



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 16th November ~ 2nd Sunday before Advent

Theme ~ Testifying through trials Readings ~ Psalm 91; Luke 9:46-48

09:30	StMM	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Nick Berry</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Pauline Hart / Gill Bucke</i>
11:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Nick Berry</i>
13:00	StAL	Parish Lunch	<i>phone 07791 673821 to book</i>

Mid-week Diary

Mon	10:30	StA	Friendship Circle
	11:00	StA	Funeral <i>David Jones</i>
Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:30	StA	Tuesday Tots
	14:00	StAL	Quiet Hour
	14:00	StA	Pilgrim Group
Wed	10:00	StAL	Hosting Social Hub <i>at Community Centre</i>
Thurs	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
	13:45	StA	Relax and Renew
	16:30	StAL	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	StAL	Brownie Guides
Fri	10:00		Tenpenny Literature Group note change of date <i>at 1 Thatchers Drive, Elmstead</i>

Next Sunday 23rd November ~ Sunday next before Advent ~ Christ the King

Theme ~ Remembering the Kingdom Readings ~ Psalm 46; Luke 23:33-43

09:30	StMM	Morning Worship	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
11:00	StA	Morning Worship	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
16:00	StA	PCC meeting	

Creating Space – An Advent Journey

Advent, which starts on Sunday 30th November is a funny time of year for Christians and in our churches. We inevitably get caught up in the fun and excitement of the lead up to Christmas (and the spending and the busyness!!) It also gives us opportunities to invite people into our churches to hear something of the Jesus story in our carol services, nativities or Christingle and other special services. However for us in the church it is the beginning of a new year and it is a time when we focus on preparation. We think about preparing not just for the arrival Christ child at Christmas, but also Christ coming again – the Kingdom coming on earth as in heaven! In many ways it is a bit like Lent and traditionally it is a time of prayer and reflection. This year you are invited to join in with some study and prayer material written by The Society of St Francis 'Creating Space – An Advent Journey'.



St Francis created the first crib scene just over 800 years ago in a village near Assisi called Greccio. He wanted people to understand the reality of Christ's birth – not as a distant doctrine, but as intimate, vulnerable and embodied truth. He wanted the people of his time to see, touch and draw closer to the humility of God who comes close to us. This material is an invitation to not only look at the Christ child in the manger but also to ponder the hidden months before the birth, when Christ was being formed in Mary's womb and what this all means for us in our day and age. To make this as accessible to as many people as possible there will a number of ways in which you can join in.

- The material is available from the Spirit of St Francis website <https://www.spiritoffrancis.com/creating-space/>. Some booklets may be available.
- Prayer and Discussion Groups
 - 9-10am Every Friday in the Sanctuary at St Andrew's starting 28th November
 - 7.30-8.30 Every Tuesday on Zoom starting 2nd December. This maybe opened up to the Franciscans in the East of England area and anyone else who would like to join
- A Quiet/Prayer Day
 - Wednesday 17th December. – With Prayer stations and meditation sessions on each of the 4 themes

Pauline

Course In Christian Studies

Apply/Register Your Interest By 1st December To Start In January

The Course in Christian Studies is a two-year course exploring the Christian Faith with others, delivered weekly in local centres around the diocese. There is a group meeting on Monday evenings in Colchester (which I help lead) and on Tuesday mornings at St Osyth as well as zoom groups on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The CCS is made up of two years of study, the first being an introduction to theology and the second year is a foundational year in ministry, giving students the opportunity to explore a variety of vocations and ministries within the church. You can choose to do some assignments to receive a Bishop's Certificate.

Gill Bucke is currently coming to the end of the first year following the course on zoom. Meg Burdus and Ruth West completed the course in recent years. All of them can tell you much they enjoyed the course and how it has helped to deepen their faith.

To get more information and/or register your interest go to

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/discipleship/course-in-christian-studies>

Or talk to myself or Andrew.

Pauline

Ministry for Men will return to The Pointer for the last meeting of this year, for a drink and catch up together at 7.30pm on 27th November. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Chris Lovell 07513 431 844

Quiet Hour, which meets at 2pm on Tuesday afternoons in the Meeting Room at Elmstead, will be using Bp Guli's book '**Listening to the Music of the Soul**' which focuses on The Magnificat, as their Advent Study Guide. You are welcome to come along for any of the sessions which will begin on Tuesday 25th November.

The **Children's Society** collecting boxes from all 3 parishes will be collected at the Christingle Service at Elmstead on Sunday 14th December. If you have a box which needs emptying please bring it to the service or give to Andrew or Pauline or leave in the Admin Office before then. If you would like a box please contact Emma at stalsecretary@tenpennyvillages.uk and she will ensure that you receive one for use next year.



Christmas Tree Festival at Elmstead Parish Church on the 29th and 30th November



**Come and join us to see the trees which are being
displayed by villagers and organisations
and vote for your favourite tree**

10.am to 4.pm Saturday

11.30 to 4.pm Sunday

There will be a Short Advent Reflection at 4pm on the Sunday



We
will be
accepting gifts
of food so as to
grow the Food Bank Tree

A Raffle



**A Cake
Stall**

**A different
Tombola**



Entrance is free and there will be refreshments

For further information see: elmstead.church@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your entries for our Christmas Tree Festival!

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 Instagram: [Tenpennychurches](https://www.instagram.com/Tenpennychurches)

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website: tenpennyvillages.uk

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!

4pm	Sun 23 rd Nov	StA	PCC meeting
7:30pm	Thurs 27 th Nov		Ministry for Men <i>at The Pointer</i>
10am	Sat 29 th Nov	StAL	Christmas Tree Festival
11:30am	Sun 30 th Nov	StAL	Christmas Tree Festival
3pm	Sun 7 th Dec	StMM	Evensong
10am	Sun 14 th Dec	StAL	Christingle service
4pm		StA	Songs of Praise <i>followed by tea</i>
5:30pm		StMM	Carols and Christingle <i>followed by refreshments</i>
5pm	Sun 21 st Dec	StAL	Carols by candlelight <i>followed by refreshments</i>
6:30pm		StA	Carols by candlelight <i>followed by refreshments</i>

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