by Jan Miller (D of E mentor – who has learned a lot.)

Rector's Ramble

Saturday

4th July 2026



This year's Annual Parish Pilgrimage was a great success, with walkers enjoying beautiful weather as they journeyed between our parish churches. The day was filled with friendship, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community, with many people joining the walk or cheering participants on along the route.

Whilst the donations of the pilgrimage are still being counted I want to thank everyone who walked, supported, volunteered, and donated to make the day so enjoyable.



Chinnor Churches Go Wild were delighted to welcome back guest speaker Ian Gamble and his wife Pamela from A Rocha to St. Andrew's Church, for another fascinating talk on *The Wildlife on the Chilterns*, on 3rd July.



It was a lovely evening, with about 20 of us, disappointingly half of what we had for his last talk – low numbers attributed to the excessive heat? Ian shared his vast knowledge and love of this precious landscape, in such a relaxed and enjoyable way that was hugely informative and held our attention throughout, aided by the many stunningly beautiful and detailed photographs he'd taken.

Ian took us on a journey through the four seasons, from the comfort of our seats – from the snow-covered slopes of the Chiltern escarpment, the first signs of life in spring, migratory birds and their staggering journeys, our bluebell woods, familiar and loved birds of the

Chilterns – some now rare and threatened. The chalk grassland is home to a number of exquisite orchids, to be found up on the *BBOWT Chinnor Hill* and *English Nature's Aston Rowant Reserves*, with their profusion of wild flowers and insects in high summer. Incidentally if you want to create your own wildlife meadow just allow yellow rattle to make its home in your garden!

We were able to get up close and personal with a number of quite beautiful and delicate moths and butterflies, too many to recount here... Ian re-introduced us to our native trees and some of the small mammals that keep the grassland in check, as well as those that cause damage. Such prolific variety, and so easily missed!

Again, we extend our thanks to Maggs Warman for providing an array of home baked goodies – cheese scones to rock cakes and Laurretta for serving refreshments, which were enjoyed during the evening. And thank you too for all who attended – we raised £50 to support the work of A Rocha UK.

Let us remain hopeful - we are seeing how changes in farming methods and man's developments have led to the loss of important habitats and therefore dwindling numbers, as food sources vanish. But, nature is fighting back, and there is much we can do, in our small way to help her. We are encouraged to take seriously our biblical mandate to be good stewards of God's earth and provision, as well as boost our wellbeing and mental health by spending time in nature!

CCGW! will be hosting a stall alongside Rod Thorpe with his Fair-Trade stall at the Chinnor Flower and Produce show on **Monday 31st August from 1:30pm** – please pop in and say hello.

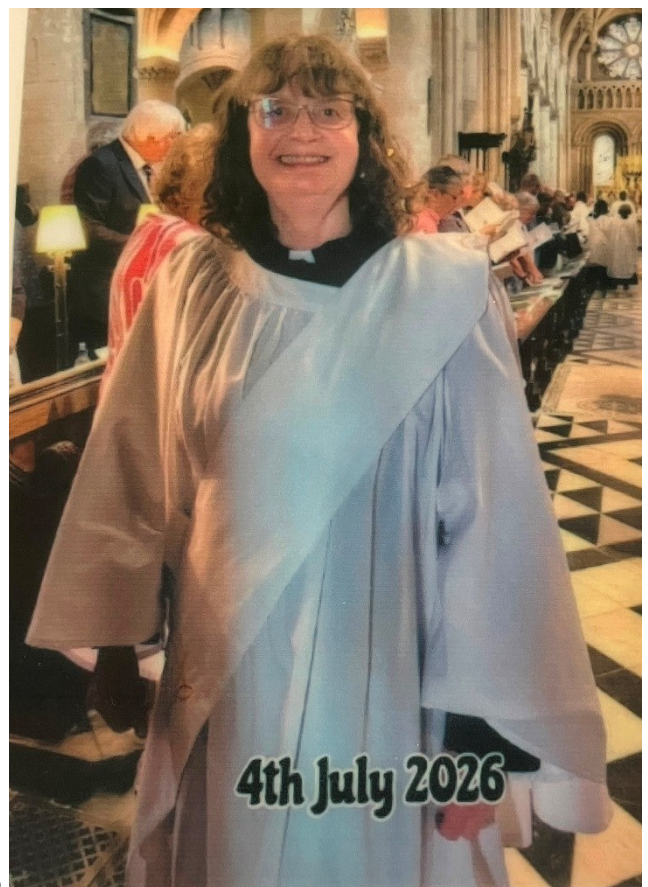
Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Heather Ford-Lark who was ordained as Deacon for the Benefice of South Chilterns (Stokenchurch) at Christchurch Cathedral on Saturday 4th July 2026.

