TARVIN & DUDDON

St. Peter's & Andrew's

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The Vicar writes...

All Saints and the Call of St Andrew

Celebrating the saints who point us towards Christ

Every year, on 1 November, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day: a joyful occasion when we remember the countless men, women and children whose lives have witnessed to the love of God. Some saints are well known, their names written in history and their stories told across generations. Others are known only to God, remembered quietly by their families, friends and communities. Together, they form a great company of faithful people whose lives encourage us to follow Christ with courage, humility and hope.

All Saints' Day reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. The saints were not perfect people who never struggled; many faced fear, uncertainty, disappointment and hardship. Yet, through God's grace, they learned to trust him and to serve others. Their lives show us that holiness can be found in acts of great sacrifice, but also in ordinary faithfulness: a kind word, a patient response, a life of prayer, or a willingness to stand beside someone in need.

As we celebrate the saints, we are also reminded that we belong to a community which reaches across time and place. We are part of the one Church, united with Christians who have gone before us and with those who worship Christ throughout the world today. The saints point beyond themselves to Jesus, whose love is the source of their strength and the foundation of our hope.

This year, our celebration has a special focus as we look towards 30 November, the Feast of St Andrew and our Patronal Festival. Andrew was one of the first disciples called by Jesus. Before he became a

leading apostle, he was a fisherman, working alongside his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus called them, they left their nets and followed him. Andrew's response was immediate and wholehearted: he heard the call of Christ and trusted him enough to begin a new life.

Andrew is also remembered for bringing others to Jesus. In the Gospel of John, he introduces his brother Simon to Christ, and he helps draw attention to the boy who has the loaves and fish before the feeding of the five thousand. These moments reveal something important about Andrew's character. He may not always have stood at the centre of the story, but he was attentive, generous and willing to make a beginning. He noticed what God could use and helped others take a step towards Jesus.

As we celebrate our Patronal Festival, St Andrew invites us to ask how we can live as faithful disciples in our own time. Are we ready to hear Christ's call? Can we bring others into the warmth of the Church community? Do we notice the gifts, needs and possibilities that God places before us? Like Andrew, we need not seek recognition. We are simply called to offer what we have and trust God to use it.

May All Saints' Day and the Feast of St Andrew renew our faith, strengthen our fellowship and inspire us to become a blessing to those around us.

A Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for all your saints, known and unknown, whose lives shine with the light of Christ. Give us the faith of St Andrew, that we may hear your call, follow you faithfully and gladly bring others to know your love. Strengthen our church family as we celebrate our Patronal Festival, and help us to serve with humility, courage and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adam

Services

Sunday Service timetable:

St Andrew's

8am Holy Communion BCP (Every Week)

10.45am 1st and 3rd Week Family Worship

10.45am 2nd and 4th Week Family Communion

4.00pm 5th Week Praise Worship

St Peter's

9.30am 1st, 3rd and 5th Week Family Communion

Weekly Activities:

Wednesdays

9.15am Morning Prayer (St Andrews)

10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning (St Andrews)

Thursdays

5.45pm Choir Practice (St Andrews) **&** 7pm Bellringing

Diary for November

NOVEMBER

1st	8am Holy Communion (SA)
	9.30am Family Communion (SP)
	10.45am Family Communion SA)
	7pm Dads natter (G and D)
	8pm Men's Pint and natter (GD)
2nd	10.30am Ministry Team Meeting (PR)
	12.15pm Singles Lunch (PR)
3rd	10am Craft Group (SA)
	1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
	7.30pm Grief Group (PR)
4th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)

10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

5th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
5.30pm Choir Practice (SA)
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

6th 9am Treetots (SP)

Remembrance Sunday

8th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
9.15am Messy Church (SA)
9.30am Remembrance Service (SP)
10.45am Remembrance Service (Tarvin War Memorial)
7pm Dementia Carers Support Group (PR)
8pm Men's Pint and natter (GD)

