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We are here for you

Life can be tough at times, harder still if we are trying to go it alone. We want everyone to know that they are loved, accepted and important. God loves us all, unconditionally; although we all have our challenges, he will never stop loving us. If you are facing tough times or need a peaceful place for quiet reflection our door – and our hearts – are open.

We are stronger when we have friends we can count on and share good times with. Whether it's through social events, coffee mornings, baby and toddler groups, school assemblies or weekly worship, or to come together for Christian festivals at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, or most crucially, to mark your own personal life events, the passing of a loved one, or the celebration of a marriage or birth. We are here to be part of your journey.

The church is open every day at least between 10am-4pm, longer in summer months.

If you need a quiet place for reflection or time to think, you are welcome to come and enjoy the safety of the church. It is your building as much as anyone's. We currently hold a service each month on the first Sunday starting at 9.30am plus special occasion services, do come along, everyone is welcome, and you will make friends, there are usually refreshments provided after the services.

Find out when our services are on at **A Church Near You:** www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9602/

If you would like to talk confidentially to the rector, or ask about life events such as getting married, please call: **Rev'd Jonathan Plows** on **01722 790616** or email at **Rectorwtv@gmail.com**. Or call **Maggie** on **07902 490916** or email **curatewtv@gmail.com**.



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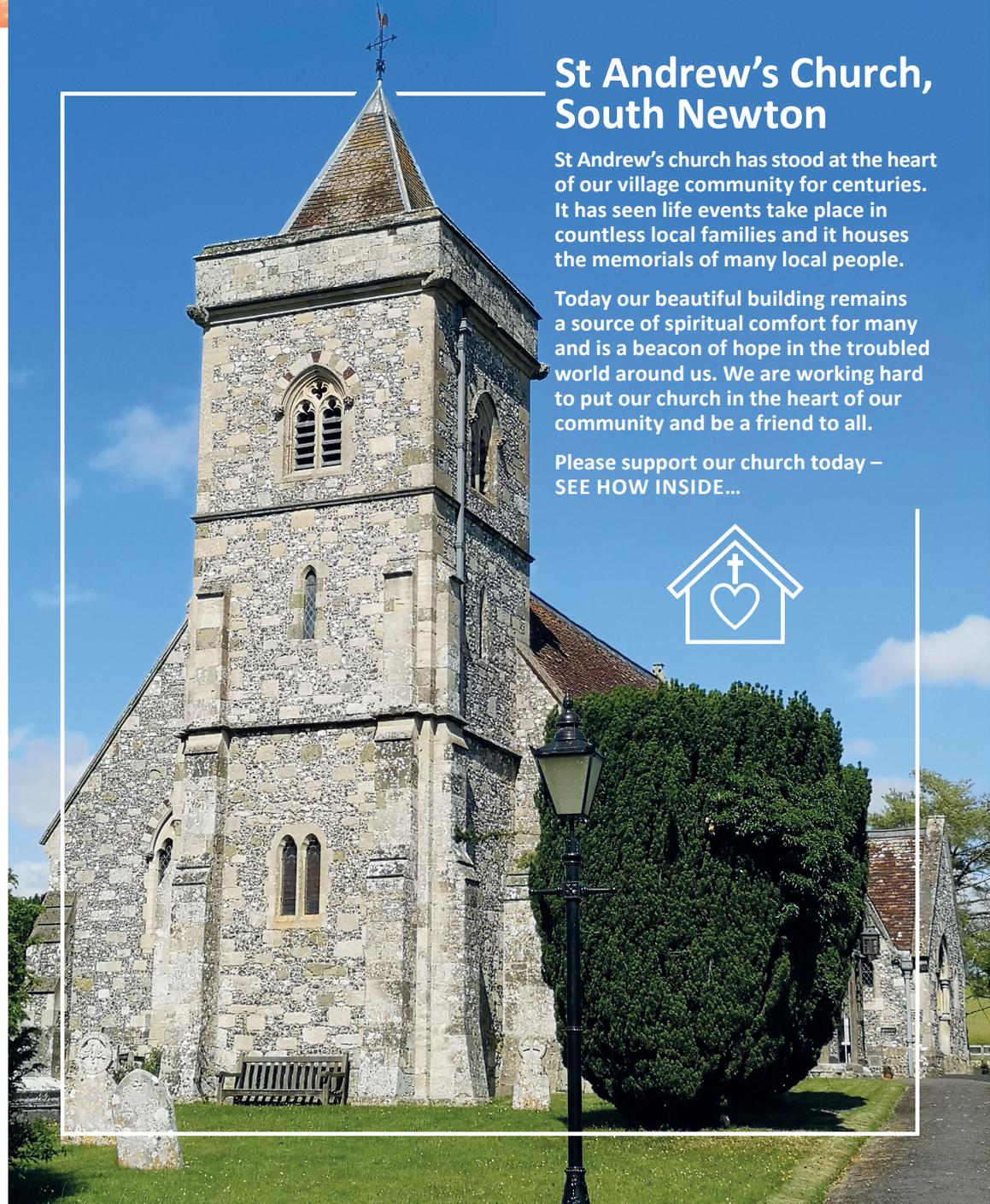
We need your help to protect our beautiful church for the future!