Heather is the wife of John Lark who plays the organ at services at St Andrew's Church Chinnor, and St Peter and St Paul's Church Aston Rowant.

Maggie Thorne, our previous Rector, confirmed Heather at St Andrew's Church. Heather then followed the call to become an LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) in November 2020. After much discernment and more training and the support of prayer by many, it is wonderful to be able to send congratulations at this time.

Margaret Poole



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL : THANK YOU : VALERIE WELFORD

When Valerie Welford moved to Chinnor in 1976, she immediately became part of the church family. Being the daughter of a vicar herself, she embarked on a lifetime of faithful service that has now spanned nearly fifty years.

Throughout that time, she has been the welcoming face behind St Andrews Church Hall, volunteering countless hours to ensure it is well cared for, fully equipped, and readily accessible for the many groups and individuals who use it. Her willingness to help, often quietly and behind the scenes, has made an enormous difference to the life of the parish.

Following the loss of her husband, David, in the early 90s and after her retirement, she continued to devote her time to serving others. She has lovingly cared for graves in the churchyard on behalf of families who are no longer able to do so themselves, and she generously gifted the church a beautiful altar frontal in memory of David, a lasting and meaningful tribute.

Her commitment to the community extends well beyond the church. She founded a local luncheon club, bringing people together regularly for friendship, companionship, and a shared meal, and has also served as Secretary of the Rotary Association for more than 30 years. Valerie also helped with the Allotment Association for over two decades.

Her kindness, generosity and quiet dedication have touched the lives of so many people in Chinnor. The church and the wider community have been richly blessed by her years of selfless service, and we offer our heartfelt thanks for everything she has done.

The PCC are now taking over the day to day running of the Church Hall. Thank you to Val, Martin Wright and David Deval for all their hard work and contributions over the past many years.



The Rector was very pleased that Val's dress matched her own outfit so perfectly!

Birthday Celebrations

Mavis Shortman the leader of the Chinnor Christian Aid group celebrated her 80th birthday with her “Christian Aid friends” at a surprise get together at the Village Centre. It was also a time to say “Thank You” for her hard work fund raising and leading the team of volunteers and supporters for many years alongside her husband Tony.

Balloons, wine, cake, decorations and banners were organised in secret and Mavis arrived at the right place at the right time unaware of all that had been planned in secret over many months, managed by Sian Stevens with the Chinnor Christian Aid committee.

Christian Aid Head Office sent a card and a most beautifully worded certificate, praising her and all her hard work for many years.

Mavis paid tribute to Janet Rutson and her late husband John for handing over the reins of our group to her in such a strong position all those years ago. Apparently Chinnor is unique in the Christian Aid family for the way it is run – but we knew that anyway!

Happy 80th Birthday Mavis and Thank you for your dedicated hard work on behalf of Chinnor Christian Aid.

Jan Miller



RETIREMENT : ANNETTE MASHRU : HEADTEACHER, ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I come to the end of my time at St Andrew's CE Primary School, I have been looking back with gratitude on 23 years in teaching, including the last nine years as Headteacher.

Teaching has never felt like just a job to me. It has been a privilege to work with children, families and colleagues, helping young people to discover their strengths, develop confidence and reach their potential. There is a saying that has always resonated with me:

"Teaching is the greatest act of optimism, and faith is believing in what is possible before you can see it."

I have been fortunate to spend much of my career in a school where education and faith work hand in hand. One of the things I will treasure most is the strong relationship between St Andrew's School and St Andrew's Church. Revd Jacky Barr and the clergy team have been a constant presence in school life, leading assemblies, supporting Religious Education and helping our children to explore faith in a meaningful and relevant way.

The RE Inspired programme has enriched our curriculum and encouraged our pupils to ask thoughtful questions, reflect on their own beliefs and develop an understanding of the Christian faith and other world views. It has been wonderful to see children engage with these big ideas with curiosity and openness.

