



ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH • COBHAM



Weekly Newsletter

Services this Sunday

30th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

8am BCP 1662 Holy Communion

Mike leading and preaching.

10am Word & Worship

A Taizé service (see note overleaf).
Mike leading and preaching.

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Kids' Church will be enjoying their last Summer Specials, football with Joe Jones.

Refreshments will be served in Church Gate House following the 10am service. When we will enjoy bubbles & cake to celebrate Holly's 18th birthday.

A Prayer for Church Growth

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Details of our **Regular Services and Events** can be found on our website **www.sac.church**

In brief summary, they are:

Sunday Services @ 8am & 10am

Wednesday Little Fishes @ 10:30am

Thursday Cuppa & Chat @ 1pm

Friday Holy Communion Service @ 10:30am

Taizé Service



On Sunday at 10am, St Andrew's church will be transformed into a tiny French village for morning service. Our recently returned pilgrims will share some of their experiences of joining with the Taizé brothers for prayer, study and work. After we have heard from our young adults we will join in a service like the ones held three times a day at Taizé where thousands of people join the brothers to sing, pray and keep silence. In simple songs and with a special candle lighting time we can simply come before God to feel the presence of his Spirit at work in our lives and ponder the Word of God equipping us to live daily as disciples of Jesus. Come and join us for this special Sunday Service at St Andrew's.

Creative Friday is Back!

Making Corn Dollies - Friday
September 4th 9:30 am
Church Gate House



Tea, Coffee and
Fellowship provided!

Creative Fridays

Join us on **Friday 4th September at 9:30am** in Church Gate House Lounge for Creative Fridays, making corn dollies. Teas, coffees and great fellowship - everyone welcome.



Funeral Details for Mary Worsfold

We will say goodbye to our beloved and faithful friend Mary Worsfold on **Monday 21st September at 12:30pm**.



Community Choir for All Age Worship

Anyone who would like to join with the choir at the **All Age Worship Service on Sunday 6th September**, Mike's last service, please come along for a sing through of the music on **Friday 4th September** from **8 -8.45pm** in the church.

Bell Tower Project



The Bell Tower project will be installing walkways to allow safe access to the bells high in the tower. It is also an opportunity to undertake essential work to make the bell chamber safer, stabilise the bell frame, overhaul the bells and their fittings, and help safeguard the future of bell ringing at St Andrew's.

Mike's Leaving Service & Hog Roast

Next Sunday is Mike's final service here - our **All Age Worship at 10am on 6th September** followed by a Hog Roast (with vegan and vegetarian options) to say goodbye to Mike, Margaret, Ella and Grace and to celebrate everything they have done during their time at St Andrew's. If you would like to contribute to Mike's leaving present, please donate via:

CAF Bank Account

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council Cobham

Sort Code 40-52-40

Account No 00102218

Please add 'Mike leaving' to your reference.



For the Hog Roast, we would be grateful if the Church Family could please make a potato or green salad or bowls of berries. Please let Kim, **Kim@sac.church** know what you will be able to bring. We will also need lots of volunteers, please, to help with setup, serving and cleaning up.

Festival Programme

11th - 13th September



Cobham Literary Festival 2026

The Cobham Literary Festival, organised by Cobham Bookshop, will run from **Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September**. The programme of events is now available; we have a few copies in the church porch. Here in the Church and Church Gate House, we are hosting some of the larger events during the weekend, for example, we will welcome Rishi Persad talking to Clare Balding and Callie Coles on **Saturday 12th at 11am**. All bookings via **Cobham Bookshop website**.

www.cobhambooks.com

Bereavement Journey

Our next Bereavement Journey group starts on the **16th September, running on Wednesday evenings** until 4th November. The course is for anyone who has been through a bereavement, whether in recent years or a long time back. Experience suggests that it can be helpful to allow six months following a bereavement before joining the course, as the loss can often still feel very raw during the earlier months. It is open to people of all faiths and none; faith is only discussed in the optional 7th session. See the website page Bereavement Journey for more information and to express an interest, or talk to David Greenwood, **davidg@sac.church**, Moni or Lisa Azarmi to chat about it.

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Our **Prayer Points** and **Community Partners' News** can be viewed via the **'Newsletters'** link which can be found on the front page of our website **www.sac.church**. Limited print copies will also be available.

All requests for inclusion in the Weekly Newsletter should be sent to **elaine@sac.church** by **Wednesday** lunchtime.