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Autumn 2025

The Lantern

Growing in Faith,
Hope & Love as
a Community



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not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

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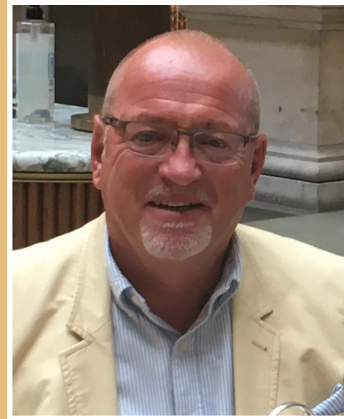


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GREETINGS from the Editor



Welcome to the autumn edition of The Lantern, the Parish magazine of St Andrews church in North Deal.

What a summer we were privileged to experience this year and yet it's over in what feels like a very short period of time. No matter what kind of life you lead, summertime always feels fanciful to me. There are holidays to be taken, weekend events to host as well as attend. You have to spend time outdoors doing things until late into the evening because it's still bright outside and not to do so would be rude and wasteful of ones life (so says others).

But autumn like summer is full of events, activities and opportunities, albeit generally indoors, see page 4 for all the special church services including Harvest Festival, on 21st September, All Hallows service, 31st September, All Saints Sunday, 2nd November and lest-we-forget Remembrance Sunday, 9th November.

Fr Stephens on page 6, leads us into autumn with the two (2) sides to autumn, the seasons natural beauty and the time it offers to think of those departed. After sacrificing our lives to the summer abyss, it feels an appropriate time to start afresh and do things correctly with love, hope and faith. James Thomson certainly has a start on us this autumn. How so? See page 13, as he begins his Christian journey with God.

Others also on a journey, can be found on page 12, with Kate Rushbrook, who gives us an insight into why the new bible study group at St Andrews meet to explore, discuss, question and learn, while they journey together discovering God. For finer details, do speak to Kate.

The Coffee Concerts continue a pace with the return of Tamar Simone File and Tony Halstead for a second recital on October 6th, see page 5 for details. Including that of Gordon Corrigan, who returns to speak at St Andrews on 14th November, an adventurous and intellectual delight as always, followed by a cream tea and while I think of the refreshments, do visit page 14, Daphne Tutton explains why the community project set up in 2017 between Trinity and St Andrews church is relevant today and how you can support this important church led joint venture in the community.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Lantern. until the next edition, get involved! Remember It's only three months until Winter.

Joseph Dublin

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Church Services Calendar

Autumn 2025

Regular services:

Sunday	11:00am	Sung Mass
Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass followed by coffee and raffle

Special Services During the Autumn Months:

- SEPTEMBER:** **Sunday 10th** - Holy Cross Day - 11:00am
 Sunday 14th - Archdeacon Darren Miller will be celebrating Mass with St Andrew's - 11:00am.
 Sunday 21st - Harvest Festival - 11:00am
 (in conjunction with Deal Foodbank)
- OCTOBER:** **Sunday 26th** - St Andrew's Dedication Feast - 11:00am
 Friday 31st - All Hallows Mass Compline - 10:00pm
 followed by an all night sponsored Vigil "sleep-over"
- NOVEMBER:** **Saturday 1st** - Combined All Saints Day Mass & Walsingham Mass - 10am.
 Sunday 2nd - All Saints Sunday, Mass - 11am.
 Monday 3rd - All Souls Day, Mass - 9:30am.
 Sunday 9th - Remembrance Sunday, with Archdeacon Darren Miller - Mass at 11:00am.
 Saturday 29th - St Andrew's Patronal Taizé Service - 11am
 (followed by fish and chips lunch in the hall).

