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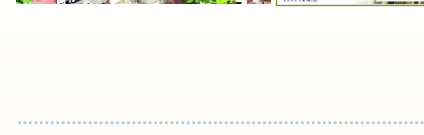


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Celebrating conkers...

Dear Friends

I have always loved Autumn. It might be because I was born in September, but one of the things I love most about this season is the changing colours of the leaves on the trees as they fall and, as a child, the excitement of finding the smoothest, shiniest conkers to fill my pockets!

As we focus on Harvest, we tend to think of gathering crops and giving thanks to God for his provision and all that the earth provides, yet the humble conker has a different story to tell.

Conkers are seeds, and as we look to the seasons changing and prepare for winter coming, the conker is a symbol of new life and future growth; a sign of hope that reminds us that around the corner there is always a new beginning.

Perhaps that's something we can all relate to. Whether it's a new school year, a change in work, retirement, or the start of a new chapter in life, we can look ahead with hope as well as gratitude.

Here at St Andrew's, we are entering a new season and planting our own 'conkers' with a growing ministry team and an exciting vision as we explore what God is doing in our parish. As we embrace new opportunities to serve our wonderful community, we welcome everyone to join in, whether it's our children's groups, popping in for coffee and cake in our café, worshipping or attending events; everyone is welcome!

So, if you notice the shiniest, most glorious conker lying on the ground this autumn, maybe you might take a moment to reflect on the beauty of the seasons and the wonder of how perfectly every living thing works together in harmony.

Maybe we can plant our own seeds of kindness, generosity and friendship in the parish, knowing that even the humble conker, in God's hands, can grow into something wonderful.

Steph.
Ordinand



Church Services in October

- Sat 3 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 4 **The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Do not worry
 10am St Andrew's at 10 All Age Harvest service
 Tue 6 Pray Together, via teams
 Wed 7 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 10 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 11 **The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
The Great Banquet
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 4pm St Andrew's @4
 Tue 13 9am Pray Together, via teams
 Wed 14 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 17 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 18 **The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
Give to God what is God's
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 20 9am Pray Together, via teams
 Wed 21 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 24 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 25 **The Last Sunday after Trinity**
Love God, love your neighbour
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 7pm St Andrew's at 7
 Tue 27 9am Pray Together, via teams
 Wed 28 *Simon and Jude, Apostles*
 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 31 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel



Welcome

You are very welcome to
join us for our
services and prayers

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details of everything we do
at St Andrew's

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Harvest at St Andrew's!

The idea of holding a 'Harvest Service' is believed to have come from Reverend Robert Stephen Hawker who, in 1843, gave a special service for his parishioners at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

Traditionally, a Harvest Service is held on a Sunday close to the Autumn Equinox, and our service this year is on 2 October at 10am.

There are many different customs throughout the country, but most involve bringing food into churches and decorating churches.

We look forward to seeing you!



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Margaret Mary
Baverstock 1900

Our **Kneeler of the month** is, appropriately, entitled 'Harvest', and was made in 1999 by Marian Moss (1926-2013).

Marian – born Florence Marian Fordham 100 years ago this year – lived with her husband Charles in a house called 'Fairlight' (now called 'Garden Cottage') in Blundel Lane, approaching the level crossing.

She chose to dedicate the kneeler to

Margaret Kate Baverstock (1900-1997), who had died at the age of 97 just before the kneeler was made. Margaret had lived next door in Blundel Lane, at 'Springfield' (now 'Oxshott Cottage'), and as far as we can tell they were not related, just next-door neighbours.

Every kneeler has its story.

Church improvements...

As with any property, the buildings and facilities at St Andrew's need regular care and attention to serve us well; our Vicar, **Patrick Davies**, is pleased to set out our plans for the near future...

Having successfully completed our major buildings refurbishment project last year, creating a wonderful space for the community in the centre of the village, we are now able to attend to some other things around the church, which we hope will further enhance the spaces and grounds for the whole community to enjoy.

