



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 September ~ Trinity 16

Theme ~ The cost of the cross walk

Readings: James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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| 08:45 | StMM | Choir Practice | Everyone welcome |
| 9:30am | StMM | Morning Worship | <i>Valerie and John Harper</i> |
| 10am | StAL | Family Communion | <i>Julia Lewis</i> |
| 11am | StA | Morning Worship | <i>Nick Berry / Alex McCann</i> |
| 1pm | StAL | Parish Lunch | <i>Phone 823774 to book</i> |
| 6:30pm | StA | Waiting Room |  |


Mid-week Diary

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| Mon | 9:00 | Zoom | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30 | StA | Friendship Circle |
| Tues | 9:00 | StA | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:30 | StA | Tuesday Tots |
| | 14:00 | StA | Knit'n'natter |
| | 14:00 | StAL | Christianity Today – <i>discussion group</i> |
| | 19:30 | StAL | PCC meeting |
| Wed | 9:00 | StMM | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 | StAL | Social/Warm Hub <i>Elmstead Community Centre</i> |
| Thurs | 9:00 | StA | Holy Communion |
| | 13:45 | StA | Relax and renew |
| | 16:30 | StAL | Rainbow Guides |
| | 18:00 | StAL | Brownie Guides |
| Sat | 10:00 | StAL | Churchyard Work party |
| | 15:00 | StAL | Wedding – Laurel Cochrane & Jack Pike |

Next Sunday 22nd September ~ Trinity 17

Theme ~ Childlike Faith

Readings: James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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| 08:45 | StMM | Choir Practice | Everyone welcome |
| 9:30am | StMM | Holy Communion | <i>Pauline Hart / Janine Wilde</i> |
| 10am | StAL | Family Communion | <i>Julia Lewis</i> |
| 11am | StA | Holy Communion | <i>Pauline Hart / Janine Wilde</i> |
| 4pm | StA | Songs of Praise | <i>Janine Wilde</i> |
| 6:30pm | StA | Waiting Room |  |

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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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6229315370>

From Pauline

There will be a short **Harvest Festival Service at Silversprings** on Thursday 26th September at 2.00pm. It would be lovely if others wanted to come and join me and Rita and help sing some traditional harvest hymns. I do have a hymns on my phone but if there is anyone who could play for us that would be great.

Over the last couple of weeks I have mentioned how useful it is to have a **Spiritual Director/Companion/Soul Friend** to support and encourage and you provide accountability if :

- You want to grow in your journey of faith
- You want to deepen your relationship with God
- You sense a vocational call
- Things are changing in your life

For more information have a look at the Diocesan website <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/exploring-vocations/find-a-spiritual-companion>

Season of Creation 2024: - to Hope and Act with Creation 1st September marked the beginning of the Season of Creation, also known as Creationtide. It is a period of the church calendar when churches pay special attention to the environment and creation care within their worship and teaching and runs until 6th October. In our readings over the last few weeks from James's letter we know that faith without deeds is dead! So here are some actions that AROCHA have suggested. Think and pray about what you can do.

Enjoy download a bird ID app! It's hard to get to know someone if you don't know their name. That's also true of plants and animals, and knowing their name is a gateway to understanding and protecting them. So, even if you have an encyclopaedic knowledge of birds, insects and plants, most people don't. Why not try a nature app or two, and introduce your friends, children or grandchildren to those apps? You could even lead a group around your churchyard or local park, equipped with different apps to discover together the delights of creation. Two apps to try: [Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab](#) [Seek by iNaturalist](#)

Nurture put up bird boxes! September is a great season to get bird boxes up because it's when many of our resident birds begin the process of looking for nest sites for next year. Our top tips:

- Facing your box east, southeast or south will keep it out of the prevailing wind and rain, as well as ensuring that the boxes stay reasonably warm, which will help with the hatching rates.
- Avoid placing boxes immediately next to busy footpaths or roads and if you have pets, hide boxes away from areas that they frequently use.
- Make sure that there are branches nearby that the bird can land on before going into the box. This will save energy when feeding young birds and when teaching the young to fly.
- Boxes should be put up just above head height (5'10" to 6'5"). This will reduce the risk of predators attempting to access the boxes. Placing a metal plate around the entrance hole will prevent predation from species like great spotted woodpeckers.

Defend write to our MP! Nature can't speak up for itself. Our polluted rivers can't write a letter to the representative of the constituency they flow through, swifts displaced by modern housing cannot call into their MPs surgeries, and ripped up hedgerows and the wildlife who once called them home can't march on parliament. But we can. Proverbs 31:8 calls us 'to speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves.' While this passage refers to the poor and needy, the principle can apply to nature itself as well as the impact of the degradation of our natural world on lower income countries and communities.