A priest will be available for confession or spiritual counsel and advice by appointment with Fr Anthony or Fr Roger



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Social Events Calendar



Coffee Morning

Every
Wednesday
9am-11am

Evening Concert with the HANOVER CHOIR

Saturday 13th September

at 6.30pm, ADMISSION FREE

Featuring music by Bruckner, Mozart,
Elgar, Finzi & Parry

Friday 19th September **HARVEST SUPPER**

7pm in the hall - £12 entry includes a hearty meal & one drink free -
music and prize Irish Bingo!

All proceeds for Church Fabric Fund

MONDAY 6th October

Coffee Concert

Tamar Simone File soprano and
Tony Halstead piano return to the
church for a second recital - 11am.

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Friday 14th November

Historic Talk by Gordon Corrigan
'Britain and the Second World War -
A Noble Crusade, or the Road
to Bankruptcy?'

£7 inc afternoon tea - 2:30pm.

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Saturday 6th December

ST ANDREWS CHRISTMAS FAIR

10am to 1pm

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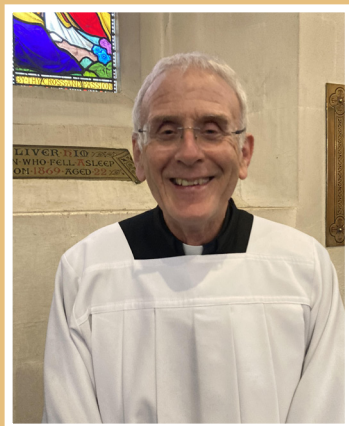
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CONGRATULATIONS to Sue and John Harper who were
presented with a small token of thanksgiving by St Andrews
church in June, as the church celebrated the 70th coffee concert
arranged by them.

Over the last 17 years, through the coffee concerts, St Andrews has
raised thousands of pounds. While each concert is free to attend, the
retiring collection is split between St Andrews church and another
charity, which is chosen by the musicians. Thank you both for your
commitment and dedication to these wonderful concerts, that so
many people have enjoyed over the years and continue to support
because of you both.

Father Stephen Writes:



AUTUMN – IT HAS TWO SIDES.

It is the end of summer and the beginning of winter, which may sound a bit sad, but actually Autumn can be one of the loveliest and hope filled seasons of the year.

Autumn is also the natural time to think of the departed.

As the year turns and the nights draw in we remember the departed who we believe have passed into the light of heaven. This year we celebrate All Saints Sunday on 2nd November, and then our annual All Souls Requiem on Monday 3rd, prayerfully remembering by name our loved ones in heaven.

Although November has a certain melancholy it is nevertheless a time of hope and looking forward as we keep Remembrance Sunday on 9th November. We also have a short act of remembrance on Tuesday 11th. It seems ever more important to mark these days not only to remember the past especially the dead of both world wars but also those caught up in more recent conflicts. Our world needs these times to pray for peace and unity amongst all peoples.

As December arrives and winter comes it's Advent and Christmas again. A magical time to dispel the darkness with light and hope, as we welcome the world's saviour in the traditional way.

We have plenty of opportunities to celebrate the birth of Christ the Prince of Peace. Our popular Carol Service in the evening of the Sunday before Christmas is a time to enjoy the festivities with familiar carols. The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve sees the candlelit church full of children and families hearing again the wonderful Nativity story. Later in the evening we have the traditional Midnight Mass, a service of light in the dark night. Finally on Christmas morning there is a quiet Mass with carols.

Autumn is a beautiful season, an annual journey into the darkest time of year that is illuminated by faith, love and prayer.

It is wonderful how our Faith journey can fit in with the rolling seasons. Even as we enter the winter darkness we are already looking forward to the rising of the light and the coming spring time that lies beyond. Christian life is just like that, a deep conviction that life not only precedes death, it also follows on from it. Christ's own experience of death and resurrection is the template of human life. Faith is the way to that mysterious experience.

We hope you will have an inspired and fruitful Autumn, a mellow time to make these celebrations your own as they deepen our faith and light up our lives.

Fr Stephen

We Need Your Help Please!

