



St Andrew's –

The Good Shepherd & Christ Blessing the Children

Stained Glass Window situated in the North wall of the Chancel. Manufactured by Ward & Hughes. There is no date of insertion, in the church records, but the window was known to have been restored during the 19th Century.

Cover photograph courtesy of Mr David Goodwin

A Letter from the Revd Teresa Folland

Dear Friends of St Andrews,

First of all I would like to thank you for all your support. That is, all the support you have given to our wonderful church, not only ensuring it is well maintained, but also supporting the innovative work including installing the kitchen and the new open area at the back of the church ensuring it can be used flexibly in the future. Churches never have been static - they have evolved during the centuries in order to stay relevant to each generation and they are very much living buildings. Maintaining traditions as well as finding new ways to do church has always been important.

Finding new ways to do church has never been more at the forefront of our minds than now as we find ourselves in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Our beautiful building is temporarily closed but the life and worship of the church goes on. We have responded pastorally by compiling a network of folk in order to keep an eye on one another either by telephone or online. And, although I am a bit of a technophobe, I have successfully set up a Facebook page – it's called rather unimaginatively – Revd Teresa's Cornish Corner – and is open to everyone who lives in the five parishes. I'm using it to encourage, support and pass on information. It is also a place where prayers and worship can be added.

With an eye on tradition and doing church differently, I have started a daily visual conference call saying Morning Prayer. Our first attempt had 16 people present and participating. As many as 100 people can take part at any one time via Zoom. It takes place each morning at 9am. If you would like to join us some times, please email me at teresa.folland@gmail.com and I will forward you the necessary meeting ID and password.

Meanwhile, I say thank you for all you have done and will do, and may God bless us all.

Revd Teresa

Val Barker writes –

Dear Friends,

I am afraid that, due to the present situation with Covid 19, I am unable to get a print run of the latest Newsletter so I have decided to get it posted on the Website so that at least those of you who have access to the internet will be able to read it and get to know how things are going in Stratton. When this awful pandemic is over I will of course have printed copies for those I know who will require them.

As I sit, comfortably at home, I can look out over Stratton and the green fields beyond; I see St Andrew's and (if I open a door or the window) can hear the Clock Tower chimes on the quarters and on the hour and all is so tranquil. It is hard to even imagine the frenzy of activity that is ongoing in hospitals and care facilities throughout the world. We all hope and pray that this disaster will soon be brought under control so that we can start the long journey of getting back to some resemblance of normality.

You will have already read, in Revd Teresa's letter, that although we are unable to go to church we are still able to worship with private prayer and other means as Teresa has so ably arranged. We are fortunate to have her as she is tireless in the care of her people and her prayer life for all God's people throughout the world. She has brought us all together in a simply amazing way and our community is stronger for it.

We will, no doubt, be missing out on all the wonderful services for Easter – the Queen of Festivals and it is hard for Teresa as they would have been the first for her as a Priest in Charge. A very special time. But, no doubt, she will already be thinking and planning and we can all be assured that worship, of one kind or another, **will** take place.



The Lychgates after repair & restoration at the end of 2019

These gates were given in memory of Elisabeth Howlett by her husband and family and have largely been maintained by them ever since. For this we are extremely grateful as the 'front of house' appearance is of importance to us and a welcome to visitors as soon as we re-open.

So on to our news ... In the last Newsletter I told you all about our photographic competition and the fact that we are hoping to have some new photographs to have printed as Christmas cards for later this year. Unfortunately we have had a very poor response so I have decided to extend the closing date to mid-August. Photos do not have to be from this year or necessarily of a religious/church scene ... just something you would like to receive yourself and have on display next Christmas. PLEASE do give it some thought and action.

As one of our social activities this year the committee arranged a Cornish Tea Party during the afternoon of March 5th for older members of the community. It was an opportunity for many old (and new) friends to meet up and have a good catch-up and reminisce over some good traditional Cornish Fayre.



We invited Mr Trevor Lashbrook from Bude to come along and give us a talk about Old Stratton and times past. Trevor is a 'Stratton Boy' and one-time chorister at St Andrew's. He brought with him his alter ego – one Jan Giles - who brought some hilarity after Trevor's more serious beginnings. Jan had brought with him – apart from his bowler hat and neckerchief – a print out of all the properties in Stratton during the 1950s with the names of all the occupiers and proprietors. Some street names had changed – we recalled Old Hill (now Union

Hill); Back Lane Hill (now Spicer's Lane) - and with the demise of the town as a flourishing social and commercial centre the local accent has also become very dilute and almost lost.

He gave us so much to think about calling to mind the playing fields, the Market, Bill Buck's cows, fishing with a 2lb jam jar off the stepping-stones (the Clapper Bridge), the Police Station and the officers who patrolled the streets at night, Mr Skitch's market garden and so much more.



