



**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 24<sup>th</sup> August ~ Trinity 10

### Theme ~ The Minor Prophets 11 ~ Giving our best to God

Readings – Malachi 1:1-14; Luke 13:10-17

9:30	StMM	Morning Worship	<i>John Jinks / Alex McCann</i>
10:00	StAL	Family Communion with baptism	<i>Andrew Fordyce</i>
11:00	StA	Morning Worship	<i>Nick Berry / Alex McCann</i>

### Mid-week Diary

<b>Tues</b>	9:00	StA	Morning Prayer
	11:00	StA	Teddy Bears' Picnic
	14:00	StA	Pilgrim Group
	14:00	StAL	Quiet Hour
<b>Wed</b>	15:00	StMM	Thanksgiving for Life of Ken Sharpe
<b>Thurs</b>	9:00	StA	Holy Communion
<b>Sat</b>	12:00	Red Lion	Thorrington Village Day

## Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August ~ Trinity 11

### Theme ~ kingdom dining

Readings – Ecclesiastes 10:12-18; Luke 14:1, 7-14

10:30	StA	United Benefice Service	<i>Pauline Hart</i>
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*Please note - next week's notices need to be received by 6pm on Wednesday. Thanks*

## **A message from Bishop Guli about the asylum seeker accommodation protests across the country**

Bishop Guli has shared a message with church leaders in Chelmsford Diocese about the protests that have been taking place across the country concerning accommodation for asylum seekers in local communities, including in our own diocese.

"In recent weeks we have seen numerous protests across the country, including in our own diocese, about the use of hotels and other accommodation, to temporarily house people seeking asylum.

It is absolutely right that we debate and discuss how the Government manages arrangements for those who seek asylum here. There are long standing problems with the asylum system in this country that impact both those who seek refuge and the communities in which they are placed. Peaceful protest also has a legitimate and important role in our democracy.

At the same time we are seeing the cynical hijacking of people's legitimate concerns by those who use misinformation to sow fear and hatred, to encourage division and in some cases to intimidate and use violence against innocent people. This not only impacts those who are targeted, but is corrosive for the communities we serve.

On some occasions we have seen the defence of Christian values used as a justification for this divisive politics. This is disturbing for us as Christians, not least because it is profoundly wrong. Jesus Christ modelled love, mercy and justice. The Gospel calls us to love our neighbour; including the outsider, the stranger and those who are different from us. Invoking Christianity in defence of cultural purity is both theologically false and morally dangerous.

It is because of our Christian faith and values that Christians of all denominations across our country work with those who seek asylum. It is because of our faith and values that we support disadvantaged people of all backgrounds, without prejudice or judgement, to eat, sleep, worship, find shelter and access the services that can support them. I am deeply grateful to the many churches across the Diocese of Chelmsford who undertake this important ministry. It is something I hope we will continue to do with faith and confidence during these challenging times.

I want to conclude by offering a prayer for use in churches this Sunday or at any time over the coming weeks.

Gracious God,

We pray for peace in our communities this day.

We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,

And those who work to uphold law and justice.

We pray for an end to fear,

For comfort and support to those who suffer.

For calm in our streets and cities,

That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayers,

now and always. Amen"

**Ken Sharpe** On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm there will be a service of thanksgiving in Thorrington Church for Ken's long life. We hope this will be a celebration of a life well lived. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Donations if desired to Clacton Food Bank at the Salvation Army or St Mary Magdalen Church. Many thanks to all who have expressed their sympathy in any way. The family have much appreciated their sentiments. *Rita*

**Memorabilia Afternoon at Elmstead.** This year our Memorabilia talks will take place alongside Afternoon Tea at 3pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets £5 now available email [elmstead.church@gmail.com](mailto:elmstead.church@gmail.com), or phone 07791 673821 or contact the Benefice office.

Next Sunday being the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month we will host the **joint Benefice Service at St Andrews**, We would be most grateful for donations of cakes for the refreshments after the Service.