The church community has also supported the school in countless ways through volunteers, celebrations and acts of kindness. Together, we have worked to ensure that Christian values are not just words on a page but something that is lived out each day through compassion, respect, forgiveness, perseverance and service to others. What I will miss most are the people. The children continue to inspire me with their enthusiasm, honesty and resilience. Watching them grow in confidence and character has been one of the best parts of my career.

As I move on to a new chapter that will include some travelling and time with family and friends, I do so with many happy memories and a deep sense of thankfulness. St Andrew's will always hold a special place in my heart, and I feel very blessed to have been part of such a caring and faith-filled community. Thank you to everyone who has shared this journey with me. It has been a pleasure and a privilege.



Annette Mashru - Headteacher - St Andrew's CE Primary School

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GREENING CHINNOR : REPAIR CAFÉ : SATURDAY 11 JULY

Another successful Greening Chinnor Repair Café was held on Saturday 11th July at St Andrew's Church. It was a slow start to the Repair Café (probably due to so much going on in the Village, the roadworks and the football), nevertheless we had a steady stream of visitors who registered 27 items in total. The skills our volunteers have is amazing and of the 27 items checked in 21 were fixed with 2 being repairable and/or advice given. Unfortunately, we were unable to fix 4 items. Whilst we didn't advertise sharpening and didn't think we could offer this service, we were able to do a few that came in helped by one of our intrepid fixers going home for his sharpening stone! We had several pairs of secateurs, shears and a knife, 2 dust busters and a shark hoover, a toaster, a paper shredder, a soda stream, 2 lamps (one a neon sign), 2 clocks, several pairs of trousers, skirts, and a jacket, a wooden key cabinet, a watch strap and a beautiful Chinese ornament that had been knocked off its stand. Our Repair Café is unusual in the offerings we have as there are very few Repair Cafés that can accommodate leather fixing and book repair advice.

The next Greening Chinnor Repair Café at St Andrew's Church is planned for Saturday 12th September. Open to the public at 10 am, last item 12:30ish. As always, a huge thank you to all that took part and came to support us.

ALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS MUST BE PAT. TESTED

Name	Item	Fixer	Outcome Fixed, not fixed, A, other
Peter	Trousers	Wendy	U
Liz	Neon sign	Simon	U
Gibbs	Toaster	Jeremy	U
Gibbs	Dustbuster	Jeremy	U
Amanda	Trousers	Sean Wendy	A
Alan	Trousers	Sean	U
Bev	Sewing machine	Jean	U
Laura	Lamp	Alan	U
Jo	Secateurs x4	Peter	U
Amanda	dustbuster	Simon	U
Jo	Battery clock	Simon/Alan	U
Christine	Dress pouches	Sean	U
Jo	Knife	Peter	U
Tony	Shears	Peter	U
Carol	Jacket	Wendy	U
Steph	Green skirt	Cathy	A
Steph	Pink trousers	Cathy	U
Sylvia	Ornament	Peter	U
Lynda	Shredder	Jeremy	U
Sarah	cabinet door (key box)	Peter	U
Shane	Shark vacuum	Alan	U
Kathryn	Soda club	Alan	U
	Soda streamer	Alan	U

LOVE Greening Chinnor



Don't throw it away!

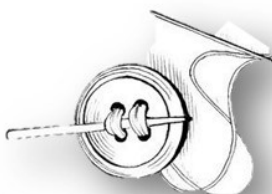


If you have small items that need mending,
bring them along to our

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 12th September 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

