

# Parish Newsletter

**Compton Dundon  
and Littleton**

**March 2017**

**Incorporating The Herald**

The number of people aged 100, or over, has quadrupled over the last two decades, according to Office for National Statistics. In the last decade alone, the number of people aged 100+ has risen by 65%. Compton Dundon now has its own centenarian, with **Joan McConachie** reaching this milestone on the 30th March.



Joan was born in London during the first world war and learned typing and shorthand at college before getting married.

In the second world war she was in the Land Army, whilst her husband was an army officer. He was captured after D Day and was held at Oflag 79 before being released by the Americans. Sadly he died soon after his return to England.

Joan then looked after her three children before returning to college to become a teacher. She went on to become Head teacher in a lovely infant school, where 65% of the children were Jamaican. On retiring, she

travelled.

Sixteen years ago she moved to Compton Dundon, to be near to her daughter and son-in-law. She says that she has a wonderful family & lovely neighbours and that she is very happy living in Compton Dundon.

**Congratulations Joan!**

## Village Lunches

The village lunches are at 12.30 p.m. on the final Wednesday of each month. To book a meal, please contact either:

Ally Dore 01458 445463  
allydore@btinternet.com) or  
Pauline Atkins 01458 272485  
paulineatkins1944@gmail.com)

The next village lunches are on the following Wednesdays:



**29th March**  
**26th April**  
**31st May**  
**28th June**

If you are able to join the rota, for cooking the meals, your support will be very much appreciated. Please let Ally or Pauline know.

## 100 Club 2017

The 100 club starts again in March. Tickets are now available, at £10.00, on a first come, first served basis. If you would like one, please contact Janet Davies (01458 272877) at Ferndale, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon.



**Trish Cox**  
invites you to a

Coffee Morning  
& Bring & Buy  
Sale

**Friday 9th March**  
**10.00—12 noon**

**At the Elders,  
Castlebrook**



*Making each day count*  
**St. Margaret's**  
HOSPICE CARE

To submit news items/information for the **April** newsletter, please contact Alan Dean: 01458 270057 or [alan.dean14@btinternet.com](mailto:alan.dean14@btinternet.com) or drop details into Foothills, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon, TA116PE. The deadline for the April 2017 newsletter is the **24th March**.



This newsletter and past issues may be found on the village website:  
[www.comptondundon.com](http://www.comptondundon.com).



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## Compton Dundon Choir

Ann Stacey has lived in Compton Dundon for all of her life. Her parents, Tom and Enid Bevan, ran the Compton Dundon Choir for many years. Ann (seen with ribbons in her hair in the above photograph) used to turn the pages for her mother who was a very good pianist. Enid also played the organ at St Andrew's. Ann joined the choir when she was 13 years old. She remembers that they had to go to the Coronation Hall to do an audition for the BBC. Unfortunately, they were not selected as they did not have enough male voices.

Taxpayers in Somerset will face at least a £50.00 rise in Council Tax after the County Council recently agreed its budget.

The increase of 3.99% includes a 2% rise to pay for adult social care after falls in government funding.



The council says the budget is balanced but critics say the plan lacks specific details of where the cuts will fall. John Osman says that the financial picture will get worse before it gets better.

## Highlights from the February Meeting



Sandy Bateman, our speaker introduced us to the Magic of Minack. Her talk consisted of two parts, a brief history of the Minack Theatre and secondly her personal involvement in the

theatre. Sandy is a retired primary teacher, a member of Dundry W I and a Friend of the Minack. Rowena Cave established the Minack in 1931 practically building it single handed with the help of two local labourers who had a knowledge of building materials and methods.

Sandy decided she wanted to be an actress when she was 16 years old, she was allowed to attend a theatre school part time whilst working by day in a book shop at Bristol. The proprietor of the theatre school took pupils to perform at the Minack. John and Jacky Isles of Abbots Leigh Bristol formed a theatre company called Abbots Leigh Players and through this Sandy had the opportunity to perform at the Minack. The Minack is a magical place and Sandy has remained enamoured to this day, although no longer taking part in performances.

