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**StA** St Andrew’s, Alresford

**StAL** St Anne and St Laurence, Elmstead Market

**StMM** St Mary Magdalen, Frating with Thorrington

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Sunday 24th August ~ Trinity 10

Theme ~ The Minor Prophets 11 ~ Giving our best to God

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Readings – Malachi 1:1-14; Luke 13:10-17

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| **9:30**  **10:00**  **11:00** | **StMM**  **StAL**  **StA** | **Morning Worship**  **Family Communion**  **with baptism**  **Morning Worship** | *John Jinks / Alex McCann*  *Andrew Fordyce*  *Nick Berry / Alex McCann* |

Mid-week Diary

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| **Tues** | 9:00  11:00  14:00  14:00 | **StA**  **StA**  **StA**  **StAL** | Morning Prayer  Teddy Bears’ Picnic  Pilgrim Group  Quiet Hour |
| **Wed** | 15:00 | **StMM** | Thanksgiving for Life of Ken Sharpe |
| **Thurs** | 9:00 | **StA** | Holy Communion |
| **Sat** | 12:00 | **Red Lion** | Thorrington Village Day |

Next Sunday 31st August ~ Trinity 11

Theme ~ Kingdom dining

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Readings – Ecclesiastes 10:12-18; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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| **10:30** | **StA** | **United Benefice Service** | *Pauline Hart* |

Please note – next week’s notices need to be received by 6pm on Wednesday. Thanks

**A message from Bishop Guli about the asylum seeker accommodation protests across the country**

Bishop Guli has shared a message with church leaders in Chelmsford Diocese about the protests that have been taking place across the country concerning accommodation for asylum seekers in local communities, including in our own diocese.

“In recent weeks we have seen numerous protests across the country, including in our own diocese, about the use of hotels and other accommodation, to temporarily house people seeking asylum.

It is absolutely right that we debate and discuss how the Government manages arrangements for those who seek asylum here. There are long standing problems with the asylum system in this country that impact both those who seek refuge and the communities in which they are placed.  Peaceful protest also has a legitimate and important role in our democracy.

At the same time we are seeing the cynical hijacking of people’s legitimate concerns by those who use misinformation to sow fear and hatred, to encourage division and in some cases to intimidate and use violence against innocent people. This not only impacts those who are targeted, but is corrosive for the communities we serve.

On some occasions we have seen the defence of Christian values used as a justification for this divisive politics. This is disturbing for us as Christians, not least because it is profoundly wrong. Jesus Christ modelled love, mercy and justice. The Gospel calls us to love our neighbour; including the outsider, the stranger and those who are different from us. Invoking Christianity in defence of cultural purity is both theologically false and morally dangerous.

It is because of our Christian faith and values that Christians of all denominations across our country work with those who seek asylum. It is because of our faith and values that we support disadvantaged people of all backgrounds, without prejudice or judgement, to eat, sleep, worship, find shelter and access the services that can support them.  I am deeply grateful to the many churches across the Diocese of Chelmsford who undertake this important ministry. It is something I hope we will continue to do with faith and confidence during these challenging times.

I want to conclude by offering a prayer for use in churches this Sunday or at any time over the coming weeks.

Gracious God,  
We pray for peace in our communities this day.  
We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,  
And those who work to uphold law and justice.  
We pray for an end to fear,  
For comfort and support to those who suffer.  
For calm in our streets and cities,  
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.  
In your mercy, hear our prayers,  
now and always. Amen”

**Ken Sharpe** On Wednesday 27th August at 3pm there will be a service of thanksgiving in Thorrington Church for Ken's long life.   We hope this will be a celebration of a life well lived.  Everyone  is very welcome to attend.  Donations ifdesired to Clacton Food Bank at the Salvation Army or St Mary Magdalen Church.   Many thanks to all who have expressed their sympathy in any way.  The family have much appreciated their sentiments.  *Rita*

Next Sunday being the 5th Sunday in the month we will host the **joint Benefice Service at St Andrews**, We would be most grateful for donations of cakes for the refreshments after the Service.

**Ministry for Men. ADVANCE NOTICE**. Not meeting in August, so on.....

 Thursday 25th September, 2pm we'll be meeting for adventure golf at Greensward Adventure Golf, Marine Parade West, Clacton.

They close at 3.30pm, hence the afternoon start. Sorry to those of you who are thereby excluded.

Please let me know if you need a lift, or if you are coming by car and can offer a seat?

Chris Lovell. 07513 431 844

**Memorabilia Afternoon at Elmstead.** This year our Memorabilia talks will take place alongside Afternoon Tea at 3pm on Saturday 20th September. Tickets £5 now available email [elmstead.church@gmail.com](mailto:elmstead.church@gmail.com), or phone 07791 673821 or contact the Benefice office.

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Sunday Services held at both St Andrew’s, and St Anne and St Laurence churches are sometimes recorded and are then available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-EKIUhKbC3syWis3y5dZeg>

Coming Soon!

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| 11am | Tues 26th Aug | StA | Teddy Bears’ picnic *for under 5s and their families* |
| 12pm | Sat 30th Aug | StMM | Country Fayre weekend at The Red Lion |
| 10:30am | Sun 31st Aug | StA | United Benefice Service |
| 1pm | Sun 14th Sep | StAL | Parish Lunch *call 823774 to book* |
| 3pm | Sat 20th Sept | StAL | Afternoon Tea with Memorabilia Talks *(£5)* |
| 4pm | Sun 21st Sep | StA | Songs of Praise *followed by afternoon tea* |
| 2pm | Thurs 25th Sept |  | Ministry for Men *Adventure Golf in Clacton* |



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