9th 12.15pm Singles Lunch (PR)
7.30pm SEND Parents Support Group (PR)

10th 10am Craft Group (SA)
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
7.30pm Grief Group (PR)

11th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
11am Remembrance Day Service (Tarvin War Memorial)

12th 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

13th 9am Treetots (SP)

14th 9.30am Choir Practice (SA)

15th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
9.30am Family Communion (SP)
10.45am Family Communion SA)
8pm Men's Pint and natter (GD)

16th 12.15pm Singles Lunch (PR)
7.30pm PCC Meeting (PR)

17th 10am Craft Group (SA)
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
7.30pm Grief Group (PR)

18th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
PM Z Team AGM (PR)

19th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
5.30pm Choir Practice (SA)
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

20th 9am Treetots (SP)

21st 9.30am Choir Practice (SA)

22nd 8am Holy Communion (SA)

9.30am Family Communion (SP)
10.45am Family Communion SA)
8pm Men's Pint and natter (GD)

23rd 12.15pm Singles Lunch (PR)

24th 1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
7.30pm Grief Group (PR)

25th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

26th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

27th 9am Treetots (SP)

28th 9.30am Choir Practice (SA)
PM St Andrews Festival Afternoon Tea (SA)

29th Patronal Festival – Feast of St Andrew
8am Holy Communion (SA)
10.45am Family Communion SA)
12.30pm Lunch at the Geroge (booking required)
4pm 345 Worship (SA)
8pm Men's Pint and natter (GD)

30th 12.15pm Singles Lunch (PR)

DECEMBER

1st 10am Craft Group (SA)
1.30pm Bible Chat (PR)
7.30pm Grief Group (PR)

2nd 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am – 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

3rd 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

4th 9am Treetots (SP)

5th 9.30am Choir Practice (SA)

6th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
9.30am Family Communion (SP)
10.45am Advent Service (SA)
4pm Service of Remembering (TMC)
7pm Dads natter (G and D)
8pm Men's Pint and natter (GD)

New things starting

Mens Pint Night and Natter

Weekly at the George and Dragon. Sundays @ 8pm (just for an hour and just for one). An opportunity to come together and chat, church and not church members always welcome.

Dementia Carers peer support group

For Carers only on the 2nd Sunday of the month 7pm - 8pm In the Parish Room, a time to come together and support each other at a difficult time.

Special Educational Needs Parents.

Life can be hard when you child has additional needs. Come and chat to others in the same position. We will be meeting in the Parish Room on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

New (and old) dads group.

Becoming a dad isn't easy and parenting older children too. Sometimes dads need to talk in a safe space about parenting. If this is you then come and join us in the George and Dragon on the 1st Sunday of the month at 7pm for an hour before the **Mens Pint Night and Natter group.**

Grief Group.

When someone close to us dies it is a trauma We don't always feel the true extent of grief within the early stages of loss. If you are grieving someone and want to hang out with others in a similar situation then come and have a brew and a chat. This will be on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the parish room. This isn't a teaching course or with agenda. We will chat in large and small groups and give each other support at a difficult time. This is for anyone who has been bereaved either recently or years and years in the past.

Church Groups

St Andrew's Womens Group

They meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Room, with refreshments and a guest speaker.

Singles Lunch

Mondays during School Term time at 12.15pm. If you eat on your own and want to come and eat with others, then come and join us in the Parish Room.

Bell Ringing.

Every Thursday at 7pm in Tarvin Church. New ringers are always welcome. Anyone ringing must be over 10 years old.

Messy Church

On the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St. Andrew's Church at 9.15am. We begin with breakfast and then have a story, song and games. We also have craft activities too. This is aimed at children under 10 years old.

Z Team

Meeting every Wednesday from 1pm in the churchyard. They spend each week keeping the churchyard in shape. All volunteers are welcome, just pop along.

Bible Chat

Meeting on Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Parish Room. It is a space to chat and ask questions as well as receive a little bit of teaching of how we can use the bible in our lives.