St Andrew's Church, South Newton

St Andrew's church has stood at the heart of our village community for centuries. It has seen life events take place in countless local families and it houses the memorials of many local people.

Today our beautiful building remains a source of spiritual comfort for many and is a beacon of hope in the troubled world around us. We are working hard to put our church in the heart of our community and be a friend to all.

Please support our church today –
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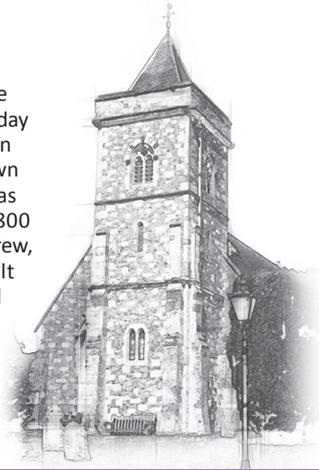


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Our history

South Newton has existed since Saxon times; in 1086 the Domesday book recorded 42 households in *South Newenton*. We have grown a bit since then! St Andrew's was built in the 13th century, over 800 years ago and named for St Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples. It is built from rubblestone and covered with finely cut stone known as Ashlar. Inside the church there are still examples of the original 13th century features in the chancel.



Please help keep St Andrew's as a living church

St Andrew's is a beautiful focus of our village. Whilst we recognise that not all in South Newton will want to attend services in the church, many still wish the building to be cared for, and remain available for life events such as christenings, weddings and funerals and a place to reflect when tending the graves of loved ones.

Our church is a Grade II Listed Building with many features that well deserve preservation.



We continue to fundraise to prevent serious decay happening, to preserve the building and make the church a lovely place to be, for generations to come. Please help by considering a regular donation today. Thank you.

Our Challenge

Many people think that our churches must receive funding from the Government, or support from a central body, after all we are looking after a very old building that is an important part of our country's history. This isn't the case. In fact, every Anglican church in England is looked after by the people who live in its parish.

Each year we need to raise in the region of £8,750 to fund the day to day running costs such as heating, electricity, water, and insurance, as well as necessary repairs and restoration costs.

Help is needed from everyone, if we are to continue to enjoy this irreplaceable asset in our community.

Money raised will help fund the long-term maintenance and ensure we have a living church for generations to come.

You can support our church with a monthly donation to St Andrew's Church through the Parish Giving Scheme.



How does the Parish Giving Scheme work?

Parish Giving Scheme is an easy way to give directly to St Andrew's church by Direct Debit. Regular gifts provide St Andrew's with reliable funds, which helps to protect us against unforeseen situations or unexpected repair costs.

Benefits

- You are in control of how much you give. You can login online, or telephone, to increase or decrease your gift whenever you want.
- You can give monthly, quarterly or annually.
- You can choose to remain anonymous if you wish.
- You can Gift Aid your donation, if applicable, you must pay enough tax to cover 25% of your donations per tax year.
- The Direct Debit guarantee protects all gifts, making them safe and secure.

The bells!

In 1553 records show that St Andrew's had four bells, two of which are **still housed in the tower today**. It's amazing to think we can hear the same bells as the villagers who lived in South Newton during the reign of Mary Tudor!



The tower now houses six bells. In 1861 renowned architect Thomas Henry Wyatt rebuilt the tower, and the two most recent bells were added in 1862 and 1867, the year of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Why don't the bells ring at the moment?

An inspection carried out in February 2022 found that the bells are loose on their frame and need to be tightened before they can be rung again.

We found that birds are able to access the tower via the louvres, bringing with them twigs, which need to be cleared out. It was also identified that access up the tower to the ringing floor is difficult, and we should look at ways to make it safer. If we did this, it would be easier to not only repair the louvres, but we might be able to offer tours of the tower, and see the view of our village from above.

Our church community today

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent survey with ideas for St Andrew's. So many of you told us that the church is an important part of the character of the village, holding special memories.

As well as enjoying the coffee, cake and plant sales, 75% of people said more social gatherings would be welcome, including music events, and the Christmas Tree decorating event. There is also strong interest in bell ringing. We certainly hope to hear the bells peel again!

New parking arrangements, and plans for a toilet and a kitchen!

We are now exploring options to provide both toilet and kitchen facilities at the church, which will open up the number of ways we can use the building. Parking has always been a problem, but South Newton Hospital have come to our rescue, and we can now use the hospital car park next door to church.

Thank you to everyone who is working hard to make St Andrew's the heart of South Newton village.

Join the Parish Giving Scheme to support St Andrew's today!

Online: www.parishgiving.org.uk – click on **Give Now** to find South Newton or search parish code 340634461.

By phone: **0333 002 1271**, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Email our **Treasurer Nikki** for a printed Gift Form
nikki.softley@btinternet.com

Or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



All donations come directly to the Local Church Council for St Andrew's – thank you!