Our MP is your representative in parliament, his job is to represent the views of their constituents - you! So, by writing them an email, a letter or meeting them in person you can influence the issues they prioritise in parliament. By telling our MP that we care about what happens to nature, we are showing that the people who elect them support policies which protect and restore nature. There is a resource with tips and suggested wording to help you write to your MP about nature. Write to your MP [Write to your MP - A Rocha UK](#)

Message from Janine - Ordination to the Priesthood

It has been a whole year since my Ordination as Deacon and I count it as a privilege to be able to serve the villages as curate this past year. We, as a family, are so grateful for the welcome and encouragement we receive from you all. I would appreciate your prayers as I prepare to be ordained priest by Bishop Roger on Saturday 28th September at St Botolph's Church, Colchester. I will be on retreat at Pleshey from Wednesday 25th until Saturday morning so please do pray for our family too.

Unfortunately the seating is limited at St Botolphs due to the number being ordained therefore I would want to encourage you all to gather on Sunday 29th September for the Benefice Celebration in Elmstead Church (This is our usual pattern for 5th Sundays). **Rev'd Canon Philip Ritchie**, Area Dean of Harwich & Mission & Ministry Adviser for the Diocese will be speaking to us on the theme of 'Be Thou My Vision' and **I will preside at communion for the very first time.**

I'm grateful that Elmstead has offered to host us all for lunch afterwards so we can celebrate this milestone together and enjoy an extended time of fellowship. Please see the notice below re. lunch and if the cost will be a barrier then please do contact Morag on admin@tenpennyvillages.uk in confidence.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.

Your very excited Curate, Janine x

Other notices



Harvest Festivals will soon be celebrated in all our churches – Sunday 6th October at St Mary's and St Andrew's and 13th October at St Anne & St Laurence. All three churches will be collecting donations for Food Banks – either tinned or dried goods or a financial contribution – Thorrington & Elmstead's donations will be going to Clacton Food Bank and Alresford's to Colchester Food Bank.



We are hoping to reform the **Benefice Choir for the united service** on 29th September at Elmstead; to that end we have arranged 2 x ½ hour rehearsals before the service at Thorrington which Peter will conduct for us at 8:45am on Sundays 15th & 22nd September; with a final rehearsal at 9:30 at Elmstead on the day of the service. We do hope that the singers from all our congregations will be able to join in with this. If you need further information please contact the Benefice Office on 826376 admin@tenpennyvillages.uk

We will be making a **simple lunch** after the united service on **29th September**; there is a list to sign, by 22nd September please, so that we know numbers, at the back of each church. £5 adults; £3 school age; free preschool.

Ministry for men will meet on Thursday 26th September at 7:30pm we'll be going for a meal to The Spice in Elmstead. There'll be a lift for anyone who needs one, leaving from St Andrews at 7.20. Maybe it would be an idea if you could let me know if you're intending to come, just in case we find that we need more than one car! Looking forward to seeing you there. Chris. 07513 431 844

Songs of Praise 22nd September at St Andrew's The sign-up sheet for the Songs of Praise tea is at the back of St Andrew's. You can also book via the office by either emailing admin@tenpennyvillages.uk or phoning 01206 826376.

This is always popular and attended by folk who may not normally come to church. I would be very grateful for offers of contributions of sandwiches, scones or cake. If you can help it would be most appreciated.

Carol Day

Coming soon!

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| 8:45am | Sun 22 nd Sep | StMM | Benefice Choir Practice (½ hour) |
| 4pm | | StA | Songs of Praise <i>followed by tea</i> |
| 4pm | Mon 23 rd Sep | StA | PCC meeting |
| 9:30am | Sun 29 th Sep | StAL | Benefice Choir Practice |
| 10:30am | | StAL | United Benefice Service |
| 12:30pm | | StAL | Benefice Lunch <i>see sign-up sheets in your church</i> |
| 9:30am | Sun 6 th Oct | StMM | Harvest Festiva |
| 11am | | StA | Harvest Festival |
| 10am | Sun 13 th Oct | StAL | Harvest Festival |



St Andrew's Church, Alresford

Songs of Praise

22 September, 4pm

If you would like to stay for afternoon tea following the service, please contact St Andrew's Church office by email or phone:

admin@tenpennyvillages.uk

01206 826376

We would love to see you there.

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The Tenpenny Villages Benefice

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