



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 29th March ~ Palm Sunday

clocks go forward



Readings: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

9:15 10:00	StAL StAL	Choir Practice Benefice Family Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee and cake</i>	<i>Bishop Guli</i>
10:30 11:00 12:15 (<i>ish</i>)	StP StA StA	Walk of Witness to St Andrew's Holy Communion Welcome Bp Guli and blessing of new facilities <i>followed by Bring & Share lunch</i>	<i>Pauline Hart</i>

Mid-week Diary

Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	14:00	StAL	Lent Study Group <i>everyone welcome</i>
	14:00	StA	Knit'n'Natter
Wed	17:30	StAL	Holy Week Walk
	18:30	StAL	Light Supper
	19:30	StAL	Foot washing service
Thurs	19:30	StA	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri	10:00	StAL	Good Friday Workshop
	14:00	StMM	An Hour at the Cross
Sat	14:00	StA	Easter Trail
	19:30	StAL	Lighting the Easter Fire

Next Sunday 5th April ~ Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

6:30	StA	Sunrise Service	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
9:30	StMM	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
11:00	StA	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>

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

Week Beginning Wednesday 25th March

Theme: Vocations

Our parishes and worshipping communities are faithfully sustained by their clergy, whether they are retired, self-supporting, house for duty, ministers in secular employment or full-time stipendiary clergy. Stipendiary ministry remains the cornerstone of the Church of England, used to measure current and future resource needs. The cost of ministry is directly related to the parish share request with built in support for parishes in areas of deprivation.

Under the national Renewal and Reform programme which started in 2015 the goal was to have created a stable pool of about 7600 full-time clergy by 2035. In September 2024, the Church Times reported that the number of stipendiary clergy in the Church of England will fall to 5400 in 2033, a 40% reduction since the year 2000. The number of people going forward to train for ordained ministry has fallen by 38% since 2020. As we look to sustaining ministry in our diocese and the availability of stipendiary clergy, new models of ministry need to be explored in our different parish communities.

¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...
(John 15: 16)

This week, we give thanks...

- for our clergy: retired, self-supporting, working in secular employment or in stipendiary roles
- our Diocesan Vocations Team and our area ordination advisors
- our ordinands and all of those in the discernment process

We pray that...

- more people would be called to serve as deacons and priests
- we would be open to reimagining our models of ministry across our diocese

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in the Church:
look with mercy on your servants
called to be deacons and priests;
maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,
that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Week Beginning Wednesday 1st April

Theme: Wellbeing And Sustaining Healthy Rhythms

Wellbeing is about human flourishing and functioning well. One of the seven shared Diocesan Values articulated in Travelling Well Together is “sustaining healthy rhythms”. We are invited to live life in all its fulness. This requires us to take personal responsibility, making time for leisure, recreation, prayer and service. It also requires us to support one another, sometimes carrying those who are struggling most. We also recognise that there are particular pressures facing those who serve in leadership roles in our churches, lay and ordained.

1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ♦ so longs my soul for you, O God.

*2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; ♦
when shall I come before the presence of God?*

*3 My tears have been my bread day and night, ♦
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'*

*4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: ♦
how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God,*

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ♦ among those who kept holy day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦ and why are you so disquieted within me?

*7 O put your trust in God; ♦ for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God. (Psalm 42)*

This week, we give thanks...

- for those who support us and enable us to flourish in our lives and ministries
- for all that brings us joy, all that energises us, all that inspires us
- for those people whose ministry is to support and enable others to flourish in their lives and ministries

We pray that...

- we would be wise in the decisions we make that impact our own wellbeing
- our churches and worshipping communities would be places of mutual support and healing, witnessing to Christ's healing presence in the world

Come, creator Spirit, source of life;
sustain us when our hearts are heavy
and our wells have run dry,
for you are the Father's gift,
with him who is our living water,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we approach our 50th anniversary of **St Andrew's** could we put out an appeal for **memorabilia about St Andrew's** and the last 50 years. If you are in a position to bring it to church please make sure it is clearly labelled so we can get it back to you.

I was thinking we could do some setting up on 8th April after the Café.

Thorrington are looking for some help in running their **Bluebell weekend** on 25th and 26th April.

If you are able to offer some time please email Steve thorringtonchurtyard.1900@gmail.com with times when you would be available between 10am and 4pm on either the Saturday or the Sunday.

Last autumn the benefice was **awarded a grant to improve communication** within our parishes. We have used the funds to add a **flyer to 3 editions of Look Magazine** because it is delivered to all houses in all 4 villages. The first flyer was in the December magazine and the second flyer is in this month's issue. The next will hopefully go in the September edition. We would appreciate your opinion of the project.

Elmstead Warm Hub was awarded Highly Commended in the recent **Pride of Tendring Awards**. The church has supported this initiative since inception by hosting it once a month.



St Andrew's 50th Birthday Celebrations

St Andrew's Church opened on Palm Sunday 1976 and there will be celebrations at the church. These will be taking place on both on Palm Sunday, 29th March and on the weekend of 11th and 12th April (the weekend closest to the anniversary of the opening). Palm Sunday services are listed on the front page

Saturday 11th April 2-5pm Teas and cake will be served

Exhibition of Memorabilia of 50 years of St Andrew's Church

Sunday 12th April 11am Celebratory Family Communion Service

Followed by Shepherd's Pie Lunch (Vegetarian option will be available but let us know if you would like this so we make the right quantity.) Please also let us know of any other any other dietary requirements

Past rectors and others with connections to the church over the years are being invited to this milestone in the life of the church. However, please spread the word around the village as it would be lovely to see as many people with memories of the opening, the early days of St Andrew's and the life of the church over the last 50 years to come along.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in **recycling blister packs**. This weekend we will be start to use the **FINAL box**. We have come to the end of the grant money and donations and so once this box is full we will no longer accept blister packs within the Benefice.

So far we have recycled 86.34 kg of blister packs, and that's without the weight of the final two boxes!

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

Free!
All welcome
 Children must be accompanied by an adult

Save the date!
 Join us to find out about the Easter story

Crafts
Activities
Games
Refreshments

Saturday 4th April
2 - 3.30pm



St Andrew's Close, CO7 8BL



Thorrington Hall Woods
Bluebell Weekend Fun trail for children

Dogs are welcome, on leads at all times

Refreshments available in the Church

Together with 

 10am – 4pm
 Last entry 3pm

 Thorrington Hall Woods,
 Clacton Road,
 Thorrington, CO7 8HA

 25th and 26th
 April 2026

 Adults £2
 Under 15's £1
 Cash only



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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
07791 673821

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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!

5:30	Wed 1 st Apr	StAL	Holy Week Walk
6:30			Light Supper
7:30			Foot washing
7:30	Thurs 2 nd Apr	StA	Maundy Thursday service
10am	Fri 3 rd Apr	StAL	Good Friday Workshop
2pm		StMM	An Hour at the Cross
2pm	Sat 4 th Apr	StA	Easter Trail
7:30		StAL	Lighting the Easter Fire
6:30am	Sun 5 th Apr	StA	Sunrise service
9:30am		StMM	Holy Communion
10am		StAL	Family Communion
11am		StA	Holy Communion
7:30pm	Mon 13 th Apr	StMM	APCM
1pm	Sun 19 th Apr	StAL	Parish Lunch <i>call 823774 to book</i>
10am	Sat 25 th Apr	StMM	Bluebell Woods open
10am	Sun 26 th Apr	StMM	Bluebell Woods open
11:15am		StAL	APCM
3pm	Sun 17 th May	StA	APCM

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