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Photo: Gavin Macrae

The old adage of "time flies!" seems to be even more truer when not only children are involved but training for something as well. For nearly 4 years I have been part of the St Andrews and St Nicholas family in Chippenham as a curate and it is with joy and sadness that I move to pastures new.

There has been no doubt it has been a challenging time, with Rev Rod Key retiring a bit earlier than expected and a year's vacancy to manage, but it has also been formational and joyful. There are too many things and people that I have enjoyed and built relationships with to go into but needless to say they have been plenty. As I move from here to other places, where I pray and hope I can enable people and communities to see the light of Christ, I do so having been blessed by your love, support and laving far richer in spirit than whence I came.

My thanks to you all, and something tells me you wont quite have seen the last of me in Chippenham!

God bless and all my love,

Rev Anton Campbell



Farewell Anton

We bid a fond farewell to our curate, **Rev Anton Campbell** on 25th August. He conducted a lovely Service, and our churchwardens, Gavin Macrae and Jenny Norris presented Anton with a signed card and cheque from our congregation members together with a picture of our church. Barry Hayward had crafted and forged a most beautiful plaque and Eric Gregory had made the wooden plinth. The engraved message said "To Revd. Anton with grateful thanks from the St. Andrew's family for the love and care you have given during your time with us".

Every blessing Anton for your future ministry, we give thanks for all you have contributed to the life of St Andrew's over the past 4 years, especially in the year of the Interegnum. As is the custom at St Andrew's, a glass of wine and light refreshments, organised by Dorryta, followed the 10.30 am Service.



PCC News

This is a new feature for the magazine to give readers an update on topics discussed at PCC Meetings enabling everyone to be aware of the work done by the PCC.

PCC Meeting 30th July 2024

Evensong: Agreed that we will hold

- A monthly service at St Andrew's on 1st Sunday at 6.30pm
- Two services each month at St Nicholas (usually 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6.30pm Summer /3.30pm Winter months, except on the second Sunday of every third month when there is an Evensong at Bowood Chapel.

Sunday Morning Services:

- Agreed to trial for the next few months not having refreshments in the middle of the 4th Sunday but at the end instead.
- Fr. Benji agreed to investigate the possibility of having a Service at 9.00am every week. One difficulty is finding Servers.

King Alfred Hall:

- Agreed to increase hire rates slightly to bring us into line with other comparative venues.
- Agreed to look into keeping one Weekday free for Church use when one of the existing hirers stops hiring. Currently there are 2 Wednesday afternoons free.
- The Hall Floor will be renovated 27th to 30th August.
- We have asked for Quotes to decorate Hall, Club Room, Office and passageways with view to carrying out the work sometime next year.

Memorial Garden:

- Agreed that the T & C's for placing plaques in the Garden be amended so that a plaque remains permanently and not just 10 years as previously.

Christ Church Oxford:

- Our Patron, Christ Church, Oxford is holding an Open Day for parishes on Wednesday 25th September 4.30 9.00pm. This will include a talk, Choral Eucharist, Drinks Reception and Dinner. Cost £15. All welcome. Jenny Norris has further details and will co-ordinate.

Next PCC 22nd October



**ST ANDREW'S
HARVEST SUPPER**

**SAT 21ST SEPT 2024
IN THE KING ALFRED
HALL**

**6 FOR 6.30 PM START
TICKETS FROM
DORRYTA
ADULTS £7:
UNDER 16: £3.50
RAFFLE; QUIZ**



Some Armchair travelling for Parish *Herald* Readers!

Marjorie Macro and I have been exchanging emails: a relative newcomer to St Andrews having moved here from Devon to be nearer family, some of you will have made her acquaintance. Marjorie has joined my Sunday Morning Coffee Rota team and she has helped with Andy's tots. She is away at the moment for 66 days in Papua New Guinea visiting her daughter, and then going on to visit her brother, who lives in New Zealand. Angela, her daughter, is the British High Commissioner in Papua New Guinea. It is very small Embassy with just two UK diplomats and 12/13 local staff. Marjorie joined her on a visit to Baluan Island which is in PNG's Manus Province. Angela and her staff were assessing, and celebrating the completion of, a UK Government aid project which had provided additional water catchment and distribution systems to combat the impact of climate change which has been making life on the island difficult. Baluan is a small island with about 2000 people, 2 schools and a strong Christian community (7 Day Adventists and Catholics). No motorised vehicles or even bicycles on the bumpy tracks. Solar power and some generators now and even some Internet connection at the school. Baluan, the island they stayed on was lovely but mostly rocky edges (volcanic). One or 2 sandy beaches but they mostly went out in the motor boat or canoes to swim in the crystal clear waters. Marjorie writes – "Temperatures between 26 & 31 degrees. Have had some interesting outings here in Port Moresby (the capital) and their Parliament House is extremely impressive. Hope to go up to part of the Highlands after our NZ trip".

