



**StA** St Andrew's, Alresford

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

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

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## Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September ~ Trinity 13

### Theme ~ Seeking the Lost

Readings – Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10

<b>09:30</b>	<b>StMM</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Brian Ford</i>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>StAL</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>StA</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Brian Ford</i>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>StAL</b>	<b>Parish Lunch</b>	<i>phone 823774 to book</i>

### Mid-week Diary

<b>Mon</b>	10:30	<b>StA</b>	Friendship Group
	12:30	<b>StA</b>	Wedding Prep
	19:30	<b>StMM</b>	PCC meeting
<b>Tues</b>	9:00	<b>StA</b>	Morning Prayer
	10:30	<b>StA</b>	Tuesday Tots
	14:00	<b>StAL</b>	Quiet Hour
	14:00	<b>StA</b>	Knit'n'Natter
<b>Wed</b>	10:00	<b>StAL</b>	Hosting Social Hub <i>at Community Centre</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	9:00	<b>StA</b>	Holy Communion
	13:45	<b>StA</b>	Relax and Renew
	16:30	<b>StAL</b>	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	<b>StAL</b>	Brownie Guides
<b>Fri</b>	12:15	<b>StA</b>	Celebration of Life – Janine Wright
<b>Sat</b>	10:00	<b>StAL</b>	Churchyard Work Party
	15:00	<b>StAL</b>	Memorabilia Afternoon with tea

## Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September ~ Trinity 14

### Theme ~ Who do we mix with?

Readings – Psalm 119:65-72; Matthew 9:9-13

<b>09:30</b>	<b>StMM</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>StAL</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>StA</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>StA</b>	<b>Harvest themed Songs of Praise</b>	<i>Meg Burdus / Andrew Fordyce</i>

Hello everyone,

Last week I met up with Andrew and Pauline for a catch-up at Beth Chatto Gardens. It was wonderful to see them and to hear all your news - goodness, we miss you all!

They very kindly brought along your incredibly generous gift. Oh my goodness, I was honestly lost for words - and you know how rare that is! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thank you not only for the gift, but for letting me cut my teeth in ordained ministry among you, for the welcome and care you showed me and my family, and for your ongoing prayers as I come to the end of my curacy. My time with the TPV churches will shape my ministry for years to come. I pray for you often and always love to hear from you.

I'm due to be signed off as "curacy complete" in November and will be looking for a first post in 2026, so please do keep us in your prayers as a family.

Si and Florence send their love, and we hope to pop back before too long to say hello in person.

Much love

*Janine xxx*

*For those of you who don't already know, Janine was given a smaller version of the flame which stands in St Andrew's Sanctuary together with a sum of money for her to choose something special.*



**Regular prayer:** We want to review what regular prayer meetings we hold each week. Our Monday and Wednesday Morning Prayer on Zoom are on a break; and we currently have Morning Prayer on a Tuesday and Holy Communion on a Thursday - both at St Andrew's.

I'd like to ask the question if the timings work or whether we need to consider a Midday Prayer or Evening Prayer.

Do feel free to share about what be a blessing + where and when.

*Andrew*

Please continue to pray for our Candidates who are preparing for **Baptism and or Confirmation** - this will be taking place on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

David and the rest of the Wright family would like to invite you to **celebrate Janine's life** at St Andrew's Church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15pm. There will be some light refreshments

**Ministry for Men** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets £5 now available email [elmstead.church@gmail.com](mailto:elmstead.church@gmail.com), or phone 07791 673821 or contact the Benefice office.

Asked to describe this – it's a glorified '**Show and Tell**' set around a meal; half a dozen people have volunteered to share their item with us.

## Season of Creation

This year the Season of Creation is focussing on the links between creation and peace in our world. The key Bible verse is Isaiah 32:14-18

<sup>14</sup> The fortress will be abandoned,  
the noisy city deserted;  
citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland for ever,  
the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks,  
<sup>15</sup> till the Spirit is poured on us from on high,  
and the desert becomes a fertile field,  
and the fertile field seems like a forest.  
<sup>16</sup> The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert,  
his righteousness live in the fertile field.  
<sup>17</sup> The fruit of that righteousness will be peace;  
its effect will be quietness and confidence for ever.  
<sup>18</sup> My people will live in peaceful dwelling-places,  
in secure homes,  
in undisturbed places of rest."