Friends of St. Andrew's Church

Lunchtime Concert

Featuring

Julie in the Jam JAR

Performing jazz standards from the 1930s to the 1960s



Friday 4 September

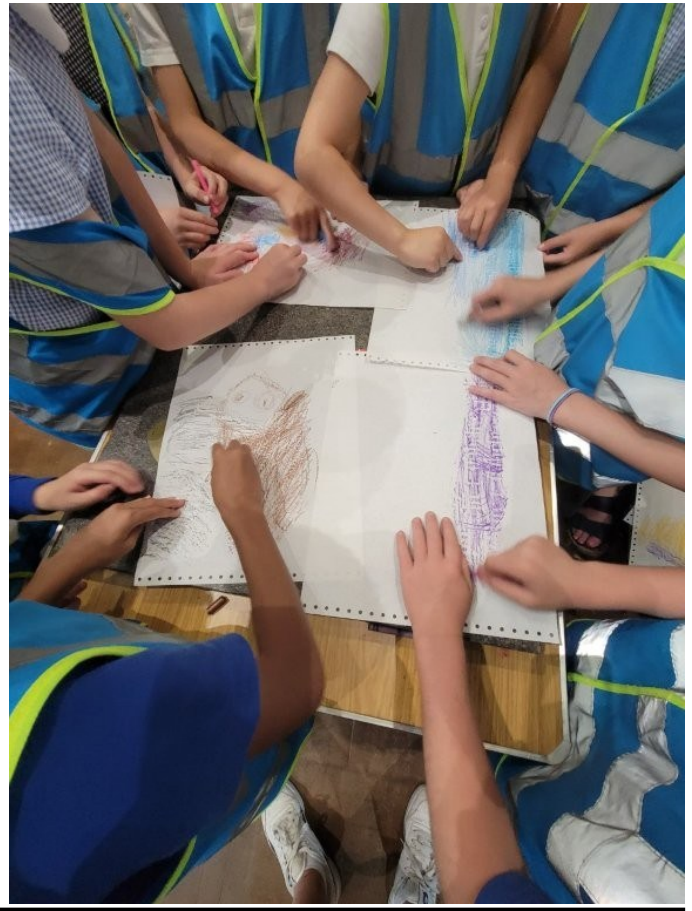
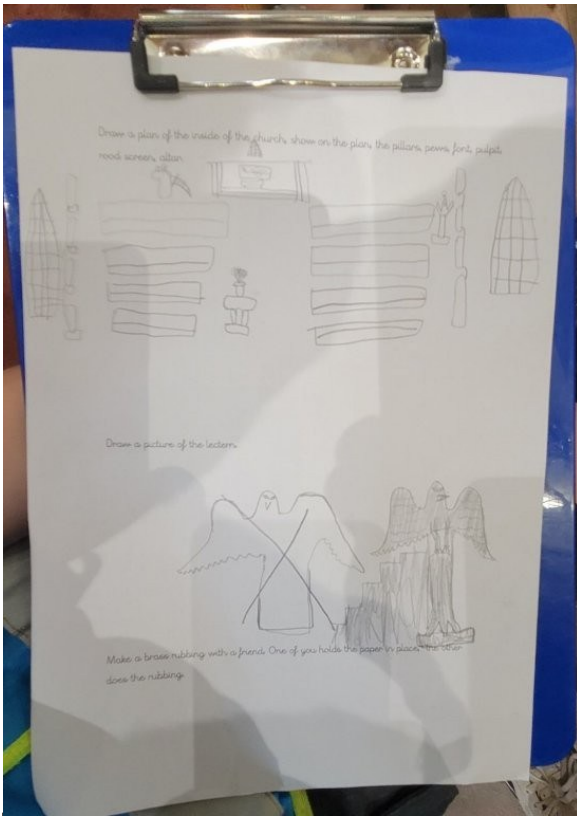
12.30 to 1.15pm

**Admission is FREE with a retiring collection in aid of St.
Andrew's Fabric Restoration Fund and
the Milton Margai School for the Blind,
Freetown, Sierra Leone.**

Refreshments Available before the Concert

VISIT BY YEAR 3 ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday 29 June, Year 3 from St Andrew's CE Primary School visited the church and churchyard as part of their RE curriculum. Inside the church the children did some brass rubbing as well as drawings of the lectern and the font. In the churchyard the children learnt about the church building and its history.



FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : LUNCHTIME CONCERT : PIANIST HELENA LEE : FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026

A big thank you to pianist Helena Lee for a wonderful recital on Friday 3 July. Helena played a programme from Beethoven Sonata No.25 Op.79 and Schubert Moment Musicaux D. 780.

Thank you to everybody who attends the Lunchtime Concerts – it is wonderful to see the support for these Lunchtime Concerts and the audience enjoying the talent on show by the visiting musicians. A grand total of £272.20 was donated with Helena Lee donating £130.00 to her chosen charity, the Samaritan's Purse, and £142.20 to St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund.

The next Friday Lunchtime Concert will take place on Friday 4 September with Julie in the Jam JAR. The group comprises Julie, John, Alistair and Rick. They meet at the jazz workshops that Rick runs at the Queen's Park Centre in Aylesbury. They bring backgrounds in R&B, classical music, and swing to our jazz and will be performing jazz standards from the 1930s to the 1960s.