During September we have fitted some **sound absorption** panelling in the Café space, and the hall – to make these spaces less echo-y, and help conversations and connection happen more easily. Though visually they are as inobtrusive as possible, we do hope you will notice and appreciate the acoustic difference these panels make.

We are fortunate to have a small **play area** at the back of church – the playground of the former St Andrew's Pre-School. In 2022 this was opened for community use, and it has become a much used and much valued space for families with young children. However, the play equipment is reaching the end of its life, and thanks to a successful application to the Community Infrastructure Levy board, we are refurbishing and improving this area. Earthwrights (an ecologically-minded play area specialist company) will begin work on 12 October. The playground (*below*) will be closed for around three weeks, before reopening in a new and improved form.

With more community use of the buildings last year in autumn and winter, we particularly noticed just how very dark it is around the church grounds in

the evenings and at night. So, to help people safely and happily use the buildings at these times, we are improving **external lighting**. If you look closely at the church, you will notice that there are lots of old and broken lights (mostly floodlights), and even the lights which do still work are not brilliant – they are mostly either too bright, or too dim – and many areas of the grounds (such as along the north side) are in almost complete darkness. We will remove all the old and broken bits of lighting, and unsightly wiring, and replace this with a coherent and sensitive scheme of external lighting, which will be both more effective, and more pleasant. The design for this project is underway with a church lighting specialist, CES, and work will likely be completed in the early part of 2027.

To fund these projects, we are grateful to the Community Infrastructure Levy, and especially to the families of those who have left us financial gifts through legacies in the last few years.

If you would like to leave a legacy (of any amount) to the church, which will be used to make a lasting difference for the life of our community, please be in touch (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk), or see the 'Legacies' page of our website: www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/legacies/

Patrick Davies

What is StAKs?

Lyn Turner sets the scene for our children's activities on Sunday mornings...

StAKs

StAKs (St Andrew's Kids) is the name of our children's Sunday School sessions, held during most 10am services, where we enjoy time together, having fun and learning all about God.

In StAKs recently we have been learning about the parable of The Prodigal Son, which taught us that God always loves us, just as a parent loves their child, and the importance of forgiveness. Our older children had to practice forgiveness many times whilst playing Uno during StAKs!

Meanwhile our younger children enjoyed a variety of crafts about God's love for us.



"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

On Sunday 6 September, in our All Age Worship, where the children are welcome to stay in church for the whole service, we wrote down our prayers, wove them together, and gathered them all around Jesus (*right*).

Lyn Turner



News & Notes



Have you considered attending our mid-week Communion service?

Do join us in church for a short, traditional service of Holy Communion without music.

Held on Wednesdays, from 11.30am to about noon, these services are popular as a pleasantly calm and thoughtful interlude in the middle of the week.

Planning for Christmas!

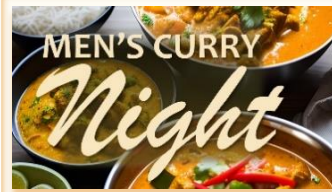
It may be very early to speak of Christmas.... but a number of events are being planned for November that you may like to take note of!

One such event is the annual Christmas Fair for the GRCT, a charity we support and that is close to our hearts here at St Andrew's.

See the full details of the Fair opposite!



The Garden Route Children's Trust
Helping to educate and feed South African children in need



A date for your diary...

We are planning another Men's Curry Night for November!

We plan to meet at the Village Sports Club again, on Friday 13 November.

During a lively evening, we will hear from Rick Woodward, a Christian since his school years, active in church circles at home and abroad.

A stimulating speaker, his background is in Human Resources and Learning & Development, in the USA and here.

Or you may wish to ask him about some of his other activities, such as open water swimming!

For now, it's a date for your diary... 13 November.

From the Registers



Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

26 August Jane Louise Holloway (died 25 July 2026, aged 94)

27 August Susan Carolyn Umney (died 28 July 2026, aged 85)

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Being a Christian in Nepal...

For this month's update on the Partners we support, **Mark Currie** tells us of faith, community, and the pressures of a changing landscape...