Choir

Choir practice is on Thursdays at 5.30pm and all are welcome to come along. No musical understanding is needed. A good heart and courage.

Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday at 10am to 11.30am. In St Andrew's Church. A time for anyone to come and chat, have a cake or crumpet!

Craft Group

On the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10am in St Andrew's Church. A gentle group of chat and craft.

God Club (formerly Lego Club)

Meeting on Mondays in the Autumn term until half term and then the whole of Summer term. 3.30pm to 4.15pm at St Peter's Church, Duddon

Jesus and Me

A two session course in November. Over the two sessions we will talk about who Jesus is, what Jesus means to us and how we live our lives in a Christian way should we believe Jesus to bring us salvation and redemption.

Dates for this Nov 2nd 7pm to 9pm 'Who is Jesus'

Nov 9th 7pm to 9pm 'Living as a Christian'





Wreath Making & Afternoon Tea

Friday 27th November **Time: 2.30PM - 5.30PM**

- Wreath making by Felicity's Flowers - Pre book only
- Afternoon tea - Pre book only
- Market Stalls
- Hot Drinks
- Cakes
- Mulled Wine

Entry £2 per Adult
Children Free

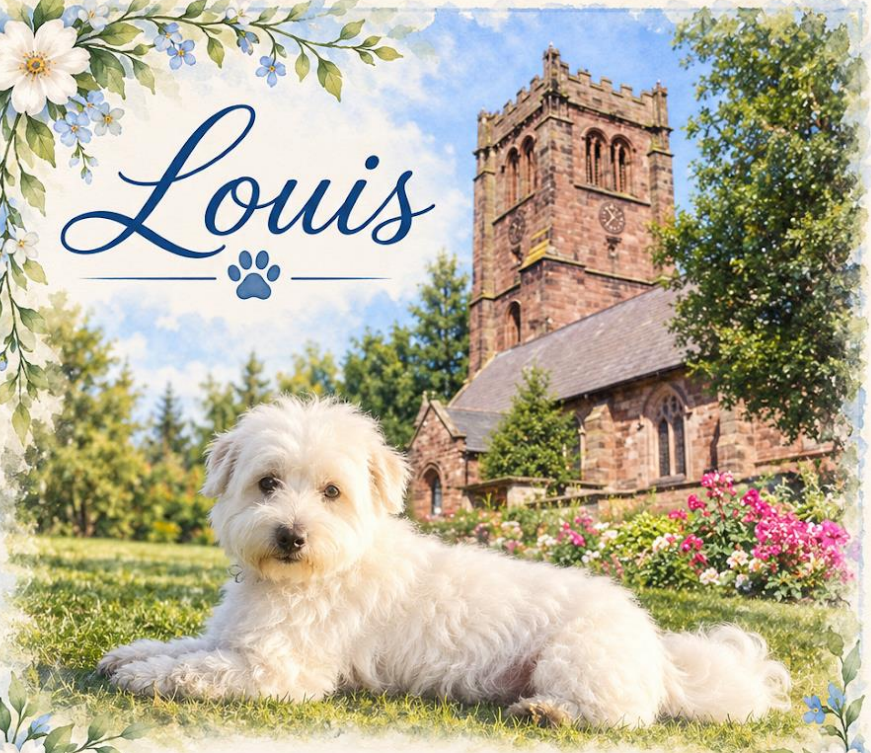
Market Stalls include Lizella Clothing, Tropic Skincare, Squeeze Jewellery, PFK Wellbeing and many more stalls

Pre book tickets for Wreath making and Afternoon Tea by scanning the QR code or goto: www.buytickets.at/opalservices



Tarvin Community Centre, Meadow Close, Tarvin, CH3 8LY

Louis



Someone once said to me Louis was heaven sent
and I truly believe he was. Now is his time to return to heaven.

Louis, our much loved Coton de Tulear, was intelligent, wise
and intuitive. Louis enjoyed being a member of our church.
He had a spring in his step when he eagerly made his way to join in
at Sunday morning service, sometimes sitting happily with the choir.
He attended Thursday evening choir practice and liked to pop in
and see everyone at Wednesday coffee morning, where he was fussed over.