Ros Harford



SAFEGUARDING REPORT FOR THE MEETING OF ST. ANDREW'S PCC HELD ON TUESDAY 30th July 2024.

Dear Members of the PCC,

It has been twelve months this July when the smiling M.H cunningly introduced me to J.N and both hung me out to dry by offering me the poisoned chalice of the role of PSO.

Despite the earlier and quite consuming work of foundation building, much has been achieved by virtue of your own good will, the support of Jenny and Gavin and the training and guidance offered by the Diocese.

Training and Certification.

- All members of the PCC have undertaken the required levels of training.
- All Church Wardens and Deputy have taken the First two levels of Safeguarding Training and the Church Wardens the Leadership and Domestic Abuse Training.
- All four BWL have completed their training and 3 have taken the Domestic Abuse Course.
- The acting Tower Captain and six out of ten bell ringers have taken at least the Basic Level of training.
- In summary all those that require either one or both levels of Safeguarding Training, have completed it.
- All those required to have DBS certification either basic or enhanced have a current one.
- The Safer recruitment officer is to be thanked for her diligence in the DBS checks.

Safeguarding Dashboard.

- Section one is now up to date and populated. That's the good news.
- The bad is that the Parish has been moved to the next tier and three tasks need completing.
- Ratification of the Ex-Offenders Policy [sent under separate cover]
- Agree that the following involves the supervision of children, young adults, vulnerable adults and are ultimately the PCC's responsibility and are covered by the Church Insurers against allegations of breach of Safeguarding procedures.

Andy's Tots, Andy's at 4
Sunday Club
Kittiwake Creche.
Pastoral Visiting.

[The PSO has checked the insurance policy and had it confirmed that if the PCC agrees that the activities listed are the PCC's responsibility then they are covered.]

For these actions, please refer to the Summary Action from the Safeguarding Dashboard attached.

- Agree and Ratify the Procedure for Responding to Safeguarding Concerns and Disclosures [see section of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. <https://tools.parishdashboards.org.uk/storage/app/media/Resources/parish-safeguarding-handbook.pdf>]
- Agreeing and ratifying the Safeguarding Disclosure Form. [copy attached]
- Agree and ratify the Parish Safeguarding Policy which has to be resigned by the new incumbent and wardens.

Website and Compliance with C of E Directives for Publication and Display of Safeguarding Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

For the parish of St. Andrew's Chippenham, the PCC is fully compliant with the above Guidelines .{Thank you to Will who by default and expertise seems to have taken on the mantle of the Parish IT expert}

Lone Worker Policy

The PSO is relieved to see that on the Agenda for the July meeting the above policy is to be presented by the Church Wardens.

This policy is intended to address concerns around the vulnerability of industrious members of the Parish, who undertake tasks and roles, whilst alone in the open building, thus making them vulnerable to possible physical and or verbal abuse from less desirable church visitors.

Actions from Previous Meetings.

- The Parish Admin Officer will display in KAH the "to be signed" Safeguarding Policy with attended appendices as raised at the last meeting.
- The PSO has contacted and can verify that 3 new PCC members have completed their two levels of training.
- The Safeguarding Dashboard has been completed, but the stage 2 level now needs completing, which will be the case when the actions cited above have been assured after the meeting of 30th July.

Presented to the PCC at their meeting on 30th July in the absence of the PSO.

The Arts Society Kington Langley

The Arts Society Kington Langley is for everyone who appreciates the arts in all its forms. Our monthly events in the Village Hall, Kington Langley are lively occasions as we share coffee and biscuits in our café and catch up on each other's news before the lectures.

Our meetings on the first Tuesday each month from October to July provide a welcoming place to join expert lecturers as they share their specialist knowledge about social history, art, design, architecture, archeology, prints, textiles, furniture, costume, glass, garden design, installation art, music, dance and theatre and much more.

Our next lecture in October will **'Women Artists in Britain 1520 – 1920'** followed by a welcoming buffet. November brings **'Pugin and the Gothic Revival'** and a **'Brief History of Wine'** takes us to our Christmas lunch in December. The new year commences with Chippenham's own Marc Allum talking about **'Fakes and Forgeries'** and then we have talks on 'Street Art', 'London as a Global Showhouse of Art and Architecture', 'Shackleton's Endurance Expedition captured on Film' and more. You can also participate digitally as our lectures are on zoom and all but one has a 24-hour protected recording.

