



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 25th October ~ Last Sunday of Trinity ~  clocks go back

Theme: Vertical Faith, Horizontal Love

Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 ; Matthew 22:34-end

09:30	StMM	Morning Worship with Baptism	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Alex McCann</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Julia and Graham Lewis</i>
11:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Alex McCann</i>

Mid-week Diary

Mon	10:30	StA	Friendship Group
Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	14:00	StA	Knit'n'Natter Group
Wed	10:30	StAL	Book Café
Thurs	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
Sat	10:00	StAL	Prepare flowers for All Souls' service
	17:00	StA	Witness stall

Next Sunday 1st November ~ All Saints Day

Theme: Beautiful Brokenness

Readings: 1 John 3:1-3 ; Matthew 5:1-12

08:00	StA	Holy Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
10:45	StA	Meet for Refreshments	<i>Meg Burdus</i>
11:15	StA	Café Church	
14:15	StMM	Choir Practice	<i>Valerie and John Harper</i>
15:00	StMM	Evensong	
16:00	StAL	Tea	
17:00	StAL	All Souls' service	

News from Pauline

I have given Bishop Gulli notice that I will be resigning my licence as Associate Priest in the Tenpenny Benefice and applying for Permission to Officiate – basically this means that I will be retiring from front facing benefice ministry to focus more on the ministry of spiritual direction which has been opening up, on my role as Area Minister for the Third Order of Franciscans and to spend more time with Steve, family and friends. The plan is that I will retire from Monday 30th November. Bishop Gulli has urged me not to undertake any parish type ministry for 4-6 months after this which means that I will not be taking Sunday services for at least that length of time and I will be stepping away from 'leadership' type roles. I am not leaving the benefice and I will continue to be a priest however my 'legal' status and role changes. Andrew and I will continue to support one another and we will review the ongoing contribution that I am able to make in our churches in the Spring. I would have had to retire in two years anyway and it feels very right to bring this forward. I will greatly appreciate your ongoing prayers during this time of exciting transition.

I have been wondering if we could provide some kind of **gentle witness to young families on Hallowe'en**. In a previous church we offered hot chocolate, angel lights and a scripture union leaflet.

If you could be available to help run a stall 5-8pm on 31st October could you drop me an email.

I am also looking to run a **steering group that thinks wider** about how we support children, youth and young families in our benefice - if you are interested please also get in touch.

Many thanks

Andrew

I'm looking to run a **Christmas Choir this year that will be singing in all three churches** over Christmas (Sunday 13th December 3pm at Thorrington and 6:30pm at Alresford, and Sunday 20th December 5pm at Elmstead).

I have three songs that we will be learning, 2 in parts (Soprano, Alto and Tenor) and 1 in unison. I would like to do some rehearsals starting early November so that we can learn the pieces and be confident in them. The rehearsals will need to be at St Andrew's as we need the piano, between 7:30 and 9pm.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church and it would be really helpful if you could let me know if you are interested (and a contact email), what evenings you can do and what part you sing and I'll try to organize the best night we can make. You don't have to come to every rehearsal but it would be good if you can make as many as you can.

I hope to start rehearsals in the week beginning 2nd November. Everyone is welcome – whether you have experience reading music or not. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cathy Fordyce

Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community

Church engagement with these new communities

Save the Date: On the evening of **Monday 23rd November** there will be an event for all interested people in churches in Colchester, St Osyth and Harwich Deaneries to explore together how we as the church can engage in helping to build community and flourishing in the new Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community. We will be joined by Bishop Roger and the Project director from Clarion (the developer), Russ Edwards. The event will take place at **St Andrew's Church, Alresford in the evening**.

Please do share the date with people in your parishes and encourage them to consider coming with their questions, concerns and hopes. *See poster with information in this newsletter.*

In response to **Pauline's announcement of her retirement** at the end of November, we are organising a benefice-wide collection so that we can mark the occasion appropriately and give thanks for all she has done within the Benefice. There will shortly be large cards to sign at the back of each church; contributions towards a gift can be made online either to your church in your usual way or to Alresford Parochial Church Council 20-21-73 a/c 20102318 with the reference 'Pauline gift'; or by cash to Catherine, Pippa or Valerie. Any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

500 Smiles Shoe boxes - I now have the shoeboxes and they are at the back of the Church at St Andrew's. If you have put your name down for them then please take one, if you are unable to get them then please let me know. If you would like to do one but hadn't put your name down then let me know and I can get additional boxes.

They need to be at St Andrew's for **Sunday 15th November** as they will be collected some time that week.