He loved Sandra and would always seek her out and
he actually worked out for himself where she lived!

It was a privilege to know him and have him in our lives.

Caroline Brierley.


A PRAYER FOR
NOVEMBER
Loving God,
in this month of November
we pause to remember,
to give thanks, and to look with hope
towards your eternal kingdom.
On All Saints' Day (1st November)
we thank you for the faithful of every time and place,
known and unknown,
who have lived in the light of your love.
Inspire us by their example
to live lives of faith, hope and charity.
On Remembrance Day
we remember with gratitude
all who have given their lives in the service of others.
We pray for those who still bear the scars of war,
for all who work for peace,
and for a world healed from hatred and division.
On St Andrew's Day (30th November)
we give thanks for the witness of St Andrew,
a man of faith and courage,
who followed Christ and brought the good news to others.
May his example encourage us
to be bold in sharing your love in our day.
Lord, in the quieter days of this month,
help us to remember with grateful hearts,
to live faithfully in the present,
and to hold fast to the hope of your kingdom,
where you make all things new.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
ALL SAINTS' DAY
1st NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY
ST ANDREW'S DAY
30th NOVEMBER

A HUGE THANK YOU!

St Andrew's Coffee Morning • 14 October 2026



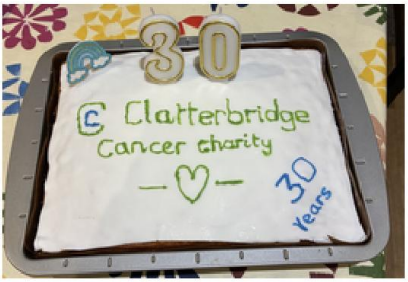


What a wonderful morning of friendship, generosity and celebration!
Thank you to everyone who came along, donated, baked and helped.

Together we raised a fantastic

£400

for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity on its 30th birthday!



With heartfelt thanks from the St Andrew's Coffee Morning Team

Pilgrimage

The letter Q brings us to Quimper - pronounced "cammPer". Quimper is an historic port city and the capital of the Finistere department in the Brittany region of northwestern France. We were there on a family camping holiday on a site just west of the city centre and on the River Odet, in what had originally had been an orange growing farm. We were able to pluck oranges from the tree and I can tell you they tasted absolutely delicious!

We'd already visited the Monastery at Mont Saint Michel, where we'd had a wonderful time, although the climb to the top was quite daunting. The cathedral at Saint Pol De Leon was also on our agenda - which looked to me more like an English Victorian era building: I suppose it was the Norman influence.

But it was Quimper Cathedral, in the centre of the city, that was our favourite. Named after Saint Corentin, who once fed the King' s hunting retinue with a single small fish in, it's a classic example of Breton Gothic construction. Building started in 1239 and it was eventually completed in 1410. By 1850 it needed a major restoration as the old stained glass windows had been destroyed during the French Revolution. The architect, Jospeh Bigot,
also redecorated the chapels and built two magnificent towers, with spires, at the entrance. This was mainly financed by local people, giving a sense of ownership that lasts to the present day. In the ten years from 1989 further internal work was done to brighten up the inside of the building.

Inside the nave soares up to the magnificent vaulted ceiling and along each side run a series of elaborate small chapels, which seemed to compete with each other in their magnificent Biblical detail. There's also a magnificent altar, the gift of Napoleon the 3rd.

Interestingly there's a slight bend in the nave that matches the contours of the location. It seems that there was a patch of swampy ground that they had to build around. Nearby is the Breton Museum, which amongst other things shows the statue germinate approach to masonry, where they would chisel two back to back figures from one stone piece.. an early example of buy one get one free??





A street leading to Quimper Cathedral and a statue of Saint Corentin

Don & Brenda Bailey

Flower Club

In October we were transported to Mexico at our flower club demonstration by Leanne Williams from Welshpool. Her title was Viva La Viva.