We have organised various visits to Longford castle, Roche Court Art Gallery, Christmas outings to The Bishops palace, Wells and Old Bowlsh House for an intriguing exploration of the food, music and history of the house through Georgian, Jacobean and Victorian times.

Our Christmas Lunch is a highlight of the year as we put on our sparkles and celebrate. Visits to Sandham Chapel, Stanley Spencer's Gallery in Cookham and Owlpen Manor all were enjoyable outings and needless to say we had wonderful meals on each occasion.

We hold a Special Interest Day each year – three lectures on a theme or topic with an associated buffet lunch. Our latest was on the arts and gardens of Japan with a spread of Japanese themed food.

We passionately believe that the arts have the potential to enrich peoples' lives so we fund raise to provide grants for local museums, arts organisations and schools. We have sponsored the Art @The Station with Trans Wilts. We worked with Wiltshire Area Board, Chippenham Council, Borough Lands Charity and Chippenham Museum to bring Art Bytes to the Neeld Hall where students from 12 schools exhibited their work. We have funded workshops or provided materials in the local schools, and had our own craft session in the hall.

We welcome new members even though we already have a healthy membership so look us up upon the link below and come and see what a meeting is like. Tempted? To find out more visit our website www.taskl.org.uk

Heather Leach

Chair, The Arts Society Kington Langley

Mothers' Union Update

On August 9 each year the Mothers' Union celebrates the life of Mary Sumner, our founder, and so at our August meeting here in Chippenham, we learned about her childhood and how the Mothers' Union was born. One of three she was brought up in a loving home where her mother would start every day with the children around her for bible reading and morning prayers. When she married George Sumner, they went to live in the rectory in Alresford, Hampshire. It was when she became a grandmother around the age of 50 that she remembered how inadequate she herself had felt when she had had her first child. And so she decided to gather a group of local women to meet at the rectory. This grew to such that the men of the parish also asked if she would talk to them. Eventually in 1876 the Mothers' Union was born and now has 4 million members around the world in 84 countries.

At the next meeting on **September 9**, we have a visiting speaker, Judith Lee, telling us about her visit to Oberammagau. All are very welcome to come along.

On **September 15** at the Eucharist service, we will be admitting two new members to our branch, Rosemary Daniel and Fr. Benji. This will be a lovely occasion when our Diocesan President, Jacky Fredrickson will once more be visiting us. at the service Jacky will tell everyone about some of the work which MU members do both globally and here in the Bristol Diocese. Some of you may remember she came and took a supportive and active part in the service when the branch was recommissioned a couple of years ago. On the day there will also be an announcement about an exciting project which the branch are launching and in which the congregation can take part.

Denise Addison
Branch Leader



TRIO PARADIS

Jacquelyn Bevan - piano Lisa Betteridge - violin Linda Stocks - cello

Friendship through music

TUESDAY 2nd JULY

Stage & Screen

TUESDAY 6th AUGUST

Scenes of Childhood

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Shall We Dance?

TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER

Vive la France!

TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Money, Money, Money...

TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

A December Evening

Monthly Café Concerts

First Tuesday of
each month
at **11am**

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH Chippenham SN15 3JN

Café serving home-made cakes open 10.30am. Concerts last c45 min.

Entrance by donation, with a retiring collection

www.trioparadis.com

Trio Paradis' Café Concerts continue on the first Tuesday of every month at 11am with café serving home-made cakes and 'real' coffee from c10.15am.

3rd September: Shall We Dance: from ballet to bolero, tango, waltz and Charleston

1st October: Vive La France! Poulenc, Piaf and many more

5th November: Money, Money, Money...



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Threads through Revelation

spectacular visions in fabric

4 September - 14 October

Twelve million stitches and more than three years in the making. 'Threads through Revelation' created by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson, is an exploration of one of the most enigmatic books of the Bible, 'Revelation', but its artistic merit appeals to a wide audience.

Each large embroidered panel is made on bedsheets Jacqui bought in second-hand shops. She relishes the idea that other people's dreams, histories and DNA are part of the story she is telling. Her technique is a combination of painted dyes, multi-layered silks cut to create an extraordinary frayed effect and metallic leather stitched on top. The panels are strikingly coloured, reflecting the text they illustrate.

We welcome everyone, people of all faiths and none to this exhibition.

See our website for talks, concerts, drama and other linked events

Jacqui Parkinson will be giving two talks afternoon and evening on Sat 21st September.



