

CHRIS EVANS

It is with great sadness we announce that Chris Evans passed away peacefully at home on January 7th 2026.

Born Islwyn Evans in a small Welsh mining town in 1946, Chris, as we knew him, moved to London and qualified as a dentist from Kings College Hospital in 1970. Throughout his dental career, he always had a heart and a passion for mission. Newly married, he spent two years with Angela on St Helena, and at various times in Nigeria with SIM, with "Mercy Ships" in Liberia, with "Amazon Hope" on a hospital ship on the Amazon River, and finally with YWAM in Fiji. His focus was always to bring much needed dental care and Christian witness to all the local communities to which he was attached.

Arriving in Oxford with his family in 1985, Chris became heavily involved in many aspects of Cumnor life. He was our churchwarden and chaired the Fabric Committee for over 15 years. He served as Chair of the school governors, was Treasurer of Cumnor Parish News, and was a long-time member of North Oxford Rotary Club serving as President in 2004.

Everyone knew Chris as a lovely man, warm and sincere, a good friend, honest in all his relationships. He loved life and lived it well. He loved his family, and he loved his Lord. He will be hugely missed.

A service of Celebration & Thanksgiving for Chris will follow a private cremation and will be held:

📅 Wednesday 28th January at 11am
📍 St Michael's, Cumnor

MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight and is a chance to enjoy a chat about the old days. Our next meeting is on the 3rd February.

📅 Tuesday 2:30-4pm
📍 Cumnor Cricket Club 📞 Jan Harris (OX 864169)

ST ANDREW'S PRAY AND PLANNING MEETING

Looking forward to the coming year!

📅 Monday 26th January, 7pm
📍 St Andrew's, Dean Court

PARISH PRAYER BREAKFAST

You're warmly invited to our Parish Breakfasts, held from 9.15-10.15 on the first Saturday of each month (except January). We gather to pray for our parish and especially for the appointment of a new vicar.

Upcoming breakfasts:

📅 7th February, 📍 St Andrew's Small Hall
📅 7th March, 📍 St Michael's Parish Centre

We would love to see you there.



SHROVE TUESDAY

An informal pancake evening with games available. Everyone is welcome.

📅 Tuesday 17th February, 5:30pm
📍 St Andrew's, Dean Court



COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

Coffee and chat for the whole community.

Dogs on leads please.

📅 Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm
📍 St Andrew's, Dean Court 💰 Refreshments: £1

BABY & TODDLER GROUPS - TERM TIME

St Michael's

There will be **no toddler group on 28th January.**

This group is for any pre-school children with an adult, and everyone's welcome. We look forward to welcoming you back on 4th February.

📅 Wednesdays, 9am-11am (term-time)
📍 Parish Centre, 1 Abingdon Road
📞 Dianne (Ox 862165) or Angela (Ox 864397)

St Andrew's

This group is for any pre-school children with an adult, please tell friends and neighbours, everyone's welcome.

📅 Fridays, 9:30am-11am (term-time)
📍 St Andrew's, Dean Court
📞 Sue (Ox 864991)



JOIN OUR MISSION

Help us make Sundays more welcoming and worshipful—could you read, pray, greet, or serve refreshments? Speak to the Churchwardens to get involved.

THANK YOU!

The PCC would like to express tremendous thanks to all who give so generously in very many different ways to support the ministry of the parish. Your contributions, both financial and of your time and skills, make an enormous difference; thank you.

WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

St Michael's Family Service:
Sunday 22nd February 2026, 10:30am

St Andrew's Family Service
Sunday 15th February 2026, 10:30am

Other weeks: Sunday School at St Andrew's

DOGS IN CHURCH

Well-behaved dogs on leads are allowed in St Michael's during services, they can join you during the week or at events like Coffee Pot. Thinking of bringing your furry friend? Please speak to either of the churchwardens ahead of the service.

SING IN THE ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR

Choir practice is on Friday evenings at 6:30pm. New members always welcome.

📞 Andrew Dyer (01865 862042)
✉ ajdyer47@hotmail.com

RING THE BELLS

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

📞 Jenny Dyer (01865 862042)
✉ jadyer55@hotmail.com
🌐 cumnorbellringers.uk/

Sunday 1st February 2026

Joint Service at st Andrew's

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Chris Sugden

3:00pm JOY Place

If you need transport to attend the United Service at St Andrew's, or the joint service at St Andrew's please get in touch with the Parish Administrator or the Churchwardens to make arrangements.

If you are able to offer transport, this would be greatly appreciated as well. Please contact Amy or the Churchwardens to let them know.

Sunday 8th February 2026

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8:00am NCP Communion

Leader: John Rees

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: John Rees

Preacher: John Rees

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Family Service

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Chris Scruby



ST MICHAEL'S HEATING UPDATE

The work will take place during the week commencing 2nd February. However, the current system needs to be decommissioned and drained before the installation can begin, so St Michael's will **not be available for use from 29th January**. We are confident that the church will be available again from 8th February.

This does mean that there can be no funerals, bell ringing, or choir practice during those ten days.

Thank you for your understanding,

Claire and David.

Please Pray For...

- † Angela and her family and friends as they grieve the loss of Chris Evans.
- † Judy and the family and friends of Terence Banks as they mourn his death.
- † The family of Tony Adams as they mourn their loss.
- † The Churchwardens and PCC as they embark on the official process of recruiting our new vicar.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.
- † Pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as they help people trapped in problem debt.
- † For all our local churches, their leaders and members.
- † Ways we can share Christ's invitation to know him better.
- † Growth in listening to God and each other.

HOME COMMUNION & HOME VISITING

If you or someone you know might welcome home communion, a quiet time of prayer, a visit, or simply a friendly chat on the phone, please don't hesitate to let one of the Churchwardens know.

We're here to come alongside with care and support.

DURING THE VACANCY PLEASE CONTACT...

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Wednesday 9am-12pm, Thursday 11am-2pm

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Kate Elliott (Safeguarding Officer)

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th January 2026

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am United Service

Hosted by: Cumnor URC

ST MARY'S, FARMOOR

3:00am Hymn's & Cake (NB New time)

Leader: Jessica Turner



COLLECT FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God,

Who caused the light of the gospel

To shine throughout the world

through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:

grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion

may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.