The procedure is for a theatre company to pay rent to the Minack in order to perform there, in the early days the facilities were very limited but now are much improved. A committee chooses several plays to be submitted for consideration the trustees of the Minack making the final decision. Sandy's first performance was in *The Admiral Creighton*, with rehearsals taking place at Abbots Leigh. Sandy would have to work around her commitment to her work as a school teacher which meant only performing at the end of July and throughout August but in 25 years Sandy always managed to do this. In the early days lighting was supplied by equipment taken down in a van and additional lighting supplied by car headlights but modern lighting equipment is now installed. Saturday mornings were "get in and out" days, Sunday mornings, on stage at 10 am and rehearse all day. Sunday night major dress rehearsal the audience consisting of trustees and friends.

The weather can be awful but rarely stops a performance except on one occasion when it was halted half way through due to a violent thunderstorm. Amongst Sandy's adventures was an occasion during a performance of *Hay Fever* when it rained so hard the toast on a plate was floating.

Her final appearance was in 2004 in The Owl and the Pussycat, when, in costume, she decided she was really too old to clamber up and down rocks.

Sandy still goes down in June July and August to see the Friday night performances. Rowena's legacy is carried on with Proms at the Minack in September whilst in the winter months the famous Fishermans' Friend Singers perform. A continuing legacy is that of Cambridge University students performing Gilbert and Sullivan music.

In conclusion, Sandy told us of an occasion, when by this time she found herself being a single parent and finding it difficult to pay for accommodation for herself and her daughter to attend the Minack, having talked to Jacky Isles, Jacky and her husband paid the rent of her bungalow. This kindness, said Sandy illustrates the magic and wonderful atmosphere of being involved with and associated with the Magic of Minack.

Verity Linnett thanked Sandy, saying how much she had enjoyed both sections of the talk. Sandy had set up a very comprehensive picture display of the history of Minack which we were able to browse whilst Sandy judge the competition 'A Theatre Programme' which was won by Denise Larson, second Diane Mitchell with Mary Burt's programme which was for a Strode Theatre production featuring her granddaughter, Hannah, third.

The Flower of the Month winner was Trish Cox with snowdrops.



Patricia Heap is standing down as our representative on the village hall committee, Trish expressed our heartfelt thanks to her for all the hard work she had put in on our behalf. A new representative is required and Trish asked for a volunteer. Monday April 24 a W I Speakers Audition will be held at the hall and we are required to supply the catering service. This will involve tea, coffee, cakes, and soup or ploughman's for lunch.

A report from the Polden Hills Group stated that the Christmas Concert had been excellent with the profit going to Charlton House Hospice for children. Weston Zoyland were winners of the league skittles competition.



## Forthcoming Women's Institute Meetings Meadway Hall Wednesdays - 7.30 p.m.

<b>8th March</b>	Judith Stewart	Tapping Therapy
<b>12th April</b>	Pam Martin	Somerset in Stitch
<b>10th May</b>	Michael Malaghan	It Shouldn't Happen to a Writer
<b>14th June</b>	Dr Yvonne Varley	Secret Life of Arthur Ransome



# Healthy Body Maintenance

Meadway Hall 19th March at 2.00 p.m.  
£5 entry



Alan Riley attended a dance workshop run by Andrew Knight, a local Osteopath. The warm up session and accompanying talk was extremely interesting, inspirational and very useful. He thought that the stretches and exercises he gave would be beneficial to everyone not just to dancers and fit young things.

Andrew has agreed to do a one off, two hour 'body maintenance session', tailored to all ages and physical abilities but especially the over 50's, with no age limit.

The session will cover a warm up and warm down routine that allows for safer exercise at any age and engagement level and the understanding as to why it is of use and why doing this before going gardening, for example, is also important. As well as the prevention of aches and pains resulting from general wear and tear and ageing, some of the more unknown exercise benefits will be included; for example cognition improvements, bone density, physical condition and blood sugar. The wearing of loose clothing is recommended for those taken part in the session.

Andrew Knight is an Osteopath registered with the General Osteopathic Council, 30 years' experience in private only general practice in the local community. Vast post graduate education in alternative medical and osteopathic subjects to include high level physiology. Long term Archer and writer on stance and shooting style. Morris Dance teacher and course leader in Morris Dance including safety in dance.

