



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 7th December ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent

Theme ~ Preparing the way Readings ~ Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

08:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
<i>10:45 for</i> 11:00	StA	<i>Gather for refreshments</i> Café Church	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
<i>2:15</i> 3:00	StMM	<i>Choir Practice</i> Evensong	<i>Valerie Harper</i>

Mid-week Diary

Mon	9:15	StA	Primary School Carol Service
Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:30	StA	Tuesday Tots
	14:00	StAL	Advent Study <i>everyone welcome</i> <i>Bp Guli's book "Listening to the Music of the Soul"</i>
	14:00	StA	Knit'n'natter
	19:30	StA (& Zoom)	Creating Space – Advent Journey
Wed	10:30	StA	Book Café
Thurs	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
	15:00	StA	Celebration of Life – Barbara Brooksbank
	16:30	StAL	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	StAL	Brownie Guides
Fri	9:00	StA	Creating Space – Advent Journey

Next Sunday 14th December ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

Theme ~ The messenger wobbles Readings ~ Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

09:30	StMM	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Alex McCann</i>
10:00	StAL	Christingle service	<i>Gill Bucke</i>
11:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Alex McCann</i>
16:00	StA	Songs of Praise <i>followed by tea</i>	<i>Hazel Martin / Meg Burdus</i>
17:00	StMM	Carols and Christingle <i>followed by refreshments</i>	<i>Pauline Hart</i>

Advent Wreath Prayer for this week

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen

Barbara Brooksbank Tony and his family would like to invite you to a service to celebrate Barbara's life.

3pm on Thursday 11th December.

There will be refreshments afterwards and any offers of cakes for this would be appreciated.

Thank you

The **Children's Society** collecting boxes from all 3 parishes will be collected at the Christingle Service at Elmstead on **next Sunday**. 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.



Many thanks to everyone who supported our **Christmas Tree Festival** last weekend. We were delighted to have so many visitors.

Congratulations go to **Alresford Knit'n'natter group** whose submission of a knitted Nativity Tree was voted to be the most popular adult tree (and is now proudly on display at St Andrew's) and to **Class 4 at Elmstead Primary School** whose tree was the favourite among the children's work.



A list of requests from **Clacton and Colchester Food Banks** is available at each church. Please ask if you cannot find a copy

Creating Space – An Advent Journey

I am offering this study and prayer material written by The Society of St Francis. It 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 be 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/>. This is the material I have used to prepare some sheets/booklets which are attached or will be available in the churches. You can use this to join with the groups mentioned below or on your own.
- **Prayer and Discussion Groups**
 - 9-10.00 Every Friday in the Sanctuary at St Andrew's starting 28th November
 - 19.30-20.30 Every Tuesday on Zoom starting 2nd December.
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82288439000?pwd=zh8zg5ilDagoXBnftwISBjcO7YzcDO.1>
Meeting ID: 822 8843 9000 Passcode: 869914
- **A Drop-In Quiet/Prayer Day - Wednesday 17th December. 8.00am-8.00pm In the Hub at St Andrew's.**

There will be a programme of quiet worship times and led meditations (See below for timings) There will also be Prayer Stations for you to spend time at on your own. Come when and for as long as you like – Or stay all day!

8.00	Day Start Prayer	
9.00	Morning Prayer	
10.00	1 st Meditation	Mary's "Yes" and the Making of Space
12.00	Midday Prayer	
12.30	2 nd Meditation	The Womb as Holy Ground
13.00	Soup and roll available	
15.00	Evening Prayer	
15.30	3 rd Meditation	Mary's Broken Body and the Cost of Incarnation.
18.30	Holy Communion and 4 th Meditation	Making Room for Resurrection – Birthing Christ Today
Tea and Coffee will be available all day		

I will also be inviting the Third Order Franciscans in the East of England area to the Zoom sessions on Tuesday evenings and you may share with anyone you think may be interested. I will also publicise all of these sessions on our Facebook page etc.

Pauline



St Andrew's Church, Alresford

*Christmas
Songs of Praise*

14 December, 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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Songs of Praise 4pm 14th Dec We would love you to join us at this lovely service. Good to invite friends and family to come along. There is a sheet at the back of the St Andrew's to sign up.

Donations of food for the tea would be most welcome.

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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!

3pm	Sun 7 th Dec	StMM	Evensong
10am	Sun 14 th Dec	StAL	Christingle service <i>please return any Children's Society collection boxes asap</i>
4pm		StA	Songs of Praise <i>followed by tea</i>
5:30pm		StMM	Carols and Christingle <i>followed by refreshments</i>
From 8am	Wed 17 th Dec	StA	Advent Drop-in Quiet Day
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>
All day	Mon 5th Jan	StA	The church will not be available all day <i>Building works start on updating the toilet facilities</i>

A list of all services during Advent and Christmas across the whole Benefice is available on the website and in each church.

The Tenpenny Villages Benefice

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