



St Andrew's
Alresford

St Mary Magdalen
Frating with Thorrington

St Anne & St Laurence
Elmstead

Website: tenpennyvillages.uk

Sunday 27th November 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

10.00 am	StAL Christmas Tree Festival Holy Communion (Andrew Fordyce)
11.00 am	StA Holy Communion (Nick Berry/Andrew Fordyce)
3.00 pm	StMM All Age Worship (Pauline Hart)
4.00 pm	StAL Songs of Praise

Midweek Events

Mon	28 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom*
		3.30 pm	StA Lego Club in The Hub
Tue	29 th	9.00 am	StA Morning Prayer in The Sanctuary
		10.30 am	StA Tuesday Tots in The Hub
		2.00 pm	StA Knit 'n' Natter in The Hub
Wed	30 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom**
		10.00 am	StAL Coffee Stop
		7.30 pm	StAL Christianity Today
Thu	1 st	9.00 am	StA Holy Communion in The Sanctuary
Fri	2 nd	11.30 am	StMM Funeral of David Edwards
Sat	3 rd	10.30 am	StMM Coffee Catch up

Next Sunday 4th December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12

8.00 am	StA Traditional Holy Communion (Andrew Fordyce)
9.30 am	StMM All Age Worship (Tim Solosy/Hazel Martin)
10.00 am	StAL Holy Communion (Pauline Hart/Geoff White)
11.00 am	StA All Age Worship (Tim Solosy/Hazel Martin)

* Zoom Meeting Details - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6229315370>

** Zoom Meeting Details - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7736306663> Password: 142bQt1

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Notices from Andrew Fordyce

Many thanks to everyone who supported opening up St Anne and St Laurence for the Christmas tree festival

I would like to invite folks who might be able to help get a Benefice office up and running to attend an interest meeting Friday 9th December at 10.00 am at St Andrew's (we will go through to the office). If you could offer a bit of admin help each month, check an answerphone etc it would be great to see you.

Special thanks to all who generously and faithfully give to our Food Banks - we are keen to continue our support for Clacton and Colchester as demand is creeping up and supply is reducing (this is creating a 20/25% shift).

Notices from Tim Solosy

Carolling

Everyone across the benefice, and your friends, and maybe even their dogs, are welcome to rock up and rock out at any of our pop-up carol singing.

This week I can confirm Thorrington's date. While the Elmstead singing and I suspect the others still to be confirmed will be outside events and subject to weather conditions; Thorrington's carol singing will be inside the Red Lion Pub. The pub does amazing food, so you are very welcome to book a table before during and/or after with them and we usually get a great crowd there. For this inside singing we do please ask that any potential carollers (or caterwaulers) complete covid tests before.

Elmstead, outside Budgens on Wednesday 7th December at 3.30 pm
Thorrington inside The Red Lion Pub Friday 16th December at 7.30 pm

My Next Post

Thank you for all of the warm wishes and congratulations Billie and I have received. If you were not in church last Sunday we announced that we have accepted a role with me as Priest-in-Charge of Georgeham and Croyde in North Devon. We don't really want to leave here, and love Tenpenny Villages, but my time as a curate is up. Thank you all for everything. We don't yet have a leaving date, but the church/diocese receiving us would like us there by the end of February, provided everything can be sorted in that time, so we expect to be around for another two months yet! Thank you all for your love, support, prayers and everything else.

Other Notices

WI Carol Service

Alresford WI are having a Carol Service at St Andrew's Church on Monday 5th December at 7.00 pm, doors open at 6.30 pm. All are welcome to join us.

There will be a collection for the work of St Andrews and the Foodbank.

Shirley Luxon

Benefice Choir - Carol Services 2022

I am organising a Benefice Choir for this year's Carol Services to be held at STMM at 5.00 pm and STAL at 6.30 pm on Sunday 18th December.

If anyone one from the Benefice would like to join the choir please contact me by email (preferred) peterclayton440@btinternet.com or phone: 01206 250121.

Once I know who is interested I will endeavour to find rehearsal times that will work for everyone (he said hopefully!). The choir will be singing traditional carols with the congregation as well as two (or three) special choir items. This promises to be a very enjoyable and rewarding experience, so if you can sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass, and you enjoy Christmas music please do join us.

Peter Clayton

StA Church Wardens

Following the recent letter concerning the duties presently undertaken by the churchwarden, more information on the roles that could be carried out by other people, reporting to a churchwarden, is now at the back of the church.

The roles are:-

- **Duty Wardens** (on a monthly rota) to undertake administrative and practical tasks required before and after the service on a Sunday morning.
- **Sacristans** (on a fortnightly or monthly basis) to prepare and maintain the communion table.
- **Maintenance Support** to organise the five annual maintenance checks needed in the church and the fixed electrical inspection on a five yearly basis.

Please take a look at the role descriptions and prayerfully consider if you are able to help with any of these essential tasks. If you would like further information speak to *Wendy Wilson*.

Pastoral Care Course.

The next course will run on Saturdays at The Diocesan Office in Chelmsford, 2 sessions each Saturday from 9.15am to 3.30pm.

The dates are Saturday 21st January 2023
 18th February 2023
 18th March 2023
 15th April 2023

If you are interested, please speak to one of the clergy.

Taizé Service

At previous Taizé services at St Mary's Wivenhoe members of the Tenpenny Villages congregations have joined us. We only have two Taizé services in a year and the next one is next Sunday 20th November at 6.00 pm. It will be led by the Revds Janet and John Driver and the chants will be accompanied by three instrumentalists conducted by Graham Wadley.

Erwin Lammens

Local History News

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Remembrance Talk and Exhibition at St Andrew's. I was interviewing a WW2 D-Day veteran the previous week; and people were still sending me multiple e-mails the night before. Then the jeep unexpectedly appeared at 9.45 am.



We prepared and handed out pen portraits for each of the men mentioned on the War Memorials in the four villages. We have got spares - so just ask!

Our next event will be helping at the Frating Coronation celebrations next May. If you have any memories or mementos from the 1953 Coronation please let us know.

ELMSTEAD - There is a vacancy for a Local History Recorder in the village. This takes about ten minutes a month to jot down what major things have happened in the village. I am covering this only until the end of 2022.

local-history@tenpennyvillages.uk

Rob Butcher

Our vision:	TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD AND EACH OTHER SO THAT WE MAY MORE ABLY BRING HIS LOVE TO THE WORLD		
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Items for the next Notice Sheet to **Nick Berry** by **6.00 p.m. on Thursday** at the latest please to noticesheet@tenpennyvillages.uk