



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 12th April ~ Easter 2

Theme: Peace and presence

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

9:30	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 / Pauline Hart</i>
12:30	StA	Anniversary Lunch	

Mid-week Diary

Mon	10:30	StA	Memories Group
	19:30	StMM	APCM
Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:30	StA	Tuesday Tots
	11:am	StAL	Funeral Weeley Crem ~ Steve Pike
	14:00	StA	Knit'n'Natter
Wed	10:00	StAL	Hosting Social Hub <i>at Community Centre</i>
Thurs	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
	13:45	StA	Relax'n'Renew
	16:30	StAL	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	StAL	Brownie Guides
Sat	10:00	StAL	Churchyard Work party – <i>everyone welcome</i>

Next Sunday 19th April ~ Easter 3

Theme: Their eyes were opened

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Luke 24:13-35

9:30	StMM	Morning Worship with Baptism	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
11:00	StA	Morning Worship <i>with visit from William and Sarah Babumba</i>	<i>Keith West/ Brian Ford</i>
13:00	StA	Parish Lunch	<i>call 823774 to book</i>

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

Week Beginning Wednesday 8th April

Theme: Wellbeing And Sustaining Healthy Rhythms

Leading in Christian ministry can be deeply rewarding and joyful; it can also at times be costly and demanding for ministers and their families. Physical, financial, emotional and spiritual health, together with personal and professional relationships, within the wider context of vocation, all contribute to an overall sense of wellbeing for clergy and licensed lay ministers. Ordained and licensed ministry is inextricably interwoven with other aspects of life and with other people's lives. Ministers are often sustained by a very strong sense of personal calling, but the work can be lonely, and some ministers feel isolated in their ministry or in their personal lives.

The population in our diocese has increased over the past ten years, but over this same time, the number of clergy posts has reduced from 300 to 235. By 2025, each clergy post in our diocese was serving a smaller congregation (an average of 108 adults) but a larger average population (13, 964). Whilst we are moving away from "one vicar, one parish" and multi-parish benefices are more common, we need to actively explore new models of ministry that are sustainable and that enable the flourishing of all God's people.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11: 28-30)

This week, we give thanks...

- for spiritual directors, pastoral supervisors, counsellors, prayer partners, coaches and mentors who support our lay and ordained leaders
- the Clergy Support Trust, the Charity for Licensed Ministers in the Diocese of Chelmsford (LMDC) and other charities that support clergy and licensed ministers in particular need
- for our Deanery Wellbeing champions and our Diocesan Wellbeing Steering Group

We pray that...

- all our clergy and licensed lay ministers would receive the support that they need to enable them in their ministries
- we would be bold and imaginative in our exploration of new models of ministry that will enable all God's people to flourish

Creator and lover of our souls:

teach us to release our burdens and accept your love.

May your love be the deepest reality of our lives,
and may we offer real love to others. Amen.

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

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Theme: Church buildings and the importance of place

In Chelmsford Diocese we are blessed with nearly six hundred church buildings. Many are an important part of our heritage and have been at the heart of the communities we serve for hundreds of years. Our buildings are associated with precious personal and corporate memories, such as family weddings or funerals, significant community milestones etc. Most importantly they are sacred places of worship, mission and ministry. Caring for church buildings is a great challenge for clergy, churchwardens and PCCs and responsibility for them can sometimes feel more like a burden than a blessing. It can be a challenging and often costly and complex ministry.

²⁴ 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!' (Matthew 7 v24-27)

This week, we give thanks for:

- Our local church buildings in our context and for all that they mean to us and to our communities
- Those who take care of our church buildings, our churchwardens, our PCC members and our clergy
- Our DAC and Church Buildings Team, for their wisdom, experience and support

We pray that:

- We would be wise stewards of all that God has given us and good custodians of our buildings
- That we would find practical and metaphorical ways to fling wide our doors to welcome all
- That our buildings would tell the story always of our true foundation in Jesus Christ

O heavenly architect,

we pray for your unmeasured blessing
upon our churches and sacred spaces.

As they have given shape to prayer through many generations

may they speak to us and all people

as they seek to follow you afresh

and as we seek to travel well together with Jesus and with each other Amen.

William and Sarah Babumba thank St Andrew's Church and members of St Mary Magdalen congregation for supporting their work with **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Missionaries**.

William and Sarah will be visiting St Andrew's next Sunday, and would love to meet you.

Later this summer they will be returning to Uganda to work with MAF in the Ssesse Islands in Lake Victoria where William will be a Partnership Development Manager, and Sarah will have a supporting role in the MAF community.

You can find more information about the work MAF is developing in these islands using these links.

<https://youtu.be/KopxqsoBjBw>

St Andrew's APCM will be held in the church on **Sunday 17th May** at 3.00pm. Elections will be held for the following positions:

Church Wardens (2 vacancies; *Nick Berry to stand*)

Deanery Synod (2 vacancies)

PCC Members (8 vacancies; *Lyn Bull, Phil Bull & Marguerite McCann to stand*)

If anyone is interested in standing for the above, a nomination form needs to be completed and returned to me; these can be found at the back of the church. For more information, please talk to any of the current PCC members.

Phil Bull

We will also be updating our **Electoral Rolls** (list of church members) over the next three weeks. (Church members are entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and take part in its proceedings) If you would like your name to be added please complete one of the forms at the back of the church and return to Wayne Wilson by Friday 1st May. If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to complete a form this year.

If you have any questions about the form please speak to Wayne.



Thorrington Hall Woods Bluebell Weekend

Fun trail
for children



Dogs are welcome,
on leads at all times

Refreshments available
in the Church



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

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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!

7:30pm	Mon 13 th Apr	StMM	APCM
1pm	Sun 19 th Apr	StA	Visit from Sarah & William Babumba - MAF
		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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