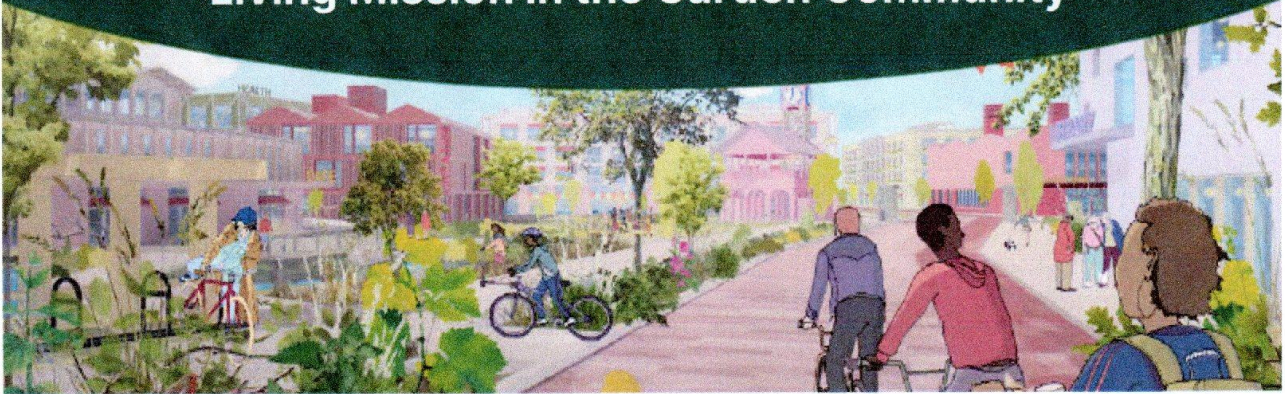
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Collection boxes, in the shape of a candle are available at the back of the churches for **The Children's Society**; please help yourself if you would like one. They will be collected, together with any collection boxes, at the Christingle services on 13th December. (*St Andrew's please hand in to the office*)

An evening for churches across Colchester, St Osyth and Harwich Deaneries

WHAT MIGHT GOD GROW HERE?

Flourishing Together: Living Mission in the Garden Community



A new community is taking shape on our doorstep.

How might local churches pray, listen and work together so that people, relationships and faith can flourish from the very beginning?

Come with both your questions and hopes for an inspiring evening of vision, conversation and prayer. Together we will explore the emerging Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community and the opportunities it offers for generous, locally rooted mission.

EVENT DETAILS



Monday 23 November 2026



19:30 – 21:00 - arrivals from 7pm



St Andrew's Church, Alresford



Refreshments provided

For clergy, PCC members, lay leaders, mission teams and congregations from churches surrounding the Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community.

HEAR • REFLECT • IMAGINE

Bishop Roger Morris

Bishop of Colchester

A biblical and theological reflection on flourishing, mission and community.

Russ Edwards

Project Director, Latimer

An introduction to the vision for the Garden Community and how it is being designed to support flourishing.

Carrie Prior

Diocesan Director of Education

Exploring the connections between home, school, church and community.

The Ven. Ruth Patten

Archdeacon of Colchester

The story of the Church's journey alongside the development so far.

WHY COME?



Discover

Understand the vision for the emerging Garden Community and what it could mean for neighbouring churches.



Imagine

Explore how Christian presence and worshipping communities might develop alongside a new neighbourhood.



Connect

Meet people from surrounding churches and share ideas, hopes and experience.



Discern

Listen together for where God may be calling us to participate in His mission.





Elmstead Christmas Tree Festival

10am - 4pm Saturday 28th November

11:30am - 4pm Sunday 29th November

Would you like to enter a tree and join the fun?
Individuals and groups welcome

Your tree can be bit of fun or something serious, a joke
or something personal; something that advertises you
and/or your business/club/group.

**Entries are free - no limit to the number of trees
you enter** *please let us know by 20th Nov if you will be entering a tree*

**Whatever you want to do
we would love to have you join us.**

Please contact elmstead.church@gmail.com
07791 673821 to ensure we have space ready for you.

The church will be open on 10am-12pm on Thursday
and 12pm-2pm Friday for you to set up your tree.

We look forward to your entry.

St Anne and St Laurence Church, Elmstead



Poetry evening



Rev Andrew Fordyce
shares some poems
from "**Grace Notes**"



Date: November 28th, 2026

Doors open: 7 pm

Interval at 8.30 with a chance to view
our Christmas trees.

Mulled wine and light refreshments.
£5 on the door.

*Please contact Jeanette on 07806
784460 or add your name to the
booking sheet at the back of the
church.*

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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!

5pm	Sat 31 st Oct		Witness stall <i>see notice from Andrew</i>
4pm	Sun 1 st Nov	StAL	<i>Gather for tea before</i>
5pm			All Souls' service
9:30am	Sun 8 th Nov	StMM	Remembrance service
10:15am		StAL	Remembrance service
10:55am		StA	Remembrance service
12:30pm		St Peter's, A'ford	Remembrance service
2pm		Elmstead Green	Remembrance service
6:30pm		StA	A Time to Grieve service <i>followed by refreshments</i>
<i>Please note changes of morning service times at Elmstead and Alresford for Remembrance services.</i>			
2:30pm	Mon 9 th Nov	StA	Lead and Preach Team meeting
7:30pm		StMM	PCC meeting
1pm	Thurs 12 th Nov	StAL	PCC meeting
	Sun 15 th Nov	StA	500 Smiles shoeboxes due back
1pm		StAL	Parish Lunch <i>call 825671 to book</i>
4pm		StA	Songs of Praise <i>followed by tea</i>
10:30	Sun 22 nd Nov	StAL	United Benefice service
7 for 7:30	Mon 23 rd Nov	StA	Tendring & Colchester Borders Garden Community meeting
10am	Sat 28 th Nov	StAL	Christmas Tree Festival
7:30pm		StAL	Poetry evening
11:15am	Sun 29 th Nov	StAL	Christmas Tree Festival
2pm		StA	PCC meeting

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