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 15th November ~ 2nd Sunday before Advent

Theme: Talent Show Readings: Psalm 9:1-8, 12; Matthew 25:14-30

09:30	**StMM**	**Holy Communion**	*Pauline Hart*
10:00	**StAL**	**Family Communion**	*Andrew Fordyce*
11:00	**StA**	**Morning Worship**	*Nick Berry*
13:00	**StAL**	**Parish Lunch**	*Phone 07791 673821 to book*
16:00	**StA**	**Songs of Praise** *followed by tea*	*Meg Burdus / Hazel Martin*

Mid-week Diary

Mon	10:30	**StA**	Friendship Circle
	19:30	**StA**	Carol Services choir practice
Tues	9:00	**StA**	Morning Prayer
	10:30	**StA**	Tuesday Tots
	14:00	**StA**	Pilgrim Group
Wed	10:30	**StAL**	Hosting Social Hub *at Community Centre*
Thurs	9:00	**StA**	Holy Communion
	13:45	**StA**	Relax and Renew
	16:30	**StAL**	Rainbow Guides
	18:00	**StA**	Brownie Guides

Next Sunday 22nd November ~ Sunday next before Advent

Theme: Christ the King Readings: Psalm 95:1-7; Matthew 25:31-end

10:30	**StAL**	**United Benefice Holy Communion** ***followed by lunch***

To clear up some confusion: *the lunch at Elmstead this Sunday is their regular Sunday lunch;* ***the lunch next Sunday (22nd) is for the Benefice to get together socially*** *at Andrew's suggestion, to which everyone is very welcome, but it would be most helpful if you could either* ***sign the list at your church or email or phone*** *to let us know you be joining us to help with catering numbers.*

Service to mark Pauline 'Laying Down her Licence' as Associate Priest ~ Rites of passage are important and there will be a short service **at 6.30 pm on Sunday 29th at St Andrew's** to mark this new phase in Pauline's ministry. We have gone for a stand-alone service so that people from all our churches and from elsewhere can come along to give thanks for Pauline's ministry and to pray for her and the benefice as we move forward.

Carol Services Choir practices will take place at St Andrew's at 7:30 on

Monday 16th November
Tuesday 24th November
Tuesday 1st December
Monday 7th December

Please contact Cathy for further details or if you need a lift to St Andrew's.

500 Smiles Shoe boxes need to be returned to St Andrew's by **Sunday** please.

Many thanks to those who have already done so, and to Lyn for the organisation.

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.*

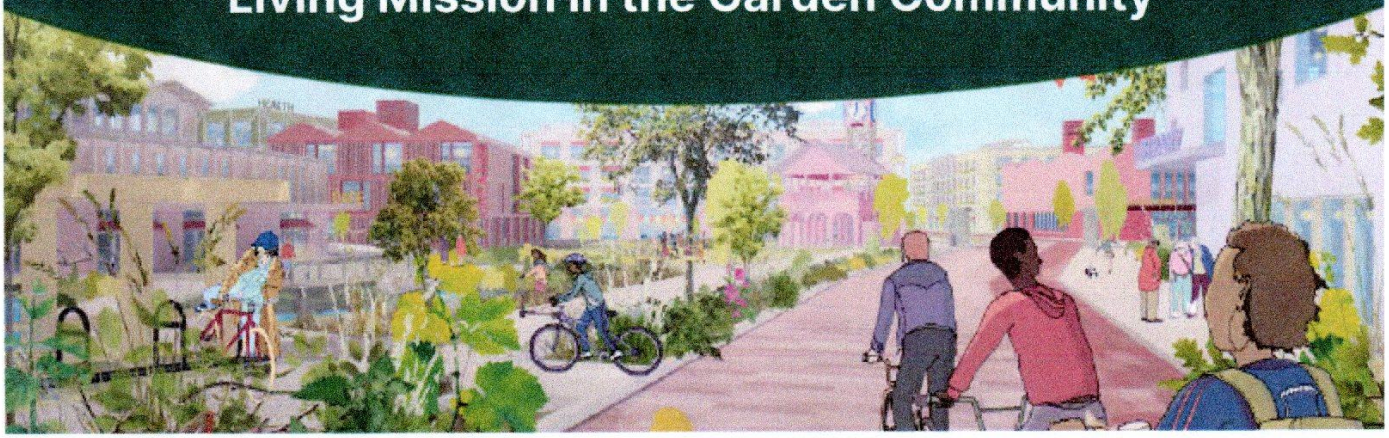
Following the **United Benefice service** on 22nd November there will be a **lunch** to which everyone is invited. To help with catering **please sign the list** at the back of church to let us know how many people to expect. A nominal donation of £5 for adults and £3 for children will help with costs.

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 Colcehster

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
Archeacon 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

Lifts available contact Jeanette if you would like to come but don't drive in the dark.

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!

	Sun 15th Nov	StA	**500 Smiles shoeboxes due back**
1pm		StAL	Parish Lunch *call 825671 to book*
4pm		StA	Songs of Praise *followed by tea*
10:30	Sun 22nd Nov	StAL	United Benefice service Followed by lunch; *please sign list at back of church*
7 for 7:30	Mon 23rd Nov	StA	Tendring & Colchester Borders Garden Community meeting
10am	Sat 28th Nov	StAL	Christmas Tree Festival
7:30pm		StAL	Poetry evening
11:15am	Sun 29th Nov	StAL	Christmas Tree Festival
2pm		StA	PCC meeting
6:30pm		StA	Pauline's service of laying down her licence *followed by refreshments*