Nepal is a landlocked Himalayan nation situated between India and China, known for its dramatic landscapes, including Mount Everest and the Annapurna range. Its population is culturally diverse, with Hinduism and Buddhism shaping much of national life.

Since transitioning from a monarchy to a federal republic in 2008, Nepal has undergone significant political and social change. Christianity is a small but growing minority, often centred in close-knit communities and house churches. While Nepal guarantees religious freedom, anti-conversion laws and social pressures create a complex environment for Christians seeking to live out their faith openly.

Being a Christian in Nepal means living out one's faith in a country where religious identity is deeply tied to culture, tradition, and national history. Christians make up roughly 1.4% of the population, a small but steadily growing minority. Their communities are vibrant, often centred around house churches, local fellowship groups, and strong networks of mutual support. Worship is lively, communal, and rooted in a sense of shared resilience.

Yet the experience of Christians in Nepal is shaped by a complex legal and social environment. Although Nepal's constitution guarantees freedom of religion, it also includes strict anti-conversion provisions. These laws, introduced in 2017, criminalise any act perceived as encouraging someone to change their religion. While intended to prevent coercion, they have often been used to target Christians engaged in ordinary religious activities such as sharing their faith, distributing humanitarian aid, or even praying for the sick.

Several cases illustrate these pressures: in 2018, a Christian woman in Kaski was detained for allegedly attempting to convert a Hindu woman while she was praying for her healing. Pastors have also faced arrest or harassment for conducting baptisms or leading Bible studies.

Beyond legal challenges, social discrimination persists in some areas. Converts from Hindu backgrounds may face family rejection or community pressure. In rural regions, Christians can be excluded from local decision-making or denied access to communal resources.



Still serving people

Despite these difficulties, Nepal's Christians remain remarkably steadfast. Their churches run schools, orphanages, and relief programmes that serve people of all faiths. Many describe their faith as a source of hope and courage, enabling them to persevere with dignity.

To be a Christian in Nepal is to live with quiet determination - holding on to faith amid both opportunity and adversity. Our mission partners, Tanka and Rita, remain committed to promoting freedom of religion in Nepal and in supporting marginalised people through advocacy and practical support at orphanages; as we go to press, we look forward to them visiting us on 20 September.

To explore the history of Christianity in Nepal a little further, simply go to www.bishwasi.com, and search for *The Growth of the Church in 21st-Century Nepal*.



The devastation caused by the recent floods

We are all aware of the recent floods in Nepal, which brought profound devastation to communities across the Himalayan foothills. Landslides swept through villages in Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading, and homes, crops and livestock were destroyed in minutes, and thousands forced to seek temporary shelter in schools, churches and community halls. Tanka and Rita were not directly endangered themselves, but many of the communities they serve, and their pastors, were. The impact has been overwhelming for Nepal's rural communities; roads and bridges have collapsed, clean water is scarce, and the risk of water-borne disease is rising.



Yet amid the destruction, stories of courage and compassion are emerging. Local churches have opened their doors to anyone in need, offering food, blankets and prayer. Christian charities and international relief teams are working alongside Nepali volunteers to reach remote villages with medical supplies and safe drinking water.

As a church family, we are called to stand with Nepal in prayer and practical support. Let us remember the families grieving loved ones, the children who have lost their homes, and the

communities beginning the long journey of rebuilding. A prayer: *Lord, bring comfort to the broken-hearted, strength to those responding, and hope to every community facing the road ahead. May your peace flow like living water. Amen.*

Mark Currie

Do the Bible and Science contradict each other?

Let's look at an age-old question...

For the Christian, the Bible is God's Word to us; it tells us about His character and creative purposes, how He has related to people in the past, and His promises for the future. Science is a specific way of studying the world, exploring the physical properties of things – a wonderful way to explore God's creation. So, the question to ask if the Bible and Science seem to be contradicting each other is, have we made a mistake in interpreting one or the other?

Science is very good at answering certain types of questions: 'What size is it?', 'How fast does it travel?', 'What is it made of?', and so on. Questions like 'What's it for?', 'What should I do with it?', and 'What's it worth?' can't be answered using scientific methods. Some of the misunderstanding in discussions of science and religion come from not recognising the limits of science.

