

PARISH OF CUMNOR

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

**Theme: Healing on the Sabbath**  
**Readings: Luke 6:1-16 (Psalm 92)**

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**  
10:30am Morning Worship  
Leader: Jonathan Widdess  
Preacher: Chris Scruby

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**  
10:30am Holy Communion  
Leader: Jessica Turner  
Preacher: Jessica Turner

4:30pm Taizé Service



### Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
Amen.

## SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - 4<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE LENT

**Theme: Raising the Widow's Son**  
**Readings: Luke 7:1-17 (Psalm 119:105-107)**

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**  
10:30am Morning Worship  
Leader: David Wenham  
Preacher: TBC

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**  
8am Holy Communion  
Leader: John Rees

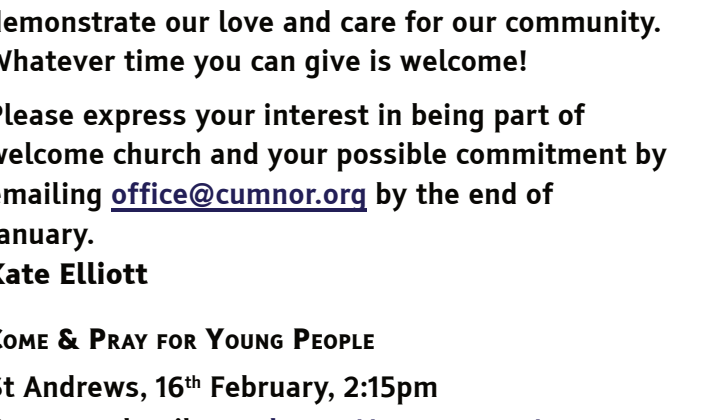
10:30am Morning Worship  
Leader: Jonathan Widdess  
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

## SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - 3<sup>RD</sup> BEFORE LENT

**Theme: More than a Prophet**  
**Readings: Luke 7:18-35 (Psalm 146:5-10)**

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**  
10:30am Family Service  
Leader: David Wenham  
Preacher: David Wenham

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**  
10:30am Holy Communion  
Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams  
Preacher: Jean Pryce-Williams



We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road.

C. S. Lewis

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### WELCOME CHURCH

Our beautiful church at St Michael's in the heart of Cumnor village isn't just open for Sunday services, it's open each day from 9-5, to offer our community a safe and spiritual place to drop by and contemplate.

In 2025, we'll set up a prayer tree to offer spiritual support and healing to parishioners, their families, friends, and the community. People can write prayers on the tree, expressing gratitude, hopes, or wishes. These prayers will be placed on the altar for Sunday worship.

If possible, we'd like members of our church to be present during the week. Your presence will demonstrate our love and care for our community. Whatever time you can give is welcome!

Please express your interest in being part of welcome church and your possible commitment by emailing [office@cumnor.org](mailto:office@cumnor.org) by the end of January.

Kate Elliott

### COME & PRAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

St Andrews, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2:15pm

For more details see <https://cumnor.org/cpyp>

### PCC UPDATE

At PCC on Wednesday night we:

- + Prayed together and reflected on the way that Psalm 46 assures us of God's provision and protection in a very uncertain situation in the world.
- + Discussed the next steps in developing our pastoral care.
- + Received a report on progress with the CAP Job Club
- + Agreed to accept a quote to redecorate the Parish Centre, St Michael's Porch Ceiling and the Stable Block door.
- + Discussed a plan for tidying the graves in the Churchyard.
- + Heard about plans for this year's Lent Course to be held in St Peter's Wotton on Wednesdays in Lent in partnership with the parish of Wootton and Shippon.
- + Reflected on the Christmas Services and some positive signs in the attendances at them.
- + Approved plans to enhance the range of films at Film Night at St Andrew's.
- + Began to make plans for the launch of the new Visitors Guide for St Michael's, being produced by Edward Impey.
- + Heard about plans for BeSpace to come in March to provide a prayer space in the Olive Herbert Room for Cumnor CE Primary School.

### BIBLE STUDY

St Andrew's Church, Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm

We're continuing to explore John's gospel.

Please just come whenever you can - everyone is very welcome.

Any questions please contact [susan.allwright@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.allwright@btinternet.com)

### MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 2:30-4pm**. If you would like to know more please contact **Jan Harris on 01865 864169**

### COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

Coffee Pot @ St Andrew's, Thursdays, 10.30-12.00.

Refreshments only £1.

Everyone welcome. Dogs on leads please.

### BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

#### St Michael's

The St Michael's Toddler group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Centre, 1 Abingdon Road. Each session costs just £1 and runs from 9am-11am during term time.

For more details please contact **Dianne Taylor (01865 862165)** or **Angela Evans (01865 864397)**

#### St Andrew's

Toddlers Group at St Andrew's Church on Friday mornings from 9.30am - 11am. This group is for any pre-school children with an adult, and everyone's welcome - please let friends and neighbours know. Thank you.

**Sue (01865 864991)**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- + The families of Philip Hawtin, and Ann Jennings, as they continue to grieve after the funerals this past week.
- + Plans for a CAP Job Club at St Andrew's in partnership with Edge Housing.
- + Our opportunities for fruitful mission in 2025.
- + Families who are struggling to make ends meet.
- + As we look at Sabbath rest in our sermons this weekend, pray for people who are finding it hard to achieve a healthy work-life balance.
- + Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- + The ceasefire agreement in Gaza to hold.
- + The war in Ukraine.
- + One new person to be added to church.
- + Each of us to have a conversation about Jesus this week with someone who doesn't know him yet.
- + One of your friends or family to come to Christ this year.

### JOIN OUR MISSION

Church is what we make it together, so get involved. One way to do that is by serving on a Sunday. There are opportunities to read the Bible, lead the prayers, join the welcoming teams, and join the refreshments teams. For more details or to volunteer, see David Wenham for roles at St Andrew's or Jonathan for roles at St Michael's.

### GIVE GENEROUSLY

Giving is an important part of our discipleship. All your donations to the parish support the church's mission and ministry and we are so thankful for every penny. You can give online, through the collection plate, or best of all by Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. For more information please visit <https://cumnor.org/giving/>

### WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

#### Messy Church

Friday 18/4, 2-4pm at St Andrew's

#### Big Story Sunday

Sunday 23/2, 10:30am at St Michael's

#### St Andrew's Family Service

Sunday 16/2, 10:30am

#### Other weeks - Sunday School at St Andrew's

### SING IN THE ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR

Choir practice is on Friday evenings at 6:30pm.

New members always welcome. Please contact Andrew Dyer for more details on 01865 862042 or e-mail: [ajdyer47@hotmail.com](mailto:ajdyer47@hotmail.com)

### RING THE BELLS

The Bellringers meet for practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm.

Contact: Jenny Dyer on 01865 862042

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website: <https://cumnorbellringers.uk/>

### HOME COMMUNION & HOME VISITING

If you or someone you know would value home communion, someone to pray with, a visit, or simply a phone call, please let Jonathan know.

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