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



Friday 25th September 2026

Chinnor Village Hall

£5 per person

Doors Open 7:00 pm

Quiz Begins 7:45 pm

★ BYO Food and Drink ★

Raffle

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(8 per table)**

Not suitable for children under 16

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



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

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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

A Rocha UK 25th Anniversary

On Saturday 27 June, Laurretta, represented CCGW! at a special service and afternoon of thanksgiving, storytelling and celebration of the charity's two-and-a-half decades of conservation and community work, held at St. John's Church, Waterloo in London. There were talks presented by Andy Lester, Head of Conservation; Helen Stephens, Head of Church Relations; and Andy Atkins, CEO.

Founded in 2001 and inspired by the pioneering conservation work of A Rocha in Portugal, A Rocha UK began with a simple but powerful conviction: that Christians are called to care for God's beautiful creation. Twenty-five years on, that vision continues to inspire action, hope and transformation.

The international A Rocha story began with Cruzinha, a Christian nature study centre in Portugal, founded by Peter and Miranda Harris in the 1980s. Inspired by visits to Cruzinha, it was Dave and Anne Bookless who got things started in the UK, pioneering work back in 2001. Much of A Rocha UK's early work focused on the creation of the Minet Country Park in Southall, West London – a beautiful oasis for wildlife from a derelict wasteland. A Rocha linked to the Lea Brook Valley Project, work spearheaded by Norman Crowson, then came 'Living Lightly' and, in the late 2000s, they took on the management of Eco Congregation England and Wales, a collaborative initiative between several faith denominations. Building on that work, Eco Congregation was reformed into Eco Church in 2016, and as of now, over 9,000 churches have signed up. It's hard to believe Eco Church is also turning 10 this year! And our churches in the Parish are a part of this!



In 2017 A Rocha launched the Partners in Action programme, built on the earlier small group of Associated Projects; there are now 64 partners managing over 21,000 acres of land. A Rocha's work at Wolf Fields Urban Nature Reserve began in 2013 and in 2015 A Rocha purchased Fox Earth Meadows Nature Reserve. A Rocha also took a big strategic decision that year, specifically, to become a national organisation. The official opening of Fox Earth Meadows came two years later, as did an appearance on the BBC's Countryfile programme. Wild Christian, the sustainable living programme for individuals, debuted in 2018 and there are now over 8,400 people joining in!

A Rocha's work is mission – for people and planet. They partner with our heavenly Father in obedience to his first commandment to care for his creation (Gen 1:26), which was always intended to demonstrate his love and care for the whole of creation.

Many people have enabled this, and many who attended the celebrations had been with A Rocha since the beginning, including the much-valued leaders Steve Hughes and Marie Johnson. Everyone present was part of the journey, and thanked for their prayer over the years, commitment, those who have freely of their time, talents and finances. We, in Chinnor are included! There has also been inexplicable tragedy – in 2019, an accident in South Africa took the earthly lives of A Rocha International's Chris and Susanna Naylor and one of A Rocha's co-founders, Miranda Harris. It still hurts.

The world has changed since 2001. The planet is in a worse state now than then, but in many church movements, creation care is no longer a niche interest – you, the supporters, have helped to turn a niche into a movement. The work you and A Rocha do together is needed now more than ever before. A Rocha has lots of exciting plans and a new strategy for the next three years which includes ambitious plans around habitat restoration, training more individuals to galvanise others wherever they are and strengthen and build on the work A Rocha have already been doing. Be assured, though, A Rocha holds on to the original mission and truly value your ongoing support. Here's to the healing of a wounded creation.

(Extracted from Eco Church News : 21 February 2026)

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

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

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

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



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHINNOR

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

29 August
26 September

CROWELL CHURCH, CROWELL

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

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.

RIDE + STRIDES 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

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2026- Monday, September 21 to Sunday, October 4. The campaign theme is "Do it Fair - for People, for Planet and for Fair Pay," focusing on fairer pay, treatment, and futures for agricultural workers and farmers globally.

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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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH : VISIT BY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION

On Saturday 18 July, members from the Buckinghamshire Organists' Association paid a visit to St Andrew's Church to play the organ. Thank you to Graham who did a short introduction on the history of the organ and thank you to John who facilitated this visit. Each member had a turn in playing the organ and it was wonderful to hear how each member appreciated the fine organ at St Andrew's Church playing their repertoire of music.

