



**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 10<sup>th</sup> May ~ Easter 6

**Theme: Drawn into the Trinity**

**Readings: Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21**

09:30	StMM	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
10:00	StAL	All Age Worship ~ Christian Aid Week	<i>Gill Bucke</i>
11:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>

### Mid-week Diary

<b>Mon</b>	14:30	StA	Memories Group
	19:00 for 19:30	StAL	Deanery Synod with Bp Roger
<b>Tues</b>	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:30	StA	Tuesday Tots
	13:00	StAL	PCC meeting
	14:00	StA	Knit'n'Natter
	19:30	StAL	Friends Committee Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	10:30	StA	Book Café
<b>Thurs</b>	9:00	StA	Holy Communion for Ascension Day
	16:30	StAL	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	StAL	Brownie Guides
	19:30	StAL	Ascension Day service

## Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May ~ Easter 7

**Theme: Jesus prays for his followers**

**Readings: Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11**

09:30	StMM	Holy Communion	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
11:00	StA	Morning Worship <i>with William &amp; Sarah Babumba</i>	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
1pm	StAL	Parish Lunch	<i>07791 673821 to book</i>
3pm	StA	APCM	
4pm	StA	PCC meeting	

## The Tenpenny Villages Benefice - the next 50 years!!

As part of the celebration of 50 years since the opening of St Andrew's church all three churches are being invited to ponder, wonder and dream dreams about what the next 50 years could mean. Although it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for St Andrew's that prompted this pondering it is just as relevant for St Anne & St Laurence and for St Mary Magdalen and for us as the Tenpenny Villages Benefice.

Prayer boards have been put up in all 3 churches with a few questions as starting points. Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider and post up answers, thoughts, pictures and anything else they think God might be prompting. The boards will be left up until Pentecost so please continue to pray and ponder. House groups are also be invited to specifically consider these questions.

The question posed are:

- What does God want to say to us today?
- What do you want to pray for today?
- What will the world look like?
- What do you think God's plan for us could be?
- What might this look like?
- What can we be doing now?
- What should we stop doing?
- What might stop us

Of course, if you have any other thoughts, concerns, questions or promptings from God please draw or write add them

*None of us can sit back and say 'Well I won't be here in 50 years' time'!!*

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

w.beg Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May Theme: Stewardship and finance

Finances - both the raising of them and the management of them - demands careful consideration. Whether we have too much or not enough or somewhere in between we are called to be wise stewards. Maintaining the outlook and perspective of 'money as our servant and not our master' needs thoughtfulness and courage at every level of church life. Deciding on what we spend, save and give is a real responsibility and one that is shared across our PCCs and committees.

We are in a season of financial leanness and the challenge to balance books is a demanding one within our homes, our PCCs and within the diocese. Chelmsford diocese has had an ongoing financial deficit over several years. This is because of the shortfall in parish share contributions. It means that the cost of parish clergy, ordinands and curates, and diocesan services cannot be fully met from the income available. Our parish share contributions currently only meet 82% of the amount requested.

We are reliant on the good management of resources and the generosity of all those who give from their own funds. Jesus had a lot to say about money, which always lead to teaching to be generous in heart and spirit.

*He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; 2he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; 4for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'* (Luke 21: 1-4)

This week, we give thanks...

- for God's of generosity and abundance to us
- for all who give financially to the church and for all who manage our finances
- for parish treasurers and gift aid officers, for the DBF and parish giving advisors

We pray that...

- God will give us wisdom in how we use money and for the spirit of generosity as we assess what we can give of our own resources
- God will stir us up to be wise stewards and generous disciples, giving us enlarged hearts for compassion and service

Almighty God  
who alone is the creator of all things,  
and the source of all goodness,  
give us the heart of the widow who gave the mite;  
that we too may give all we have in your service  
for the glory of your son our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, who gave his all for us. Amen.

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

w.beg Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May

Theme: Our readiness for change

As we enter the final weeks of our 100 Days of Prayer, we approach the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. We journey with Jesus' disciples through some momentous changes. Having barely come to terms with Jesus' resurrected presence amongst them, he leaves them, but with the promise of God's presence in and through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Change is a normal part of human experience. In God's gift of the Holy Spirit, we encounter change, transformation and potential beyond our imagining. We face many challenges in our shared life as a diocese. God is with us in this journey as the one who can bring change, transformation and potential beyond our imagining, giving us hope for the future which God intends for us.

*While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'* (Acts 1: 4-11)

As we approach the Ascension and Pentecost, we give thanks...

- for Jesus' resurrected presence in God's world through the Holy Spirit
- for God's desire for us to continue Jesus' ministry on earth
- for how God equips us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit

We pray that...

- we would be open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of God's church
- we would be ready for the transformation and potential that God may intend for us, our churches and our communities

Give to us, O God,  
a vision of your kingdom,  
a glimpse of your glory,  
an openness to your rule,  
and your spirit to guide us.

Hear us, we pray, through Christ,  
the risen and ascended one. Amen.

*(David Hamflett, taken from Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday by Ruth Burgess)*

**William and Sarah Babumba** from **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)** are delighted that they have been able to reschedule their visit and will be at St Andrew's next Sunday where they look forward to explaining what they are going to do and getting to know you.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in **recycling blister packs**.

We have started our last box. There is still room at the moment but please be aware that 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 at St Andrew's.

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



**The Friends of Elmstead Church**  
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Church Road, Elmstead Market CO7 7AR

# Annual Arts and Craft Weekend

Paintings and Crafts by local artists  
for sale at reasonable prices

**Lunches, teas  
and home-made cakes**

**9:30am – 5pm Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**11:30am – 4pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Free entry**

**Art display from the village schools**

**Further information:**

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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 for 7:30	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	StAL	Deanery Synod with Bp Roger
1pm	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May	StAL	PCC meeting
7:30pm		StAL	Friends Committee Meeting
7:30pm	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	StAL	Ascension Day Service
11am	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	StA	William & Sarah Babumba visiting
1pm		StAL	Parish Lunch <i>07791 673821 to book</i>
3pm		StA	APCM
4pm		StA	PCC meeting
10am	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	StAL	Hosting Social Hub <i>at Community Centre</i>
7:15pm	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May	StMM	PCC meeting
10am	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	StAL	Pitch marquees – <i>no offer of help refused!</i>
<b>10:30am</b>	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	StMM	United Benefice service <i>(NB no services at StA or StAL)</i>

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