It's also important to recognise what the Bible is, and what sorts of questions it can answer. The Bible was written well before people began to investigate the

world in ways we would recognise as scientific.

Of course, people in the Ancient Near East were studying the world around them, observing the movements of the stars, the processes of life and death that happened all around them, the seasons, the behaviour of physical

objects, and so on. But they did not study the mechanisms underlying these things systematically using the tools of science, and they did not see or describe the world in scientific terms – not because they weren't intelligent, but because science as we know it wasn't happening at that time.

Fruitful conversations

Instead, the biblical writers used words that were commonly used in their own cultures to record events, share truth and wisdom, and tell stories that convey deep truth about God's character. If we want to understand God's intention in inspiring these words, we need to do some careful work to connect with those ancient writers and find out what they meant, before we can discover what those words mean to us today.

These principles can help us have far more fruitful conversations about science and Christian faith. If we allow any apparent conflict between Science and the Bible to fuel our search for understanding, not only will we learn as individuals, but we will be able to have a conversation that is relevant to wider society today.



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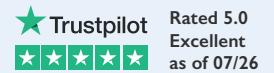
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Exhibitions and demonstrations!

With events past and future, members of OCACS (Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society) keep busy, reports **Miranda Fuller**...

OCACS have been making the most of late summer-early autumn. Those of our members who joined Molesey Art Society's popular

members and their families, friends and guests, as can be seen here (*below*).

On 16 September, members enjoyed another social at Esher's Bluehouse - an additional social on a



Friday is currently being trialled for those unable to meet on a Wednesday.

On 13 October we look forward to welcoming back Frank Walters, who will be demonstrating *Mastering Landscape in Watercolour*.

On 23 October, Farida Khan-Evans will be giving

us an all-day workshop, to which non-members are welcome (*see page 22*), and on 10 November we will have a demonstration, by Paul Alcock, of *A Riverside Scene in Oils*.

All our demonstrations are friendly and informal, at the Oxshott Village Centre on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7.30 to 9.30pm - details on our website: oxshottartandcrafts.org

Non-members are always welcome to attend, regardless of experience or expertise, for a fee of £5.

Miranda Fuller



Towpath Exhibition over the August Bank Holiday, despite some varying weather forecasts, were rewarded with plenty of both sunshine and visitors, as shown here (*above*).

Next, of course, was our own autumn exhibition, held this time at Riverhouse Barn in Walton. Visitors were treated to a bright display of bold, richly colourful and finely detailed artwork, cards, and unique and skilfully created crafts.

Our Private View on 8 September was well attended and enjoyed by

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A reminder that as part of Elmbridge's ongoing Woodland Management programme, forestry contractors will carry out thinning works over the autumn winter 2026-2027 in the wooded areas of Oxshott Heath shown in red on the map below.



The work will include:

- thinning the canopy to improve light penetration
- control of non-native/invasive species
- up to ten 0.15 ha clear fell areas for regeneration

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The thinning will allow more light to reach the woodland floor, improve visits for residents and allow paths to dry more efficiently. It will improve the plant life found across the common and increase biodiversity through insect life and small mammals. It will also let the remaining trees grow and develop fully, ensuring a healthy woodland for future generations.

The work will start this autumn, and will use of the Oxshott Heath Car Park near the station to access a temporary loading bay for the extracted timber.



Woodhatch Place, just south of Reigate, has been agreed as the location for East Surrey Council's main office building from 1 April 2027.

The decision is intended to give the new East Surrey Council a suitable base from day one, while allowing time to develop longer-term plans for its offices and buildings across the area.

Woodhatch Place is currently the headquarters of Surrey County Council (SCC), which moved there in 2020 from its previous offices in Kingston-upon-Thames, which had been transferred to Greater London as long ago as 1965.

Even earlier, SCC had built the County Hall in Kingston in 1893 so that it could move from Newington - which had similarly just been transferred from Surrey to the new County of London in 1889...