For further details, please contact Alan Riley (01458) 447223





## Take Art in Concert

# Martin Harley & Sam Lewis

**Compton Dundon Village Hall**

**1st April 2017 at 8.00 p.m.**

(Doors open at 7.30 p.m.)

This is a rare and golden opportunity to see Martin Harley and Sam Lewis on the same bill. Martin Harley is a deeply important and astounding songwriter, playing popular blues and folk oriented guitar and vocals, famed for his exceptional lap slide guitar skills. With his rich soulful vocals, well-crafted songs, roots country and blue-eyed soul Sam Lewis quickly established himself as one of Nashville's most talented tune smiths. From Roy Orbison to Van Morrison to Willie Nelson, the influence of Ray Charles can be felt from the first note to the last beat.

Martin Harley & Sam Lewis in concert promises to be a spine chilling, feet wiggling, heart soaring evening from two of the finest music talents on the circuit. We are very fortunate to have such artists to entertain us in our own village hall.

Tickets available, **£10.00**, from Alan Riley (01458) 447223  
Patricia Heap (01458) 446025

## Bingo Evening

In aid of The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

**Saturday 8th April** Doors 6.30 p.m. Eyes Down 7.00 p.m.

To date, the Lindsey family has raised over £3350 for a cause which is close to their hearts. Please invite your friends and family to enjoy a family game of Bingo with cakes and raffle and some fabulous prizes! Any donations for prizes gratefully received. Please email [peter@somersetlindseys.com](mailto:peter@somersetlindseys.com) or call 440607

**“Let Compton Dundon be known for its generosity!”**



Most of us have known someone with a serious need for help in coping with cancer or with other terminal illnesses. Marie Curie nurses are in the forefront of those giving that help. And all of us in the village can help their work by donating money to enable the Marie Curie Organisation to provide care and support for stricken families.

Four of us from the village will be trying to spearhead a local effort to get funds to them this spring. We are “The Compton Codgers”: Andrew Chiffers, Ian Coupe, Lloyd Harrison and James Stallard. On **Saturday 8th April** we shall take part in Strode Pool in the National Swimathon in which the four of us will swim 5 kilometres. Currently we are training hard!

We are hoping that people in the village will support Marie Curie by making donations. The simplest way to donate is by giving cash or cheques (payable to Marie Curie) to any of the four of us. For those who prefer the internet or anonymity the address is [www.swimathonfoundation.org](http://www.swimathonfoundation.org) where the Giving Page of the 'Compton Codgers' can be found.



**Have you lost a piece of jewellery?** An item was recently found in Peak Lane and has been handed to me for safe keeping. Please contact me ([johnngordon1952@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnngordon1952@hotmail.co.uk)) if you have lost some jewellery and say what you have lost. I will then ensure it is returned to you.





# ‘Fabric Bowls’

Tuesday 7th March

Meadway Hall

9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.



**The Craft Club:** Claire Axten will be showing us how to make fabric bowls during this session. You will need a sewing machine, large scraps of material and a cutting board/cutter. Please contact Trish (01458 447075) for further information.

## Compton Dundon Golf Society

Our Annual dinner was held at Long Sutton Golf Club in January where we revisited the events of the past year from golfing disasters to superhuman feats (well, feats that were a little bit better than we usually manage). A good meal and conversation was accompanied by a few presentations – to Jim Searle – the award for the best four scores, to Andy Curtis for clubman of the year and finally the Royston Maddaford Award to Rob Litston for the shot of the season – hitting a ball 70 yards to see it rebound and land at his feet!



The programme for the coming season, which starts in March, have been confirmed and we plan to revisit a few scenes of earlier triumphs (?) as well as going to Lyme Regis and seeing what life is like up North near Bristol.

The first outing in on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at Cricket St Thomas, near Chard. As before the cost is £40 which includes a bacon roll and coffee beforehand, a round of golf and a two course meal afterwards (The food usually makes up for the golf!)

The second visit is **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** when we go to Wedmore Golf Club.

We welcome any new members and/or guests – contact Dave Wisniewski 01458 270982 or [dave@somerbuild.com](mailto:dave@somerbuild.com) if you would like to join us on either or both of these.

