

ST ANDREW'S GRAFHAM



Newsletter August/September 2021

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August Services

All services during August will take place in the churchyard (weather permitting). Please wear suitable clothes and footwear and bring sunhats and suncream if necessary.

1st August	10.45am 6pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Book of Common Prayer
8th August	10.45 am	Holy Communion	Lammastide
15th August	10.45 am	Holy Communion	Common Worship
22nd August	10.45 am	Holy Communion	Book of Common Prayer
29th August	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	Book of Common Prayer

September Services

5th September	10.45am 6pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Book of Common Prayer
12th September	10.45am	Holy Communion	Book of Common Prayer
19th September	10.45am	Holy Communion	Common Worship
26th September	10.45am	Holy Communion	Harvest Thanksgiving

Covid-19 update

We recognise that the relaxation of restrictions is a source of significant anxiety for many people. We also acknowledge that we will each have a different set of criteria by which we judge whether we feel safe. Therefore as part of our care and concern for each other we have updated our guidance for worshipping at St Andrew's.

The guidance is available in full on our website. However the main points affecting our worship on Sundays are as follows:

During August services will take place outdoors in the lower churchyard, weather permitting.

You are not required to wear a face-covering and will be invited to join in the singing. Chairs will still be spaced apart but you are free to move them if you so wish. Please respect the wishes of those people who prefer to continue social distancing.

If adverse weather means that we need to use the church building,

- We will ask you to wear a face-covering.
- We will continue only to use alternate pews.
- If joining in singing there is an expectation that you wear a face-covering.

In either case:

- Use the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive for at least 20 seconds.
- Hand sanitiser will still be available on many of the seats.
- Take the weekly noticesheet home.
- If you are able to make a donation to the work of the church by bank transfer rather than through the weekly collection plate that would be helpful. If you do still wish to make a cash donation, please place it in the receptacle provided at the entrance.

Holy Communion

Only the bread will be distributed to the congregation. Please remain in your place to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion or prefer to continue to make a Spiritual Communion, please keep your head bowed.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion you are encouraged to sanitise your hands before and after doing so.

We have decided not to resume serving refreshments after the service for the time being.

All these arrangements and guidance will be reviewed towards the end of August.

Baptism of Sophie

On 13th June we were delighted to welcome Sophie Emilia Wall into the Christian family at her baptism. It was a beautiful warm sunny day and at the end of the service we all went out into the churchyard to sing 'Jerusalem' which Sophie's parents, Freya and David, had sung at their wedding at St Andrew's in 2018.



St Andrew's is 160 on 10th August!

Although Henry Woodyer first approached the Bishop of Winchester in 1855, seeking permission to build a church in Grafham, it was not until 1860 that work finally began. On 10th August 1861, the church, as we know it today, was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester.

In an article which he wrote for the Bramley History Society in 1996, the Reverend Canon Michael Godwin, a former Vicar of Bramley and Grafham, quotes from an article published on 17th August 1861 in the Sussex Express, Surrey Standard, Weald of Kent Mail, Hants and County Advertiser (a group of newspapers which were the precursor of the present Surrey Advertiser) as follows:

Saturday, August 10th

The Bishop of Winchester consecrated the new church of St Andrew at Grafham to which are to be attached parts of the Parishes of Dunsfold and Hascombe as an ecclesiastical district. The Church to hold 200 persons is a simple structure of the early decorated period having a circular apsidal end and stone turret at the west end with a shingled spire and two bells. It was built by Mr. Bridger of Haslemere, the glass is by Hardman, the very beautiful carving by Nicholls (Canon Godwin suggests this is the reredos) and the metal work by Messrs. Filmer & Mason of Guildford. The funds for the building and endowment are principally contributed by Mr. Woodyer's family in whom the right of presentation is therefore vested. The Bishops of Winchester and Jamaica, Archdeacon Utterton and a large party of friends and neighbours assembled at the house after the consecration service, luncheon being laid for 2???. the older people were entertained in a tent erected for them near the house, and a great number of parishioners whom a glorious harvest day had prevented from coming in the morning assembled in church for evening service at 7 o'clock. The Bishop of Winchester preached in the morning and the Rev. John Chandler of Witley in the evening.

Lovely as it would be to have 200 people in St Andrew's, the reporter has clearly got a bit carried away and today we usually tell people that we can accommodate about 100. I haven't yet been able to discover why the church is dedicated to St Andrew. 30th



November which is St Andrew's feast day does not seem to be a significant date for the Woodyer family. However as you look around the building the letter 'A' is frequently repeated as part of the structure so the dedication must have been in Woodyer's mind from the start. More work needed there!

Sadly, the Covid-19 restrictions have meant that we were unable to plan any major 160th anniversary celebrations this year. Our Summer Party on 8th August (see later in this newsletter) will however give us an opportunity for a modest celebration. No doubt we will be able to celebrate more fully when our necessary structural and restoration works are complete.

Camilla

[Looking ahead](#)

[Summer Evensongs](#)

Do join us for Evensong at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month.

On 1st August we are pleased to welcome the Revd Andy Davis, Priest in Charge of Bramley, as our preacher. If the weather is favourable we will hold the service in the churchyard.

Our final Evensong in church for the summer will be on 5th September.

[Lammas](#)

In January, on Plough Sunday, we asked God's blessing on the work which takes place on the land. In May at our Rogationtide service we asked God to bless the crops, animals and the countryside. Now on August 8th we give thanks at our Lammas service for the first of the grain which is beginning to be harvested.

The name 'Lammas' comes from old English and means 'loaf-mass'. However the roots of the festival stretch far further back to Old Testament times when the people of Israel offered the first fruits of the barley harvest in thanksgiving to God.

[Invitation to the St Andrew's Summer Party](#)

Colin Thorpe has very kindly offered us his garden at Old Barn, Horsham Road, Grafham (opposite the Grafham Room) as a venue for a summer party for all friends of St Andrew's at 12.30pm on 8th August following our Lammas service.

If you are able to join us, please would you let Sue Lewis (susanlewis70@googlemail.com) know by 4th August. You are very welcome just to bring yourself but if you are able to bring something to contribute to the lunch it would be gratefully received. In which case it would be helpful if you could let Sue know what it is and how many it will serve.

[Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit to the Diocese 24th -27th September](#)

Archbishop Justin will be visiting the diocese in September and a number of events have been planned.

On Friday 24th September there is a gathering for clergy and congregations at the Lakeside Centre in Camberley at 8pm when there will be worship, prayer, celebration of all that God is doing in our parishes, a major address from the Archbishop on the future of the local church and an extended time of Q and A on issues of concern.

We are invited to take a guest who currently does not come to church to one of the other events over the weekend.

For more information or to book a place see

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/JustinWelby

[Harvest Thanksgiving](#)

Having celebrated Lammas in August, we will bring the annual cycle of festivals marking the agricultural year to a close with our Harvest Thanksgiving on 26th September.



It was such a delight to hold the service outside in the churchyard with spontaneous harvest decorations against the beautiful backdrop of the Surrey Hills, that we've decided to do it again. If you would like to bring some flowers fruit or vegetables with you on the Sunday morning that would be wonderful. Come a little bit earlier than usual so we can put things together. There'll be jugs available for the flowers.

We'll also be collecting donations for the Cranleigh Foodbank – non-perishable items only please and nothing home-made.



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