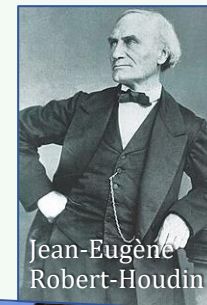
Different aspects of France...

Esher French Circle looks forward to its 2026-27 season talks from regular lecturers on aspects of French life, culture and history; **Peter Prowse** reports...

After its summer break, Esher French Circle starts its 2026-27 programme on Wednesday 21 October, with a fascinating presentation by Annie Kean: *La colonisation de la Nouvelle France* - 'New France' being the territory colonized by France in mainland North America in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Talks over the rest of the season, from expert speakers, will as usual cover a wide variety of topics, including:

- A talk on *Le magicien Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin*, the French watchmaker, illusionist and magician (*right*) - from whom the escapologist Houdini took his name
- A talk on French manners and the French use of hand gestures, the Gallic Shrug (*right!*) and facial expressions
- An illustrated talk on the French region of Provence
- An explanation of how the forthcoming French presidential election will be run, the likely candidates and the implications of the possible results



Esher French Circle: all welcome

Esher French Circle offers monthly talks - in French - by native or fluent French speakers, for anybody interested in keeping up or improving their French, in a relaxed and convivial setting. We meet in West End Village Hall, Esher, on the third Wednesday of most months and the doors open at 7pm.

Peter Prowse

A successful summer of cricket at Oxshott

Good news from our local Sports Club, as **Sarah Murphy** reports...

The cricket season drew to a close at the beginning of September, although the sun continued to shine. What a summer it has been!

Despite the many glorious days, there were still two Saturday washouts when cricket had to be cancelled.

All three of Oxshott's senior cricket teams, proudly sponsored by Curchods, enjoyed successful seasons. Although there were no

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promotions this year, each team finished fourth in its respective league. This was a particularly impressive achievement for the third team, which was only promoted last season - another encouraging sign that cricket at Oxshott continues to go from strength to strength.

The junior cricket section also enjoyed a very successful year. The programme was extended until the end of July, allowing our young players to make the most of the exceptional summer weather. We look forward to building on this success with another full programme of coaching and matches next summer.

At the end-of-season awards presentation, outgoing Cricket President Gavin Harper was named Clubman of the Year. Gavin will certainly be a hard act to follow, but we hope he will continue to visit the club and support the teams next summer!

Sarah Murphy



What's On in Oxshott

October

- Tue 6 10am **Ladies Friendship Group**: A social gathering with coffee, biscuits and chat, visitors welcome, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
7.30pm **FEDORA**: *Annual General Meeting* at the Royal Kent School, Oakshade Road (see page 19)
- Tue 13 7.30-9.30pm **Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society**: *Mastering Landscape in Watercolour*, with Frank Walters, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 14 2.15pm **The Arts Society, Claremont & Oxshott**: Music Recital, then 2.30pm: *The Three Great Game Changers of 19th Century Opera*, with Jamie Hayes, at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon
- Sat 17 10am-12.30pm **Oxshott Net Zero Repair Café**: at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott. Bring something from home in need of repair; last item accepted for repair at 12 noon
- Tue 20 7.30pm **Oxshott Village WI**: *Autumn Glory - a flower arranging demonstration*, with Jackie Topp, in the Small Hall, Oxshott, Village Centre
- Wed 21 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher**: *La Colonisation de la Nouvelle-France*, with Annie Kean, at West End Village Hall, Esher and on zoom for members (see page 21)
- Fri 23 10am-4pm **Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society**: All day workshop: *Cubist Style Painting*, with Farida Khan-Evans, at Oxshott Village Centre. Book your place with Sue Smith (sue.smith191@btinternet.com), members £45 (£50 guests) including tea, coffee and biscuits

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The *alma mater* of many distinguished alumni revealed its halls and classrooms to Arts Society members on a visit to Harrow School, as told by **Nicky Orlebar**...