**Compton Dundon Gardening Club** On **Monday 6th March**, Greg Morter will give a talk on ‘Seed to Fork’, at the Meadway Hall. The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.



Chris and Martin invite you to try their carvery, served every Sunday, from 12 noon until 4.00 p.m. Bar meals, including baked potatoes, basket meals and baguettes are served from Tuesday to Sunday. Why not pop in for a meal and a drink?

### Compton Dundon Cricket Club

Compton Dundon finished 4th in the Mid Wessex League (Eastern) Division last year and will play in the 1st Division this year along with local rivals Butleigh. The first fixture, on **Sunday 23rd April**, is a friendly home match against Street, Followed by another friendly away at Chard on **Sunday 30th April**. The league fixtures then start with an away match against Broadwindsor on **Sunday 7th May**.



Junior Coaching starts on **Friday 5th May**: 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the Hayes Road ground. Cost £1 per person.

The club are always looking for any keen cricketers to join them. The club bar will be open to all at each home match day.



**FixMyStreet** Use this site to report, view or discuss local problems such as potholes, graffiti, fly tipping.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



**The Somerset Day  
15th March**



Sunrise  
6.26 a.m.



Sunset  
6.17 p.m.

## South Somerset residents help shape the future of the census



South Somerset has been specially selected as part of a large scale test of the census, run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This is an exciting opportunity for local residents to help shape the census which will happen in 2021.

**Test day is 9 April 2017.**

Randomly-selected households will be sent a letter beforehand with a unique access code to enable them to answer their test questionnaire online quickly and easily – it should take about 10 minutes. There will be census officers working in the area in April and May, and online and telephone help will also be available.

Your participation is hugely valued by ONS. It will help develop an online census for 2021 that asks the right questions and gets the maximum response. The more successful the census test is

in South Somerset, the more we benefit in future. For more information on the 2017 Test:



[www.ons.gov.uk/census](http://www.ons.gov.uk/census)



Alison Skipper's great-grandfather, Robert Burch was born in Compton Dundon in 1861. He was the son of John Burch, 1822-1866, and Jane Clark, 1822-1865, who married in Compton Dundon Church in 1843. John's parents were Robert Burch, 1782-1850, and Sarah, 1783-1849, who were living in the village in 1841, and Jane was the daughter of John Clark, 1801-1883 & Edith Scriven, c1798-1871, who also married in Compton Dundon in 1821.

Sadly, having lost both his parents, Alison's great-grandfather was in High Ham Workhouse in 1871. He later moved to South Wales, where he worked his way up to being an engine driver.

Remarkably, her great grandparents bought and renovated four rows of old ironworkers cottages in Tredegar and the area became known as "Burchtown." They also had some houses built, which they named "Compton", "Butleigh" and "Avalon Terrace," and these remain today. Is there anyone in the village who is connected to or knows anything about the Burch or Scriven families? Any help would be much appreciated. 12 Baldenhall, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3RZ [alison@skippers.org.uk](mailto:alison@skippers.org.uk)

# The Parish Council



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## Parish Council Members

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The next Parish Council meeting is, on **Wednesday 1st March 2017**, in the Meadway Hall. It starts at 7.00p.m.



David Warburton MP will be holding a surgery in **Frome**, on Friday 3rd March from 11.00 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. Please arrange a surgery appointment with Mrs Netia Carr on

[netia.carr@parliament.uk](mailto:netia.carr@parliament.uk)

Dean Ruddle, our County Councillor and District Councillor for the Wessex Ward, is holding a surgery at the White Hart Inn on **Friday 10th March** from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Please make an appointment by either calling 01458 274865 or emailing [anne.yates@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com)



Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on **Saturday 18th March** from 11.00 to 12.30 in the 'Full of Beans' Cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly

contact him by e-mailing [stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk) or telephoning 07519 739137

# Parish Council Planning Business

## District Council Planning determinations

1. 16/04936/FUL: Mr & Mrs Larsson, Rose Cottage, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PQ. Erection of a rear orangery extension. APPLICATION PERMITTED.

2. 16/04307/OUT: Mr & Mrs Strudwick, Land at the Old Farmyard, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and formation of a vehicular access. APPLICATION PERMITTED.