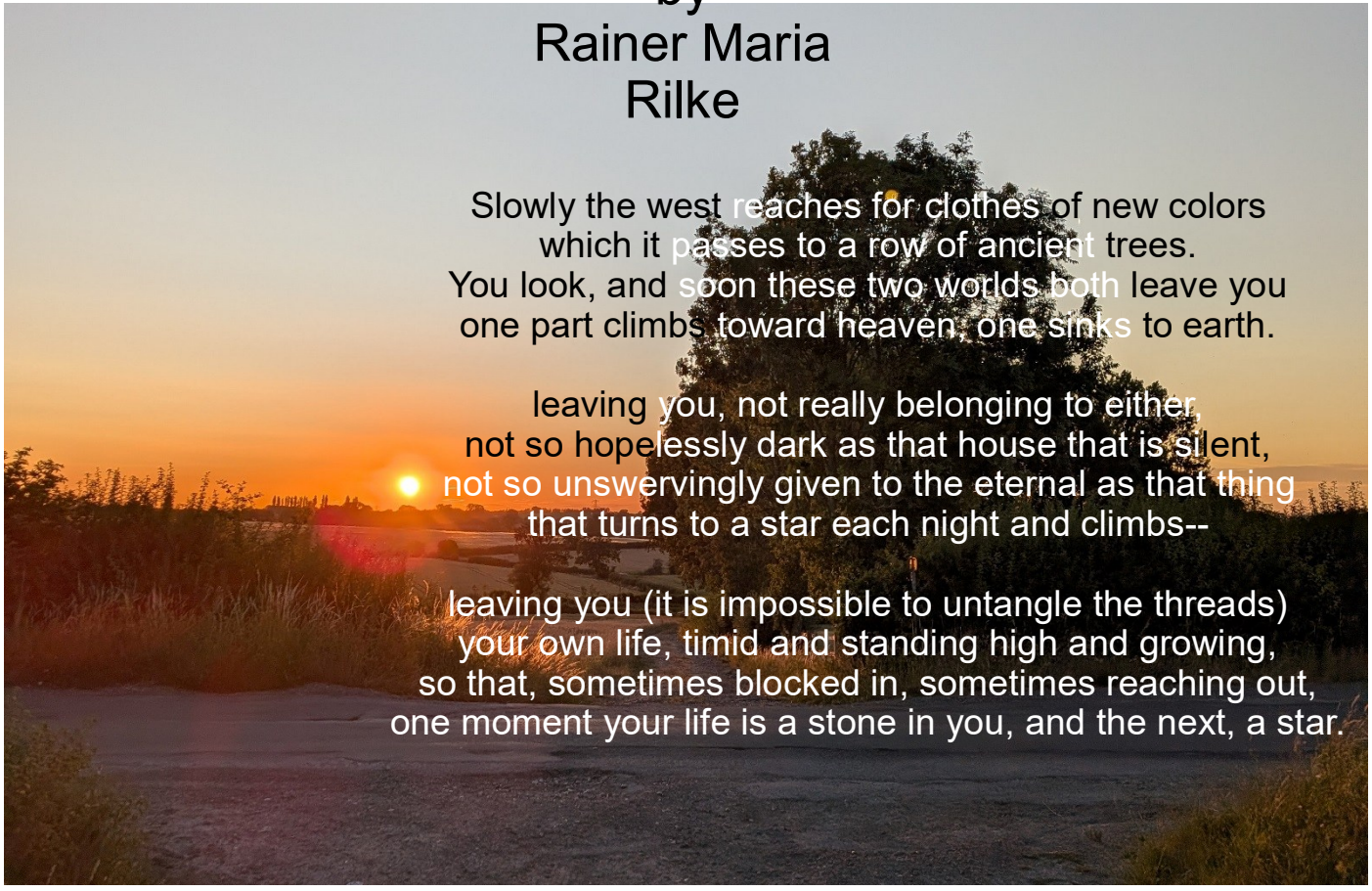
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Sunset

by
Rainer Maria
Rilke



Slowly the west reaches for clothes of new colors
which it passes to a row of ancient trees.
You look, and soon these two worlds both leave you
one part climbs toward heaven, one sinks to earth.

leaving you, not really belonging to either,
not so hopelessly dark as that house that is silent,
not so unswervingly given to the eternal as that thing
that turns to a star each night and climbs--

leaving you (it is impossible to untangle the threads)
your own life, timid and standing high and growing,
so that, sometimes blocked in, sometimes reaching out,
one moment your life is a stone in you, and the next, a star.

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.'



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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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.