Harrow School, in north-west London, was founded in 1572 by local farmer, John Lyon, under a Royal Charter granted by Elizabeth I. An Arts Society guided visit began in Old Schools where, in the 1615 Fourth Form Room, boys' initials and names, both famous and otherwise, have over the centuries been carved into the oak panelling.

The 1870s Speech Room was designed by William Burges. This impressive, large half circle, with tiered seating for the whole school, resembles an amphitheatre. With red pillars supporting arches, the 'room' is lined with portraits and stained-glass windows.

In a boarding house...

Spaced along the top of Harrow's High Street are some of the twelve boarding houses, built in different eras. Entering the Museum of Harrow Life, we inspected a mock-up study/bedroom where a current Harrovian might live during term time, complete with wall posters and dishevelled duvet.

Next, we reached the Vaughan Library and Chapel, both designed in the 1850s by George Gilbert Scott in the Gothic Revival style. Our guide answered questions about the Eton v Harrow cricket match at Lord's, first played in 1805; Harrow Songs, the most famous being *Forty Years On*; Long Ducker, the yearly charity run or swim and the straw Harrow hat. Mention was also made of the 1990 state-of-the-art Ryan Theatre, enabled by a generous sponsor, which is often let out for productions.

Our visit ended with tea in the 1976 Shepherd Churchill Dining Room - named after a benefactor and Winston Churchill, who was a pupil from 1888-1892.

Following an afternoon of sport, this large open-plan space would later see the whole school of some 830 boarders sit down to supper with each of the Houses having their own allocated tables. As our coach left Harrow on the Hill we reflected on an enjoyable and enlightening visit.



Harrow School - founded in 1572 under a royal charter granted by Elizabeth I

Nicky Orlebar

Sudoku

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7	9	6	3	8	5	2	1	4
8	1	2	6	9	4	5	3	7
3	4	5	9	7	8	6	2	1
1	7	8	2	6	3	9	4	5
2	6	9	4	5	1	7	8	3
4	5	3	8	2	6	1	7	9
9	2	1	5	4	7	3	6	8
6	8	7	1	3	9	4	5	2

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Think about it...

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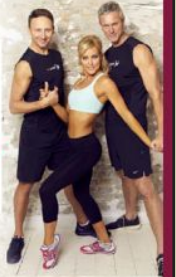
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Children and Young People: Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time. See also **St Andrew's @4** (below).

Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Church Flowers: Jill Leviton (01932 862532)

Church Hall: Contact: for bookings, contact the Church Office (01372 842071)

Church Office: Church Administrator: Claire Costard; Assistant: Rowena Osman-Robertson
Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Churches Together: Suzanna Knott (01932 866951)

Churchwardens: Jill Perrett (07768 852805), Rebecca Mayhew (07818 426482)

Coffee Comfort: Meets every 4th Thursday of the month, 10.15-11.45am in the church.

Contact: Jenny Mathieson (07712 032008)

Deanery Synod: Representatives: Jane Berridge, Ros Ebbutt-Hadman, Kirsten Penner and Steph Rustom

Electoral Roll: Electoral Roll Officer: Claire Costard (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Lay Assistants: Barbara Begley, Phillip Herbert, Jenny Mathieson, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand and Jackie Stewart

Life Groups: Life Groups meet for study, fellowship and prayer on a regular basis throughout the parish. Co-ordinator: Patrick Fleming (life.groups@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Lunch Club: Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, and generally appeals to people who are 60 plus. Leaders: Sheila and Phillip Herbert (07710 019534)

Mission Partners: Contact: Mark Currie (mission.partnering@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Music: Director of Music: Valerie Beynon (01932 863296). Organist: Nicky Orlebar

Parish Funding: Parish Funding Administrator: Jenny Major (pfa@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Parochial Church Council: Members: Jane Berridge (*Deanery Synod*), Revd David Boothby (*Curate*), Ruth Burns (*Lay Chair*), Harry Conlan, Mark Currie, Revd Patrick Davies (*Vicar*), Ros Ebbutt-Hadman (*Deanery Synod*), Tina Hanciles, Jack Jeffery, Rebecca Mayhew, Kirsten Penner (*Deanery Synod*), Jill Perrett (*Lay Chair*), Steph Rustom (*Deanery Synod*), Freda Stephenson and Adele Wright