The evening was full of flowers as she did 6 designs for us. She was very entertaining with her talk about the famous female artist Frida Kahlo and based all her designs on the life of this rather flamboyant lady.

Three of the designs did not use floral foam and she gave us ideas and tips to help us. She demonstrated how to make an aspidistra fan and also how to make the frame she used for her hand tied design.

The flowers she used were colourful with unusual mixtures of shades to give a Mexican feel. She used orchids, gerbera, chrysanthemums, eryngium, monkshood along with sunflowers, roses and carnations and large leaved foliage. The final effect was quite a spectacle. There were 11 lucky raffle winners with flowers to take home.

Our November meeting is on Wednesday 11th November and visitors are very welcome to join us for "Quintessentially Christmas".



Barbara's bit

Is your garage tidy? Is there room for the car?

In my case no to both questions! But I want to get it done. First it was too hot, then too wet, then… I can't remember the other excuses! As long as I can get to the freezer – there's a narrow walkway – it's fine, so I shut the door again.

A story: It was the summer of 1960 and Vera and Colin had just taken delivery of their new car, a Chevrolet Stylemaster, especially imported from the USA. To celebrate they packed a picnic hamper climbed into the gleaming black saloon and head ed out into the countryside. It had been a perfect day right up until they arrived back home. Colin suddenly collapsed with a massive heart attack and died. Vera suffered inconsolable grief; she lost interest in life and became withdrawn, only venturing out to the shops, her main company her dog and cat.

She left the Chevrolet in the garage where Colin had parked it. She rejected all suggestions of selling it. Kind and concerned family members urged her to begin a new life, but Vera simply couldn't get over the loss of her husband.

When she died, they hacked through the undergrowth blocking the garage and opened the door. The Chevrolet was rolled out into the sunlight for the first time in 34 years. In the boot was the picnic hamper untouched since its first and final outing.

It is understandable we want to hold onto things from the past but it isn't always helpful. Memories can be trapped in things, and the

things take on an importance beyond their worth. Letting go is always the hardest thing but can provide enormous relief and comfort.

But some people like Vera find it hard to clear the garage. In it they store hurt, resentment, pain, anger. It is easier to shut the door.

When the door opens though, light shines in, it shines into the dark, dusty corners. Oh, the light can be painful at first, too bright in our eyes, we don't want to look. Then perhaps we able to laugh to see what is there - why on earth did I keep that?

November is a time for Remembering but also a time for us to see how far we have come. We have survived, maybe painfully each day but we awake to welcome the light.

I pray that in these days of shorter daylight we each seize the chance to be out in the lovely moments of sunshine, to let its gentle warmth fill us and ease the aches and pains, to feast on the glorious Autumn colours, and always, always remember to look to the light of Christ also, to fill our lives.

In love and light, Barbara

TARVIN METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday, 10 December at 7.30 pm

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are all very welcome to come along to an evening of Christmas carols, songs, words and music with the Chester Salvation Army band and singers

Followed by tea / coffee and mince pies

Admission is free but donations towards the work of the Salvation Army would be much appreciated

Duddon St Peter's CE Primary School

At Duddon St Peter's CE Primary School, we celebrate the unique individuality of every member of our school family. Rooted in a nurturing ethos, we support the whole child – fostering an environment where everyone can flourish and where every achievement, big or small, is valued.

The school was founded in 1875 by the Church of England. Close ties exist between the school, St. Peter's Church and the local community. Our aim is to create an environment where children quickly settle and achieve their best in all that they do. As a small primary school, we have a happy, caring environment where each individual child is encouraged to be the best they can be and achieve their full potential.

Our school based Nursery class takes children from the term after their third birthday. The children work alongside our Reception children in specialist Early Years provision. Treetots is our toddler group which runs on a weekly basis in St Peter's church.