A prayer we can use through the season

**God our Father,  
you never stop the work you have begun  
and you prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
Make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek peace and justice where all may share  
the good things you pour upon us;  
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**

If you would like to spend some of your prayer time focussing on the Season 'Pray As You Go' has released some beautiful meditations. <https://prayasyougo.org/series/season-of-creation-a-virtual-journey-23>



**Eco Church Roadshows in September** At an Eco Church event at Chelmsford Cathedral in June, it became clear that churches very much welcome the chance to share and learn from others about how to put commitment to caring for God's Creation into action, especially those churches that are at an early stage in their Eco journeys. It's also clear that the new Eco Church survey introduced earlier this year by Eco Church can seem quite daunting.

In response to this, several "Eco Church" roadshows will be held across the Diocese. Although open to anyone, these roadshows are especially designed for churches that are registered with Eco Church but do not yet have an Eco Church award. *(As a Benefice we have a Bronze award and are working towards Silver).*

Our nearest Roadshow is on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm to 7pm at St Botolph's Church, St Botolph's Street, Colchester, CO2 7EE (Colchester Archdeaconry) There will be refreshments at the roadshows. There is no cost but please book in advance. For enquiries and bookings please contact our Diocesan Eco Church Advocate, Linda Percival ([lindapercival7@gmail.com](mailto:lindapercival7@gmail.com)).

*Archdeacon Ruth*

John and Valerie Harper are hosting an **"At Home" day for Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) missionaries** William and Sarah Babumba on Saturday 13th September 10am-4pm at 13 Heath Road Alresford, CO7 8DS.

You are all very welcome to drop in to hear about what William and Sarah will be doing in Uganda."

**St Andrew's Harvest Songs of Praise** on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, we would be very grateful for some donations of sandwiches and cake for the tea afterwards.

We also need a couple of people to actually do the tea and coffees and lay the tables and set out the food for the afternoon tea afterwards. If you feel that you would be able to do this please have a word Carol.

If you have a **favourite harvest hymn** you would like included please have a word with Meg, preferably by Wednesday. It would be great if you are prepared to say why it is special to you – either in writing or during the service!



 **Girlguiding**  
1st Elmstead  
Rainbows and Brownies

**We are looking for a volunteer unit helper to help an established leadership team on Thursdays evenings.**

**No experience necessary as full training can be given.  
Recruitment checks will be required.**

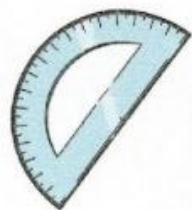
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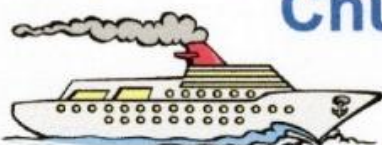
Elmstead Rainbows (5-7 years) and Brownies (7-10½ years) meet weekly during term time in Elmstead Church Meeting Room and they are looking for helpers. If interested please contact as above or email Cherry at [elmstead.rainbowsandbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:elmstead.rainbowsandbrownies@gmail.com)



# Memorabilia Afternoon



at St Anne & St Laurence  
Church Meeting Room at



3.00 pm

on Sat 20th September



How often does an object or an event trigger a memory? Many can evoke the desire to explain to others how these have influenced their activities!

**Please come along and join us as we renew these events, listening to a few short presented memories as we join others over afternoon tea.**

Tickets £5 (£2 for children) available from 07791 673821, or by emailing [elmstead.church@gmail.com](mailto:elmstead.church@gmail.com)



St Andrew's Church, Alresford

# *Songs of Praise*

21 September, 4pm

If you would like to stay for afternoon tea  
following the service, please contact  
St Andrew's Church office by email or phone:

admin@tenpennyvillages.uk  
01206 826376

We would love to see you there.

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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!

10am	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep		Open Day at 13 Heath Road for MAF
1pm	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	StAL	Parish Lunch <i>call 823774 to book</i>
7:30pm	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	StMM	PCC meeting
3pm	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	StAL	Afternoon Tea with Memorabilia Talks (£5)
4pm	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	StA	Harvest Songs of Praise <i>followed by afternoon tea</i>
2pm	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Ministry for Men <i>Adventure Golf in Clacton</i>
4pm	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	StA	PCC meeting
11:00	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	StAL	Brownies Coffee Morning for Macmillan

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