



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 10th March ~ Lent 4

Mothering Sunday Readings: Exodus 2:1-10; John 19:25-27

9:30am	StMM	Morning Worship	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Janine Wilde</i>
10am	StAL	All Age Worship	<i>Pauline Hart / Gill Bucke</i>
11am	StA	Morning Worship	<i>Andrew Fordyce / Janine Wilde</i>

Mid-week Diary


Mon	9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	19:30	StMM	PCC Meeting
Tues	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:30	StA	Tuesday Tots
	14:00	StA	Pilgrims Group
	19:30	StAL	PCC meeting
Wed	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Elmstead	Open The Book <i>rehearsal</i>
	10:30	StA	Start Up Café
	14:00	StA	Living in Love and Faith
	19:30	StAL	Lent Course <i>Mark's Gospel</i>
Thurs	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
	16:30	StAL	Rainbows
	18:00	StAL	Brownies
Sat	9:00	StA	Safeguarding Training - basic awareness
	10:00	StAL	Churchyard work party - plant new Rose Bed

Next Sunday 17th March ~ Lent 5

A grave foreshadowing Readings: Psalm 51:1-13; John 12:20-33

9:30am	StMM	Morning Worship	
10am	StAL	Family Communion	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
11am	StA	Morning Worship	<i>Janine Wilde / Glanville Martin</i>

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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>

Zoom: Meeting ID: 773 630 6663 Passcode: 142bQt1 or <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6229315370>

Notices from Andrew Fordyce

Special **thanks to the teams** who helped sort flowers for Mothering Sunday as we celebrate it across the Benefice.

Many thanks to all who have attended the **Living in Love and Faith** course. Our final session will be this Wednesday but we hope to offer something similar in the future in an evening setting. I think it has been a safe space to air different views whilst still recognising each others faithfulness.

Notices from Pauline Hart

Lent Quiet Day – A Day to Watch and Pray - Monday 25th March - Things are firming up for our Benefice Quiet Day taking place at the start of Holy Week at St Andrew's. You could use the day as a mini-retreat or just pop in during the day.

The church will be open all day for quiet prayer and there will be short services and addresses at intervals during the day. Sacred Space prayer corners and activities to help us be quiet and to pray will be available all day. We will finish with a time of Soaking Prayer and Night Prayer/Compline.

We are picking up on the themes in the Church of England lent resources 'Watch and Pray: Wisdom and Hope for Lent and Life.' These are based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Tarry Awhile' by Selina Stone. I am reading this book and I am finding it a fresh way of thinking about prayer. Selina Stone was interviewed for a podcast from St Pauls Cathedral. Here is the link if you would like to know more. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxO8UHjBV4E>

It would be nice if I knew that there will someone else around for each part of the day so if you do feel you can commit to part of it do let me know – especially if you can help with the refreshments.



8:00	Sacred Space Prayer Stations
9:00	Morning Prayer – Waiting with Jesus – Darkness
10:00	Sacred Space Prayer Stations
12:30	Midday Prayer – Waiting Together – Oneness
13:00	Soup and Roll:
13:30	Meditation – Waiting and Moving – Movement
14:00	Sacred Space Prayer Stations
15:30	Godly Play Story Telling – Waiting for the Holy Spirit – Spirit
16:30	Tea and Cake
17:00	Meditation – Waiting Quietly – Quiet
17:30	Sacred Space Prayer Stations
18:30	Evening Prayer – Waiting for God's Help – Healing
19:00	Sacred Space Prayer Stations
19:30	Soaking Prayer – Waiting for Easter – Weeping
21:00	Compline Waiting is Over – Morning
22:00	Close

If you would like to be part of a team organising the day and or have any ideas, please do let me know.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray> The spring cycle of prayer is now available. Our benefice and the clergy were being prayed for on the day that my Mum died. Coincidence or what!!

Other notices

We will be **updating our Electoral Rolls** (list of church members) over the next three weeks. If you would like your name to be added please complete one of the forms at the back of the church and place it in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions about the form please speak to Wayne Wilson at St Andrew's; David Stokes at Elmstead or Sue Coham at Thorrington.

The Easter Trail is on Saturday 30th March in the afternoon and will be a mix of crafts and simple games and activities. **If you are able to help** us welcome families to take part please speak to Judy, Janine, Julie or Wendy or add your name to the sheet at the back of the Church.