Pastoral Assistants: Barbara Begley, Jane Berridge, Michael Flaxman, Marianne Francis, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand, Jackie Stewart, Ron Stewart and Trish Torr. Contact: call the Church Office (01372 842071)

St Andrew's @4: A monthly afternoon service in church, for everyone and especially those with primary-school aged and younger children. Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

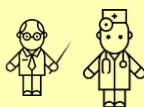
Safeguarding: We are fully committed to Safeguarding and have two Safeguarding Officers. Contact: via their dedicated Safeguarding phone number (01372 230370), or email safeguarding@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

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Telephone: 01372 844000 - Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm

Website: www.oxshottmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Doctors:

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Dr Richard Draper MB ChB MSc DA DRCOG DCH FRCGP (available Thursday, Friday)

Dr Alice Palfreman MBChB (Hons) MRCGP (available Monday-Wednesday)

Dr Laura Peeke MBBS BSc MRCP DRCOG MRCGP PGcert (available Monday, Tuesday)

Dr Hannah Coleman MBBS MRCGP DRCOG (available Wednesday, Thursday)

Dr Esmat Abbas MBBS BSc MRCGP DRCOG DFSRH (available Thursday, Friday)

Nurse: Rosemary Tyler (available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

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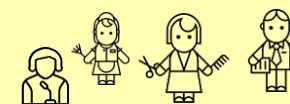
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- Cobham Probus:** club for retired or semi-retired gentlemen. Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 9.30 for 10am at Churchgate House, Cobham. Contact: Adrian Scheele (01372 436091 or 07759 892054 or adrianscheele@me.com)
- Girlguiding Oxshott:** Meetings: Rainbows (girls aged 4-7: Tuesdays 4.15-5.30pm), Brownies (7-10: Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm, Wednesdays 5.30-7pm), Guides (10-14: Tuesdays 7.30-9pm), Rangers (14-18: Wednesdays 7.30-9pm). Contact: 1stoxshottbrownies@gmail.com
- Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)
- Le Cercle Français d'Esher:** Evening talks in French, usually on 3rd Wednesday of each month, from October to June at 7.30pm, in West End Village Hall and online. Contact: Anne Bell (07796 698 097 or annellbell121@yahoo.co.uk) www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk
- Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome. Full details on our website (www.oxshottartandcrafts.org)
- Oxshott Badminton Club:** If you play badminton why not join us on Tuesday evenings (September to May). Contact: Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or geoffdot@ntlworld.com) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or ashokdivya@aol.com)
- Oxshott Bridge Club:** Duplicate bridge on Wednesday evenings at Oxshott Village Centre. Contact Secretary: Janet Kefford (01932 863541)
- Oxshott Choral Society:** Meets Wednesday evenings in Stoke D'Abernon Church Hall. Contact: Sue Rees (01372 842300) www.oxshottchoral.org.uk
- Oxshott Net Zero:** Oxshott residents working to reduce our carbon emissions. Full details and contact via the website (www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk)
- Oxshott Repair Café,** by Oxshott Net Zero: Meets 10am-12.30pm, 3rd Saturday of the month (except August & December), at St Andrew's Church. Bring something from home in need of repair. Full details on our website (www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk)
- Oxshott Village Sports Club:** Bowls, bridge, cricket, netball, padel, pétanque, squash and tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)
- Political Parties:** **Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives:** Chair: Katerina Lusk (07934 296302 or k.lusk2605@gmail.com)
Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party: Secretary: Dan Parks (07860 677898 or codslabourbranch@gmail.com)
- The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott:** Meets 2nd Wednesday in month (except July & August) in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Coach visits also organised. Contact: Anne Wallis (anne@wallis.eu.com)
- The Oxshott Club,** Oakshade Road: Lounge bar, snooker, pool, quiz nights; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. BT Sports. Open every evening, Saturday & Sunday from midday. Contact: Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)
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