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Mrs Mop and her merry band of cleaners need some extra voluntary help on Saturday mornings. We meet in the church from 9.30am to 11.00am.

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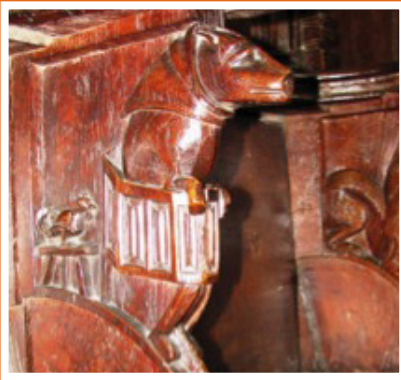
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FOX AND GEESE CARVINGS

Imogen Corrigan writes:

One of the most popular stories found in medieval carvings is that of the fox and geese. Leaving aside the legend of Reynard the Fox which is shown in Bristol cathedral and who is certainly also a trickster, foxes and geese rampage across our misericords and other carvings across Europe. In the Middle Ages the fox was seen as being sly. In a C13th bestiary (books in which real and imaginary animals were given human characteristics a bit like Aesop's Fables) the fox is described as 'having very supple feet, never running in a straight line but always in devious way. It is a clever, cheating animal. The fox is the symbol of the devil, who appears to be dead to all living things until he has them by the throat and punishes them. But for holy men he is truly dead, reduced to nothing by faith.' They don't get a great review in the Bible either. There are plenty of images of foxes in our churches, very often being chased by a woman wielding a distaff to see them off.



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL
SUSSEX. C.1330

A particular fox-and-geese image became popular in the fall-out from the plague of the C14th known as Black Death when there was an increase in the number of itinerant friars and other preachers on the road. The Church was alarmed by them, because they had not had proper theological training and therefore were likely to be misinterpreting the Word, which would not find favour on the Day of Judgement. On the other hand, the people felt that the Church had failed them.

Everyone knew that the shocking death rates caused by plague were being sent as a punishment for their sins; it was understood to be God's reasonable judgement so why hadn't the Church seen it coming and warned them to mend their ways? The people may have felt let down by the Church but they still believed in the next life and the Christian God so they were eager to listen to preachers who were not associated with the established Church. An itinerant holy man in the neighbourhood (assuming that he was a good orator) could attract huge crowds who were plainly not attending Mass.

From this came numerous carvings showing a fox, sometimes dressed as a preacher as in the beautifully balanced misericords at Etchingham surrounded by geese (the gullible members of the congregation who had been seduced by him). The fox-and-geese carving at Beverley Minster also features an ape behind the pulpit, which adds to the idea of folly. The ape was seen as a debased version of man and so his presence often shows a degree of cynicism. In the cathedral at Chichester there is a sly-looking fox wearing a cowl as he scowls from a pulpit with a badly-made goose behind him.



BEVERLEY MINSTER, YORKSHIRE.
C.1500



ETCHINGHAM, THE ASSUMPTION AND ST NICHOLAS, SUSSEX. C14TH

What is curious is that the carvings mentioned so far are all in the chancel in the holy end of the church where only those who were ordained or were directly involved with conducting Mass could go. We presume that those were not the people who needed to be reminded not to stray after roaming preachers. There are some other carvings telling the fox-and-geese story such as on occasional roof bosses, often in porches. That makes more sense, assuming that the ordinary person looked upwards as s/he entered the church but otherwise their position remains one of the numerous mysteries of the Middle Ages; perhaps the bona fide priests tried to console themselves by remembering that the itinerant preachers would soon wander away and be gone.

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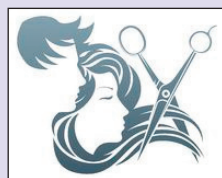
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GETTING CONNECTED:

We went into the community and asked people about their relationship with Christ. In this edition of The Lantern, we ask Kate Rushbrook about the new Bible Study group that she leads at St Andrews.