Victoria Methodist Church, 1A Whiteladies Rd, BS8 1NU
vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk

Mouse Feels Hungry

Mouse woke with a start and promptly fell out of bed. There seemed to be a lot of noise especially as the Church had seemed so quiet whilst people had been on holiday. What was happening? Mouse picked herself up, realising she was in one of her favourite places, the Dolls' House in the Children's Corner. Pink Pony had invited her for a sleep-over (though much more talking than sleeping had taken place!) Mouse did not want to be seen by anybody so she and Pink Pony stayed very still and quiet until decorating the Church for Harvest Festival was finished and everyone had gone home.

Mouse slipped out of the Dolls' House and went to run home but she saw some delicious looking apples and realised how hungry she felt. She decided one apple would not be missed so she scurried across the Church and up onto the window sill where the fruit and vegetables had been arranged. She picked a juicy looking apple. "STOP" yelled one of her mouse friends who had seen what she was about to do. The friend then explained rather crossly that the fruit and vegetables were for the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service. Mouse was ashamed that she had thought about taking the apple so the next day during the Service Mouse found one of her hiding places and followed the Service very carefully. She would always remember to give thanks for all the food that had been produced during the previous year. Mouse knew she and her friends were very lucky to have plenty to eat and said a big thank you.

Sue Symonds & Sue Stearn

Parish Noticeboard

Services at St. Nicholas' Church, Tytherton Lucas

8th September *Evensong at Bowood* 6.00 pm

22nd September *Holy Communion* 6.30 pm

Sheila Laurence

01249 740687

100 Club Draw for last month

£100: 63

£40: 54

£25: 89

Margaret Harrison

A successful quarter peal was rung...

Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association
St Andrew's Chippenham, Wiltshire

Sunday, 25 August 2024 in 47m (18-1-5 in Eb)
1260 Grandsire Triples

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Jane Ridgwell | 2 Debbie Stott |
| 3 Richard Iles | 4 John Stott |
| 5 Morley Bray | 6 Gareth Bennett |
| 7 Andrew K Woolley (C) | 8 Oliver Rawle |

Rung following a Wedding Blessing service for Sean and Jacqueline Collier. Also with best wishes to Rev Anton Campbell on the day he leaves St Andrews following service as Curate, Assistant Priest and Associate Curate over the last four years.

EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S

Saturday 7 September 3pm

Kathryn Ryan - Piano Recital

Saturday 14 September 10am-6pm

Wiltshire Ride & Stride

Saturday 21 September 6pm

Harvest Supper

Saturday 12 October 10am – 2pm

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 19 October 7.30pm

Village Singers Concert

Saturday 2 November TBC

Flower Demo & Afternoon Tea

Saturday 2 November 7.30pm

Grief Opera

Saturday 16 November 7.30pm

North Wilts Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday 30 November 7.30pm

WCO Concert

Silent Prayer

All are welcome to join for Silent Prayer every Thursday at 7:30pm for 30 minutes at 2 Baydon's Lane, Chippenham.

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When You Pray

Questions at the end of the day – an Examen:

Have the ears of my heart opened to the voice of God?
Have the ears of my heart opened to the needs of my sisters and brothers?

Have the eyes of my heart beheld the Divine face in all created things?

What do I know, but live as though I do not know?

Is there anyone, including myself, whom I need to forgive?

When did I experience my heart opening wide today?

What is the one thing in my life that is standing on tiptoe crying:

“May I have your attention please?” What needs my attention?



**Benedictine Sister
Macrina Wiederkehr**
(1939–2020)

A Final Word

I am sure that many reading this will be encouraged to learn that our good friend **James Adman** – who used to sing with me in the St. Andrew’s Choir – has recently been accepted to start training with a view to become a Lay Minister within the church!

James and I joined the choir, came to faith, were baptised and confirmed all at the same time, so it is inspiring for me to witness his continued journey in faith and in service of the Gospel. I have learnt an awful lot through my conversations about God with James (and I know many reading this will have partaken in these conversations too), so I am confident that he will become an excellent Lay Minister in due course. Please join me in keeping James in your prayers while he undergoes this journey, and faithfully leaves the final destination in the hands of the Lord.

Remy Osman, Editor

Church Services

St. Andrew's Parish Church, Chippenham with St. Nicolas' Tytherton Lucas

St Andrew's Church Chippenham

9am Eucharist

A said service with traditional language.

10.30am Eucharist

The main Parish Eucharist with singing and congregational hymns. Led by our robed choir on the 1st, 3rd and some 5th Sundays and the singing group on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Evensong

6:30pm Second Sunday of the Month

St Nicholas' Tytherton Lucas

Please see inside on page 16 for the latest details.