Clapper Bridge C 1934 from the Jonathan Howlett archive

Our outreach activity had given a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment on what was a cold and dull winter's afternoon. There have already been requests to do it again. Unfortunately, with the outbreak of the Coronavirus, it might be some time before that can happen. As you may well imagine, many of our activities have either had to be postponed or cancelled but the important thing is to do all we can to contain this virus and at the same time keep our pastoral care and support of each other the best we can.

David Goodwin, our web master, has been keeping the FoStA Website up to date and opportunities for prayer and online services have been well advertised with helpful links and instruction for users. Do, please, make use of our website and join with us for morning prayer at 9am. You can download the service of the day and say it quietly at home knowing that we will be praying with you but here in Stratton.

As ever, we send our grateful thanks to you for so much continuing support and so, until next time, keep safe and stay healthy.

With best wishes, love and prayers from us all here in Stratton.



St Andrew's Early Easter Morning 2011

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Eastertide 2020

Developments for the Rear of St. Andrews – Project Completion

During 2019 we were able to proceed with the final phase of the project to develop the rear of the church. This was carried out in two stages: firstly the relocation of the vestry from the enclosure at the back of the church up to the upper room, allowing the modifications to the enclosure to create the space for the new kitchen, and secondly the installation of the new kitchen cupboards with associated appliances, electrics and plumbing.



Inside the old Vestry before the work started.

In May a start was made with moving the various items, including the Altar Frontal chest and the safes, out of the old Vestry. At the same time the Vestment wardrobe in the tower room and the coffee serving/sound system cupboard at the back of the church were also moved. With the exception of the Altar Frontal chest, all items were repositioned in the upper room which became the new Vestry.

The Altar Frontal chest was moved to the North Aisle adjacent to the Lady Chapel.





Views inside the New Vestry.

Vestment wardrobe on the right.

The old coffee serving cupboard reused in new Vestry.



With the new Vestry now in use, the modifications to the old Vestry enclosure could begin. This included levelling the floor outside the extended enclosure and forming a new ramp into the disabled toilet.

The old sink unit was stripped out and temporarily relocated into the new enclosure, to be used until such time as the new kitchen units were installed.



Work in progress.
Alterations being
made to the enclosure.

Unfortunately, wet rot
was found in the floor
of the old Vestry, which
all had to be cut out
and replaced.



A new cupboard was
provided for the sound
system equipment.



Modifications to enclosure complete. This was ready for use during the Flower Festival at the end of May.

It was now possible to take the final as-built dimensions for the extended new kitchen enclosure and so agree a final kitchen layout and obtain quotations. With everything agreed the instruction to go ahead with the kitchen installation was given. The 1st fix electrical work began in October, followed by the installation of the kitchen units, then the final fix electrics and plumbing, the new floor finish and finally the new cooker and fridge/freezer.



The kitchen complete and in use.

Shortly after the work was finished, we were able to make use of the new kitchen for the St Andrews Gift Day and Craft Fayre which was held on 30th November. The benefit of the improved catering facilities was immediately apparent, and much appreciated by the caterers, and once again the open space at the back of the church proved its worth with tables and chairs being set out for lunches and teas.



View of the back of the church after completion of the projection, showing the space available for setting up tables and chairs, and the new kitchen in the background.

This has been an exciting development at St Andrews, not only providing improved facilities for our own use, but also to allow more community use of the church building and encourage greater community involvement in church-based groups and activities. The FoStA committee and the PCC of St Andrew's Church are extremely grateful for the unfailing generosity of the FoStA membership which has helped to make possible the successful completion of this project.

Simon Waring. Churchwarden



Obituaries

Mr Robert Heybourn

Bob, the husband of one of our founder members, died on 18th September 2019. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. He had been in poor health for some time but had always enjoyed life particularly an annual holiday in Bude. Bob had always been very involved with his church in Windsor and supported his wife when she started a Friends organization there. We send Christine our love and prayers.

Mrs Megan White

Megan died on 5th February 2020 at her home in Summerlease Crescent, Bude. She had been a loyal member of the congregation at Stratton for many years and a member of FoStA. Although she had been unable to attend in recent times she always retained a keen interest in all that was going on at St Andrew's.

A Thanksgiving service was held at St Andrew's on Friday 28th of February with the church full of family and friends. It was the day she would have celebrated her 96th birthday.

We send condolences and our prayers to her daughter, sons and all the family.

R.I.P.

And lastly -

Many thanks to the majority who have returned their General Data Protection Regulation (**GDPR**) consent forms duly completed. If you haven't returned yours yet there is still time.

Dates for Your Diary

Unfortunately all our events for the foreseeable future have had to be cancelled but you can keep up to date by viewing the online monthly calendar maintained by our Web Master with services and events so do check for further details at www.fosta.org.uk

A huge **THANK YOU to Simon Waring**, acting as Project Manager on behalf of the PCC, for the re-ordering of the back of the church. It hasn't been an easy task by any means but I hope he feels that the end result has made it all worthwhile.

Thank you, Simon, for your expertise, time, effort and considerable patience.

Ed

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