A New Bible Study Group at St Andrew's
Kate Rushbrook writes:

I was privileged to return to lay ministry at St Andrew's this summer, having previously held that office for five years mainly during Fr Stephen's incumbency. Very quickly, people began asking me about the possibility of starting a bible study group for St Andrew's. This fell within my remit as my training encompassed this sort of ministry and I've had some practical experience of working with study groups. I was therefore excited at the prospect of helping to bring this idea to fruition - something new for St Andrew's. Various good study groups are established in the town's churches and wider community, but there seemed to be a clear need for a group that reflected and understood our special worship tradition, while maintaining an inclusive and outward-facing approach. The Honorary Clergy, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council backed the project and we are thankful for their support and prayers. I'm very glad that one of our Churchwardens, busy as they are in a priestly vacancy, is one of our group. Finding a suitable time and venue for busy people to get together was always going to be a challenge, but, fairly amazingly, there was some availability for the Church hall on Tuesday afternoons which suited most of those interested. But who knows what lies ahead, with the possibility of other groups and venues, if that's where the Holy Spirit leads us. We're all about listening!



So what do we do? The suggestion that we look at the readings from the previous Sunday's Parish Mass proved popular, allowing people time to think about what they heard during the service, including ideas from the sermon. No "homework" is necessary, but some of us do like to look at the huge amount of biblical commentary available, including of course, online material. We open and close with prayer and, sitting in a circle, we take turns to read aloud a few verses of either the Old or New Testament reading, or the Holy Gospel - or we mix and match. Sometimes, other bits of Scripture crop up and sometimes history and geography, ancient and modern. After all, the Holy Bible is a profound historical source and a work of great literature also. No-one is worried about how to pronounce names or places and you don't have to read at all if you don't wish to. At the end of the passage, we talk about anything arising from it - questions, impressions, or just generally the impact on us of what we have heard, either in church, afterwards, or now with the benefit of each other's thoughts.

I'm pretty sure the group would agree with me that from the very first meeting, an atmosphere of trust, safety, respect and support was established. Out of present numbers running between nine to thirteen, some of us know each other well, but not all. And we're a mix of very different people. How then did this gelling process happen? Personally, I have felt the Holy Spirit moving among us and I know I'm not alone in that. This isn't an academic exercise; what we're after is a much better understanding of Holy Scripture and what it means for us Anglicans in the catholic tradition, but vitally, how to take this understanding out into our daily lives and the lives of others. There's plenty of laughter, by the way. We take our study very seriously - but not ourselves!

WARM WELCOME



A very warm Christian welcome to James Thomson, who on Sunday 10th August 2025, marked the beginning of a Christian life and a journey with God, that will continue for the rest of his life. He was baptised and went on to be confirmed on the same day by Bishop Luke. A very special warm welcome to St Andrew's, as well as the wider family of Christians, James.

Baptism and Confirmation of James Thomson
by Bishop Luke Irvine-Capel

Continued...

A New Bible Study Group at St Andrew's

There's no commitment to attend every session - just come when you can. We're there in the hall every Tuesday from 1pm until 2pm and we'd love you to join us. Do please speak to me if you have any questions and we look forward to welcoming you.

Kate Rushbrook
Authorised Lay Minister



Tea and Cake with Dean David Monteith at Canterbury Cathedral

On Sunday, 1st June, a group of eighteen (18) from St Andrews church received a warm welcome as they entered Canterbury Cathedral for Tea and Cake with Dean David Monteith. He gave a fascinating talk about the parish of St Andrews as part of Canterbury Cathedral.

It was a great reminder that at the heart of the Cathedral is still a parish church. Evensong proceeded with the lay Clerks and St Andrews retired clergy processed up. An excellent evening was had by all. Keep a close eye on social media and The Lantern for organised future visits to Canterbury Cathedral.

