



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 1st March ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

Theme: Born of water and the Spirit

Readings ~ Psalm 121; John 3:1-17

08:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / John Harper</i>
10:45	StA	Meet for Refreshments	
11:15	StA	Café Church	<i>Julie Thompson</i>
14:15	StMM	Choir Practice	
15:00	StMM	Evensong	<i>Valerie Harper</i>

Mid-week Diary

Mon	10:30	StA	Friendship Circle
Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:30	StA	Tuesday Tots
	14:00	StAL	Lent Study Group <i>everyone welcome</i>
	14:00	StA	Knit'n'Natter
Thurs	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
	16:30	StAL	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	StAL	Brownie Guides
Fri	10:00		Tenpenny Literature Group <i>1 Thatchers Drive, Elmstead</i>

Next Sunday 8th March ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

Theme: The thirsty Saviour

Readings Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

09:30	StMM	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
10:00	StAL	All Age Worship	<i>Gill Bucke</i>
11:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Hazel Martin (Glan Martin presiding)</i>

Travelling Well Together for Lent - 100 Days Of Prayer – Leading to 100 Days of Listening

Week Beginning Wednesday 25th February

Theme: Our Readiness For Change

Sometimes it is hard to see the change in front of us. Taking time to see the change in front of us and around us, helps us accept that change is happening and enables us to pray and seek how God is calling us to change as people and communities. Sometimes this is hard. On the Road to Emmaus the two disciples didn't recognise the risen Jesus walking and talking with them, yet Jesus was interested in them and their experience.

Now on the same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" (Luke 24: 13-17b)

This week, we give thanks...

- that Jesus comes near and journeys with us through change
- that through Jesus, our eyes are opened to God's longing for change, for us and for our communities

We pray that...

- we may see the changes taking place around us
- that God would equip us so that we are ready for the changes that God is calling us into

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Copies of The Diocesan 100 Days of Prayer are available at the back of the churches; if you would like a copy but if there are none left please let us know and we will print some more.

Travelling Well Together for Lent - 100 Days Of Prayer – Leading to 100 Days of Listening

Week Beginning Wednesday 4th March

Theme: Church Growth

Church attendance in the Church of England has been falling for several decades. Over the same time, the population has grown. There has been some encouraging growth in attendance since the Covid-19 pandemic, however attendance has not yet returned to levels seen before the pandemic. Chelmsford diocese is not unique in this regard, and similar attendance patterns are observed across the whole Church of England.

We long for growth in our churches, in number, in spiritual commitment and in service. A recent survey by the Bible Society (The Quiet Revival¹ has demonstrated significant church growth among young adults, particularly young men. We want to be churches and communities ready to welcome all who are exploring faith and church.

"⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2: 46-47)

This week, we give thanks

- for our churches, schools and worshipping communities
- for our congregations, wherever they meet, whether in churches, schools, community centres, halls or outdoors
- for those who are new to church and who bring vitality and change

We pray that

- our churches would grow in number, spiritual commitment and service
- we would be expectant and ready for growth

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.²

¹ The Quiet Revival: Gen Z leads rise in church attendance

² *Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) prayer*

FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL COLCHESTER

30th Birthday Celebration

We would love to invite you to join us for
tea and cake to celebrate the past, the
present, and the future

Location: Greenstead Evangelical Church
Date: Saturday 21st March, 2026. Time: 3-5 p.m.
Please sign up via the QR Code.



Any issues email
Jasmine.svanda@friendsinternational.uk

If you can't read the QR code try this link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kj889slzw1tQgvjSg3maUzuTTe39N2VSJT8DUCwo8M/edit>



St Andrew's Church
Alresford

Songs of Praise

22 March, 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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Good Friday

Children's Workshop

10am-12noon Fri 3rd April

Elmstead Parish Church

Crafts and activities for children

*Make
cards*

*Design stained
glass windows*

Learn more about the Easter Story

*Add your
footprints
to the cross*

*Help with
the Easter
Garden*

...and so much more...

St Andrew's Church

Family Friendly Easter Trail

Save the date!

Join us to find out
about the Easter story

Free!

All welcome

Children must
be accompanied
by an adult

Crafts

Activities

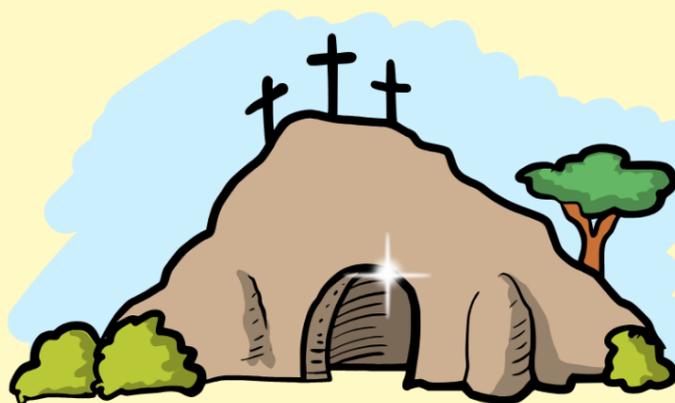
Games

Refreshments

Saturday

4th April

2 - 3.30pm



St Andrew's Close, CO7 8BL

If you are interested in helping please contact Judy Lovell 07919 318233
or speak to her at St Andrew's



Annual Art and Craft Exhibition

at St Anne and St Laurence Church,
Elmstead CO7 7AR

on

Saturday 13th and
Sunday 14th June 2026

If you would like to exhibit your work or
have a stall in our Craft Tent, please
contact us for further information at

stalfriends@tenpennyvillages.uk

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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!

4pm	Sun 8 th March	StA	PCC meeting
7:30pm	Mon 9 th March	StMM	PCC meeting
1pm	Thurs 12 th Mar	StAL	PCC meeting
9:30m	Sun 15 th March	StMM	Morning Worship
10am	Mothering	StAL	Family Communion
11am	Sunday	StA	Morning Worship
1pm	Sun 22 nd March	StAL	Parish Lunch <i>823774 to book</i>
4pm		StA	Songs of Praise followed by tea <i>list at back of StA to sign for tea</i>
12pm	Fri 27 th March	StAL	Funeral ~ Liz Hill

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