**Ministry for Men. ADVANCE NOTICE.** Not meeting in August, so on.....

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm we'll be meeting for adventure golf at Greensward Adventure Golf, Marine Parade West, Clacton.

They close at 3.30pm, hence the afternoon start.

Sorry to those of you who are thereby excluded. 😞

Please let me know if you need a lift, or if you are coming by car and can offer a seat?

Chris Lovell. 07513 431 844



St Andrew's Church, Alresford

# Tuesday Tots' teddy Bears Picnic!

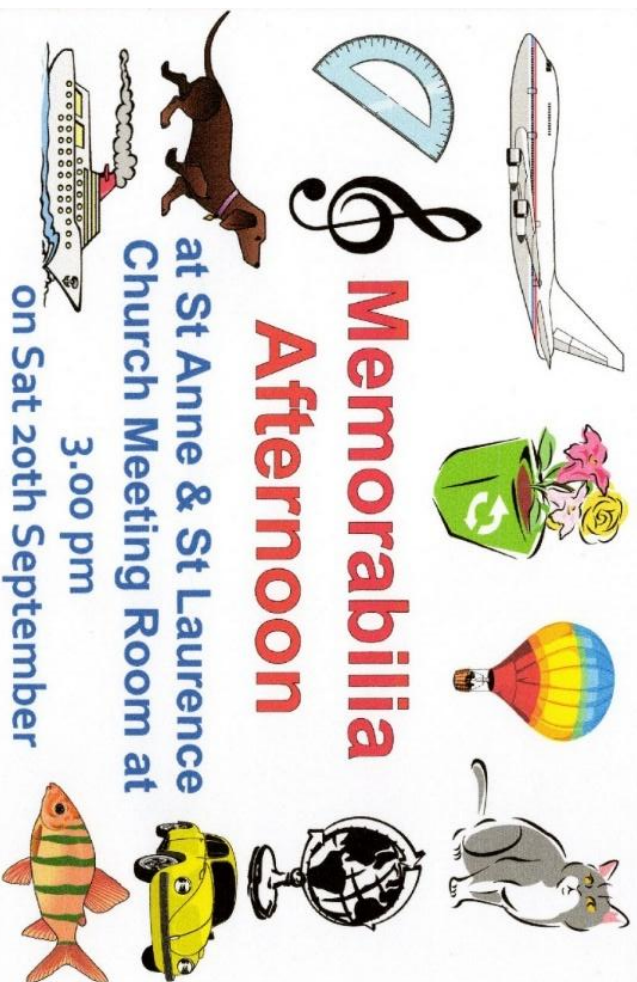
all under 5s and their families welcome

When and where?  
St Andrew's Church field  
(or inside if wet!)  
Tuesday 26 August,  
11am - 1pm

Bring your rug,  
picnic and teddy and  
join us to meet new  
friends and play!

For more info, contact:  
Julie: 01206 827429  
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# Memorabilia Afternoon

at St Anne & St Laurence  
Church Meeting Room at  
3.00 pm  
on Sat 20th September

How often does an object or an event trigger  
a memory? Many can evoke the desire to  
explain to others how these have influenced  
their activities!

Please come along and join us as  
we renew these events, listening to  
a few short presented memories as  
we join others over afternoon tea.

Tickets £5 (£2 for children) available  
from 07791 673821, or by emailing  
[elmstead.church@gmail.com](mailto:elmstead.church@gmail.com)

St Andrew's Church, Alresford

## Songs of Praise

21 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](mailto:admin@tenpennyvillages.uk)  
01206 826376

We would love to see you there.

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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!

11am	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	StA	Teddy Bears' picnic <i>for under 5s and their families</i>
12pm	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	StMM	Country Fayre weekend at The Red Lion
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<b>StA</b>	<b>United Benefice Service</b>
1pm	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	StAL	Parish Lunch <i>call 823774 to book</i>
3pm	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	StAL	Afternoon Tea with Memorabilia Talks (£5)
4pm	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	StA	Songs of Praise <i>followed by afternoon tea</i>
2pm	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Ministry for Men <i>Adventure Golf in Clacton</i>

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