Saturday 6th December
ST ANDREWS
CHRISTMAS FAIR
10am to 1pm

CONNECTING ACROSS THE COMMUNITY

THE DROP-IN LUNCH CLUB

In 2017 it was suggested that Trinity church should consider offering a free, weekly lunch for the local community. We had excellent kitchen facilities and a number of willing volunteers. However, we did not want the responsibility to rest on a few shoulders so that it became a burden, so we decided to approach St Andrews church to see if they were willing to join us to create a joint venture. We were delighted that they agreed and both churches put in equal amounts of money to start the project. I believe this is the only example of two churches in Deal working together in this way.

The purpose of the weekly Drop-in Lunch was and remains to provide a meal for people in Deal who are lonely, or in any kind of need. It provides an opportunity for people to meet others and chat in a non-threatening and non-judgemental environment.

The lunches started in October 2017 and ran very successfully; until we were forced to close during Covid lockdown. In the summer of 2022, we established that we had enough support to restart the lunches and we have been going successfully since then.

We have had a number of volunteers from both churches over the years, but inevitably we have lost many of these. Bridget and Waveney have been with us since the beginning and we are immensely grateful for their support, but we would welcome more helpers.

If you would like to know more, you welcome to come to see what happens, any Tuesday at 12.30pm, or have a chat with Waveney.

Walsingham - 2025 Youth Pilgrimage

Over 500 young people from all over the UK and internationally, gathered recently in Walsingham. Creating the opportunity for them all to meet other Christians and explore their faith in a safe environment. Alice O'Brien of St Andrew's enjoyed the event and said, "It was lovely to see how big the Anglo-Catholic community is and to see so many young faces, the blend between up beat music whilst honouring the sacramental side of the church was done incredibly well"



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SEASON'S EATING

Easy Autumn Beef Stew with Pumpkin

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons oil (high-temperature cooking oil), divided
2 pounds Beef, cut into 2" pieces
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 medium onion, diced
3 medium carrots, sliced into half-moons
2 celery stalks, diced
3 fat cloves garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
6-ounces tomato paste
4 cups strong beef stock, divided
1 cup apple butter
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
2 cups butternut squash, pumpkin, or other winter squash, cut into 1" cubes
2 cups waxy potatoes, cut into 1" cubes
Salt and ground black pepper



METHOD

- Heat oven.
- In a large heavy skillet or saute pan, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium-high heat. While the oil is heating, toss beef cubes with flour and a generous pinch of salt in a large mixing bowl.
- When the oil is hot, brown the beef cubes. To get a golden-brown crust on the beef, be sure not to crowd the pan. Depending on the size of your pan, you may need to brown the beef in batches. Transfer the browned beef cubes to a Dutch oven or other heavy, oven-safe pot.
- Add the remaining tablespoon of oil to the same pan you used to brown the beef. Add diced onion, carrots, and celery to the pan. Season with a pinch of salt, and saute over medium-high heat for 5-6 minutes, or until vegetables are starting to soften and turn lightly brown at the edges.
- Add garlic to the vegetables and saute for 1 additional minute. Stir in smoked paprika, dried thyme, and tomato paste; cook for another 2 minutes. Add 2 cups of

beef stock to the pan while scraping the bottom of the pan to loosen the brown bits. Remove from heat, and transfer mixture to the Dutch oven with the beef. (Everything is hot, so do this step carefully!)

- Add apple butter (if you have it) and apple cider vinegar to the beef and vegetables in the Dutch oven. Stir to combine. Cover with a tight-fitting lid, place in the heated oven and bake for 1½ hours.
- Remove from the oven. Add squash, potatoes, and remaining beef stock. Stir to combine. Replace lid and return to the oven for 1 hour.
- Remove from the oven. Stir and return to the oven without the lid in order to allow the liquid to reduce and thicken. Bake for 30 minutes, or until meat and vegetables are tender, and liquid is reduced to desired consistency.
- When the stew is done to your liking, remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly. Season to taste with salt and pepper before serving.



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