Please visit our website at www.dstp.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to read more about our school, where there is also a link to our Ofsted report, or **contact the school if you would like to visit and see what it has to offer your child. We have places available across all age groups.**

'Pupils love coming to this small, village school, they enjoy their lessons, show high levels of engagement and aim to do their best.'
'Parents and carers appreciate the strong relationships that have been built with school staff.
They feel that the school brings out the best in their children.'
Our Ofsted Inspection Report in January 2025 judged the school to be 'Good' in all areas.
'Let Your Light Shine'

Safeguarding

This year our 'Safeguarding Sunday' theme was 'Love Protects'.

When I was a child we had a Morris Traveller and drove from London to Scotland for a holiday in 1966. I remember me and my brother being in the back of the car with no seat belts as they didn't become compulsory until 1983. But over the years the laws have changed and now I strap my grandsons into seats which look and feel as if they could withstand being launched in a rocket and are very fiddly to secure, particularly with a very wriggly 2 year old! But despite it being irritating and testing my patience at times I do it because I need to to stay within the law - and more importantly I do it because I want to keep them as safe as possible - love protects!

In a similar way, the Church of England has amended and changed the rules regarding Safeguarding over the years and continues to do so. Sadly are all very aware that in the past people have not been kept safe from harm and abuse has occurred due to bad practice and a lack of protection. So we now need to act within new sets of rules which at times can seem annoying but we need to remember the bigger picture - love protects.

As part of my role as Safeguarding Officer I spend time using the guidance of the online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, going through the actions recommended to ensure St Andrews and St Peter's are up to date with the current policies. These are then shared with the PCC and they are asked to approve and adopt them. PCC members are classed as Charity Trustees so they complete DBS checks and undertake Safeguarding training as part of their role.

Recently for example, this has included updating the lone working recommendations. Previously, parish visits to individual's homes would automatically be undertaken by a single person whether ordained or not. However, it has been examined and decided that this practice might not provide safety or protection to either the individual or visitor and so now it is recommended that two people undertake a visit. Clearly, this can be a logistical nightmare and cases need to be considered on an individual basis but the principle to protect needs to be recognised - once again demonstrating that 'love protects'.

In a nutshell safeguarding is about protecting everyone and keeping them safe from harm. It's about noticing early warning signs, responding appropriately and creating a culture of safety so that we can all participate and enjoy spending time in all the activities that our church life offers. As we are told in 1 John 3 'Let us love, not in word and speech but in action and truth'. And may we do so, not because we have to, but because we want to, just like me and the car seats - Love Protects.

Mary Morgan

@ Grapevine

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Tarvin Parish, St Andrew's and St Peter's takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/ safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding

TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD NOVEMBER 2026

THE NEW AND THE OLD



One of the areas that the Z Team looks after is the public footpath at the east end of the graveyard. It is the path that leads down to the Pool Bank Business Park. This tends to get overgrown each year, and is cleared of weeds and brambles by the team. However, the access to the footpath was by an old, quite awkward, wooden style and was quite a challenge to get tools and equipment down to the path. As can be seen by the photo on the left, there is now a new galvanised kissing gate in place. There really is an old and new set of gates sitting side by side for comparison. In keeping with the area? Not sure.

Another aspect of the work of the Z Team is to ensure the safety and health of the trees in the graveyard. Last month, Stuart Clarke from the company "Tree Fellers" came round to have an initial look at the trees and give us a price for a full inspection on the health, and any other issues of them. Some of the Sycamore are over 150 years old, with the yew and others probably matching these ages. The photo on the right shows David, Stuart Clarke and Mark checking out a damaged Yew that lost a few branches in the winds last year. The final thoughts to follow shortly.



St. Peter's & Andrew's

Saint Andrew's friendly

Church Choir warmly

welcomes singers of all ages



Choir Practice : Thursdays 5:30pm—6:30pm

One service on Sundays at 10:45 am

Please contact:

Mr J. Williams 07702 305709

Or call in at Church during choir practice or on Sunday morning for an informal chat