3. 16/04632/FUL: Mr & Mrs Butten, Land at OS3663, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. Erection of a workshop/poultry shed, siting of 4 poly tunnels for crop production and one mobile home for use as workers shelter and feed/vets store and laying of access track (part retrospective). PERMISSION REFUSED.

4. 16/04953/S73A: Mr J Lovell, Plot 2, Land West of The Gammons, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Variation of condition 01 of planning approval 15/00523/REM for the development of Plot 2 to be carried out in accordance with drawings 16-418/001, 002, 003, 004 & 005. PERMISSION GRANTED.

## Planning consultations

None received

## Other planning issues

Councillors were advised of two appeals that had been received: 1. 16/03429/PAMB: Mrs Ann Stacey, Barn at Land OS5974, Worley Lane. Notice of Appeal re: planning decision. 2. 15/00354/USE: Mrs Ann Stacey, Land at Worely Hill Reserve, Worely Lane. Notice of Appeal against Enforcement Order.



Daylight saving time was created either by George Hudson in 1895 or William Willett in 1907, depending on which story you believe, in a bid to stop people wasting valuable hours of light in the summer months. It was first used in World War One, by Germany and then by the Allies, to save coal. On **Sunday 26th March** we swap to British Summer Time and our clocks need to be put forward an hour at 1.00 a.m.

We revert to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and those dark winter nights, at 2.00 a.m. on **Sunday 29th October**.



## Asian Hornets

West Country beekeepers are bracing themselves for an invasion of deadly Asian hornets. The hornets, which are smaller than native European hornets, pose no greater risk to human health than bees. They do, however, prey on important pollinating insects such as honeybees and could do serious damage to colonies here, which have not evolved to cope with the threat.



Asian hornets arrived in France in 2004 and are now common across large areas of Europe, with experts on standby in the UK in recent years for the insect's arrival, along with imports such as plants or timber, or even by flying across the Channel.



The Compton Dundon walking group's February walk was the Sharpham Circular, finishing at the Bocabar ..... it was nice to see some new faces on the walk. The next walk will be on **Sunday 19th**

**March**, and will be around the North Cadbury area. We meet at the Meadway Hall at 10 a.m. *Martin (01458 273591)*



## Village Hall AGM

**Thursday 23rd March at 7.30 p.m.**

Please come and support the hardworking village hall trustees.



It's a noisy time of the year in the fields around Dundon, with large gatherings of 'loud' lapwings and 'quarrelsome' black-headed gulls keeping up a continuous volume of calls and leaping up at the slightest provocation. The highest known winter concentrations of lapwings, in this country, are to be found on the Somerset Levels. Mute swans are also in the flooded fields but it is perhaps a little early in the year to see the large flocks witnessed in 2016.



## South Somerset District Council Online Services

<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services/>

### Neighbourhood Watch Report

Some parts of the Avon & Somerset area have seen an increase in door to door callers, often trying to sell cleaning and kitchen equipment. The police taking this opportunity to remind you all that you should not have dealings with callers at the door.

Likewise don't respond to letters or emails from unknown sources or have dealings with cold callers on the phone.

If you are looking for someone to provide goods or services then please make local enquiries with companies that you know and trust. Your local Trading Standards office can often help with details of reputable tradesmen.

Please remember it's your door step, it's your decision. All suspicious callers should be reported to the police using either the 101 or 999 numbers.





**Any enquiries with regard to Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals should be directed to the Priest in Charge, The Reverend Sharon Walker; Tel: 01458 442297 or sharonannewalker@hotmail.com.**

### **Church Officers**

**Church Wardens:** Martyn Steer 273455 & Helen Thomas 274427

**Treasurer:** Margaret Sutton 272811

### **Services & Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
<b>1st March</b>	Ash Wednesday 10.00 a.m. <b>Mission Church Street</b>	Revd Sharon Walker
<b>5th March</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Andrew Stevens
<b>12th March</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Sharon Walker
<b>19th March</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd John Simpson
<b>26th March</b>	Mothering Sunday <b>Meadway Hall</b> 9.30—Croissants & coffee 10.00 Service	Revd David Hatrey
<b>2nd April</b>	Benefice Service Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. <b>Parish Church Street</b> Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Revd Sharon Walker
<b>9th April</b>	Palm Sunday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	To be decided
<b>16th April</b>	Easter Sunday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	Revd David Hatrey