For over 35 years **St Anne and St Laurence** has held a **Good Friday Workshop** for children of all ages, and this year we need your help (10am – 12pm)

- Can you help run an activity? (all equipment and instructions provided). Please phone 07791 673821 for details.

We need additional items for some of the activities – please pass your donations to the clergy to bring to Elmstead

- Ladies tights / pop socks
- Lots of different fabric of all sizes and colours

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who gives items for the **food bank** each week. This month's total weight from St Andrew's was 67.45 kg.

Each week when we take the donations into the foodbank we see people who are struggling to feed their family or themselves. One week while unloading the car I spotted a young person who had obviously just been and collected some food items and he was sat down on the not too dry path outside eating some of the food he had been given. It was obvious he was so hungry he could not wait to have something to eat. It brought tears to my eyes to see another human so hungry he could not wait with food in both hands. So if you are in any doubt at how much your contribution makes to individual lives just go and stand outside for a while. So a very big THANK YOU.

If there are one or two other people who would be willing to take the food to The Colchester Food Bank some time we would be happy to share the load as we have been taking the items each week since the pandemic in 2020. You just take the items in and put on the table to the right and the volunteers put it on the scales and they record it in a slip of paper which you can bring away so you have a recording of how much food/items have been donated. If you would like any more information about where it is located and what you do please speak to either of us.

Sue and Ray Giles

Thank you for all the **contributions of blister packs** – it is good to see how many people (in all the churches) are keen to help our environment. If we are to continue we also need your contribution financially! Each blister pack costs around 3p to recycle, which is why St Andrew's PCC had to pay £177 for the box. Please mark your donation 'blister pack' or put in the offering box marked 'blister pack' at the back of your church.

Good Friday Children's Workshop

At Elmstead Parish Church on Friday 29th March

Explore the Easter Story

Come and join us at 10.00am (Registration starts at 9.45)

There will be loads of fun-filled activities including ...

Egg Decorating

Large
Colourful Cross

Easter Cards

Green Hill

Chocolate
Nests

Easter
Wheel

Finger
Painting

Garden of Gethsemane

... and many more plus refreshments.

Children of all ages are welcome. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult and all parents are invited to stay if they wish.

After the activities there will be Hot Cross Buns followed by a short celebration at 11.45, to which everyone is invited.

For further information please contact elmstead.church@gmail.com

All are welcome to join us for our
Family Friendly

Easter Trail

At St Andrew's Church

It's a fun time for all the family to find out why
we are so excited about Easter!

Saturday 30th March

2pm until 3.30pm

FREE

Easter Trail

Crafts

Refreshments

Children need to be accompanied by an adult

St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Close, CO7 8BL

Coming Soon!

7:30pm	Mon 11 th Mar	StMM	PCC meeting
7:30pm	Tues 12 th Mar	StAL	PCC meeting
2pm	Wed 13 th Mar	StA	Living in Love and Faith <i>week 6</i>
9am	Sat 16 th Mar	StA	Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training
10am		StAL	Churchyard Workparty – planting new rose bed
1pm	Sun 17 th Mar	StAL	Parish Lunch <i>phone 825671 to book</i>
7:30pm	Mon 18 th Mar	StA	PCC meeting
9am	Thurs 21 st Mar	StAL	Church Spring Cleaning
9am	Fri 22 nd Mar	StAL	Church Spring Cleaning
9am	Sat 23 rd Mar	StAL	Church Spring Cleaning
8am	Mon 25 th Mar	StA	Benefice Quiet Day
5:30pm	Wed 27 th Mar	StAL	Holy Week Walk
6:30pm		StAL	Light supper
7:30pm		StAL	Foot washing service
10am	Fri 29 th Mar	StAL	Good Friday Workshop
2pm		StMM	An hour at the Cross
2pm	Sat 30 th Mar	StA	Easter Trail
7:30pm		StAL	Lighting the Easter Fire
<i>Reminder ~ clocks go forward!</i>			
6:30am	Sun 31 st Mar	StA	Sunrise service
9:30am		StMM	Holy Communion
10am		StAL	Family Communion
11am		StA	Holy Communion
10:30am	Tues 2 nd April	StA	Flower Arranging Course <i>(5 weeks)</i>

The Tenpenny Villages Benefice

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