"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

PUZZLES

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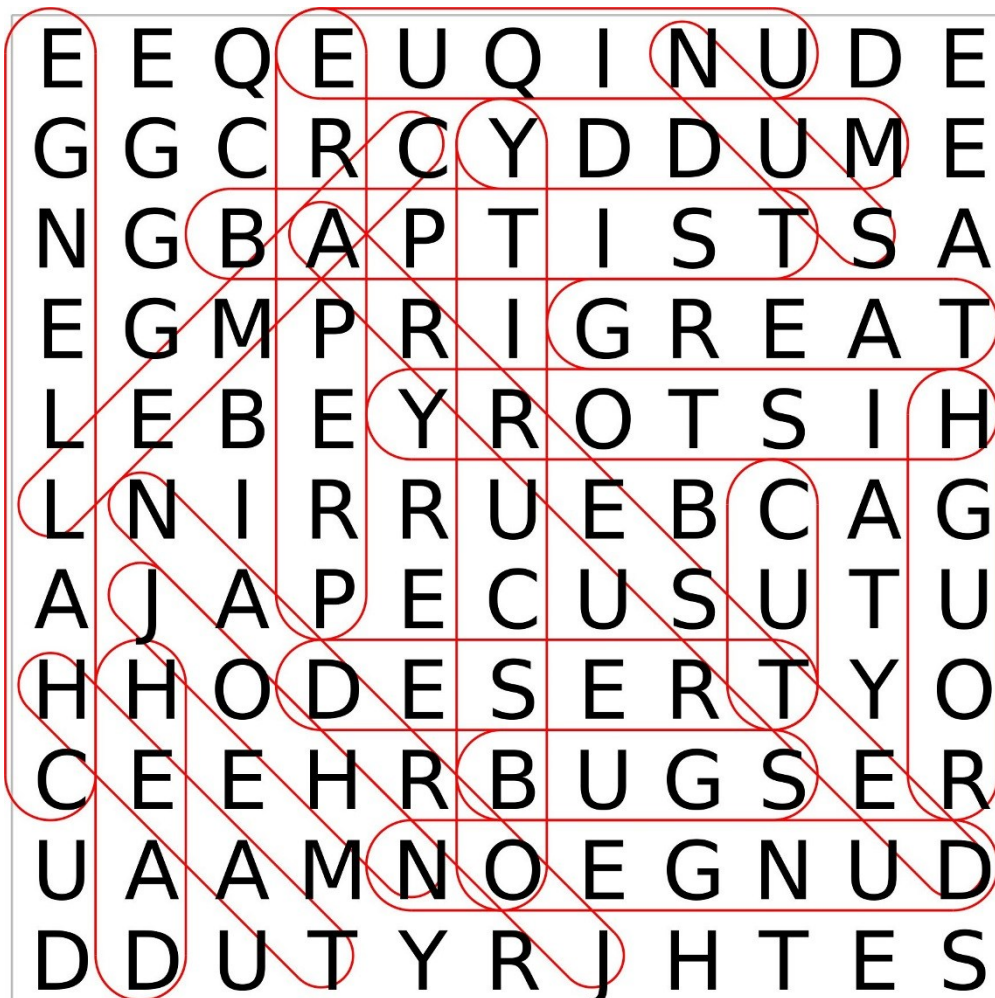
It was 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington.

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

For all enquiries concerning baptism, confirmation and matrimony
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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.

Submissions should be emailed to magazine@unitedparish.church

DEADLINE: September Magazine is 20th August

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	What	Where
9th August	4pm	Soul Space	Crowell Church
29th August	10am-Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
29th August	10am-Noon	Work Party	Crowell Church
30th August	10.30am	United Parish Café church with Methodists and CC Church	Whites Field
31st August	1.30-4pm	CCGW! and Fairtrade Stalls : Chinnor Flower & Produce Show	Whites Field
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	7.45pm	Friends of St Andrew's Church Quiz Nite*	Chinnor Village Hall
26th September	10am-Noon	St Andrew's Work Party	St Andrew's Church
26th September	10am-Noon	Work Party	Crowell Church
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
18th October	10.30am	Rev'd Jacky's last service	St Andrew's Church
30th Oct—1st Nov	11am	Sydenham Church Art Show	St Mary's Church
6th Nov	12.30-1.15	Lunchtime concert with Pavlova Winds*	St Andrew's Church

* Friends of St Andrews Event