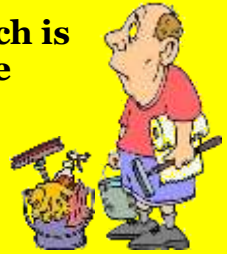


# St Andrew's Church Spring Clean

## Saturday 8th April

We would like to make sure that the church is looking at its best for Easter and so we are planning a spring clean from 10.00 a.m. Many hands make light work, so please come along with dusters and mops to banish the spiders and dust.

Everyone is welcome.



## Village Hog Roast

### 10th June 2017

5.00—8.00 p.m.

If you are able to volunteer to help at this year's village hog roast, please let Martyn (273455) or Helen (274427) know. If you are willing to offer to run a stall or offer activities for children, this will be much appreciated.

**The money raised will go towards the upkeep of our village church**

**Lent Lunches** On the first Tuesday of Lent, we invite people to a lunch of soup and bread. All are welcome to join us for these meals, starting on **Tuesday 7th March**, in various people's houses. For further details, please contact Helen 01458 274427





Right Revd  
Ruth Worsley,  
Bishop of  
Taunton  
March 2017

As I write this, in the past week we have been hearing of President Trump's travel ban which includes the prevention of refugees from entering the US. US lawyers have suspended the ban and a fight is ensuing, on Twitter and in the courts. Archbishop Sentamu, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Durham have been amongst those who have publicly spoken out and reminded us of the Christian charge to welcome the stranger in need.

Bishop Peter and I have made a very specific Bishops' Lent Appeal this year to support the work of welcome to refugees. To support this appeal, every day of Lent there is a story on the diocesan website of someone working for the common good. Amongst them are some specific stories of refugees and those who work to support them. We hope you will take this opportunity to read them and reflect on how they open up the Scripture for us through an example of 'living the story'. And in response, we ask you to consider giving something towards the work we are doing in the diocese and beyond to support such work.

Perhaps you are holding a lent lunch or taking a special, additional offering each week in your church. Would you consider giving this to the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Refugees? Half of what is collected across the diocese will go towards the work here in Somerset. And half will go to encourage the work of the church community in Greece, supporting them in providing food and shelter for those in immediate need.

I have been very encouraged to hear of the stories of those who have found practical support and a warm welcome from the people of Somerset in the midst of despair, anxiety and fear. It has been a real joy to see folk gathering together to offer whatever they can by way of befriending, language support, homes to those in need. One primary school has even seen the children collecting money to buy bicycles for two Syrian children. Such generosity!

We've now welcomed four families to Taunton, with more on the way. In Yeovil and Bath there are young people and families being supported through the Government resettlement scheme. And in Nailsea and

Taunton, community sponsorship hopes to welcome others. Our diocese has played its part and provided £5,000 this past year for training, interpretive support amongst other things. We are committed to doing more this year and would welcome whatever help you can offer.

## Christingle



£150 was raised for the Children's Society at the recent Christingle Service, led by Mike Bergner, held at the Meadway Hall. It was good to have Compton Dundon musicians playing for us and the tea/coffee, croissants and jam beforehand was a special treat.

## Pianist Wanted



St Andrew's urgently requires a pianist, who is prepared to play on a few occasions during the year. It would be useful to welcome a third musician, who can help out in emergencies. Please contact Helen 01458 274427 or Martyn 01458 273455



**St Andrew's Church**

# **Mothering Sunday Service**

**Meadway Hall**

**Revd David Hatrey**

**26th March**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Croissants, jam and coffee  
served from 9.30 a.m.**

David will lead us in a lively and informative service, starting at 10.00 a.m., after refreshments. Flowers will be given to all of the women who join us, as we celebrate the role they play in our lives. There will be activities for children and lively music. The collection will be in aid of a local charity benefiting mothers and children.



**The Benefice of Street, Walton  
and Compton Dundon**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Street Parish Church**

**Sunday 2nd April**

**Following Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m.**