



St Andrew's, Alresford  
St Anne & St Laurence, Elmstead Market  
St Mary Magdalen, Frating with Thorrington

## Autumn Newsletter 2016

### Preaching Series

Having completed our series on Philippians, we are now beginning a new series on how our faith impacts our daily lives and how we can deepen our relationship with God in the everyday. Using a creation theme, there are various elements looking at rootedness, growth etc. After this we enter into the Remembrance period and then Advent where our eyes are drawn to the coming of Christ. During the term as well, Alex and Marguerite McCann, OMF Missionaries home on leave from Cambodia, will be coming to speak at each of the churches.

### Discipleship - Following Jesus

Different groups meet in each of the villages where, in an informal setting, the members can explore and learn more about faith and support one another in deepening their relationship with God. Groups meet day-time and evening, are for beginners and those who have been Christians a long time. All that is needed is that you want to know God better. If you would be interested in joining a group, and we're considering starting a new group on another night to Wednesday, then please speak to Pauline Hart.

### Exploring Faith

For those who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, who have questions or are exploring faith, Alpha Courses are beginning evenings in Alresford and Elmstead on Mondays from 19th September and Tuesdays from 20th September. A day-time group is a possibility if there is interest. If you or someone you know would be interested, then speak to either Pauline. There's a taster supper on Friday 9th September.

### Prayer

Following on from the 'Bible Basics' Course, we're running a 'Teach us to Pray' Day at St Anne and St Laurence on Saturday 22nd October 10.30am to 2.30pm. 'Teach us to pray' are the words of the disciples to Jesus and his answer is now best known as the Lord's Prayer. There's always more to learn about prayer and the day will include teaching on prayer, worship, space for reflection, stations of prayer set out in the church and, of course, prayer itself!

### Children and Young People

We are delighted to have Charlotte Sebley start with us as **Youth and Schools Worker**. She will be working a day a week at the Colne Secondary School and the rest of the time with youth (10-18 years). We are holding a Commissioning/Welcome Youth Café Church on Sunday 25th September at St Andrew's.

**Messy Church** now runs at both Alresford (3rd Friday) and Elmstead (1st Sunday) and the intention is to advertise it as a twice a month opportunity for families across all 4 villages – thereby allowing for those who cannot make one or other of the times.

**Children's Sunday Clubs:** Discoverers at St Andrew's will have 2 groups from September 3-6s and 7-10s to accommodate new children joining. A new Sunday Club will start at Elmstead from 25th September for 3-14s.

### Gravetalk Café

Death isn't something that is often spoken about but many people have questions. Using resources produced by the Church of England we're planning a Gravetalk Café on Wednesday 16th November 10-12 at St Andrew's. The format will be informal with question cards on the tables, coffee and cake served and a short talk. There will also be the opportunity to ask the Paulines questions – whether about funerals, churchyards or heaven!

### The Tenpenny Villages Benefice

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**Update on Benefice legalities:** Unfortunately, Jesus College (Elmstead's Patrons) have put in a query which must now be resolved before the Pastoral Scheme completes. It now goes to more committees and therefore it will be 2017 before it completes and we are legally a benefice. Irritating but not essentially a problem!

### **Buildings**

**Alresford** is about to do some work repairing side paths and putting in a new path round the rear of the Hub.

**Elmstead** are working towards repairs on the Chancel roof and re-instating the plaster now the walls have dried out. They are in the fortunate position that Jesus College have a legal liability to cover around 85% of the costs of any repairs on the Chancel.

**Thorrington** are now speaking to builders to get estimates on the work to install an accessible toilet beneath the tower, create social space in the side aisle and make the centre space in the Chancel wider.

### **Diary**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm Messy Church** – 'Messy Thanks' at St Anne & St Laurence

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September ALPHA Taster Supper** in Alresford – book

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am Ladies breakfast** at St Andrew's Hub – book

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 7pm Memorabilia Evening & supper** at St Anne & St Laurence – book

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm Messy Church** – 'Messy Sowing' at St Andrew's Church & Hub

**September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am Confirmation Service** with Bishop Roger at St Anne & St Laurence

**September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am 'The Gathering' at St Andrew's** – a new way of being church

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm 'Harvest' Songs of Praise** at St Andrew's followed by afternoon tea.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September ALPHA Course starts** in Alresford - book

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September ALPHA Course starts** in Elmstead - book

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 4pm Tenpenny Village Benefice BBQ** at St Anne & St Laurence – book

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September Sunday Club** for children starts at St Anne & St Laurence

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September Quiz Night 7.30pm** at Thorrington Village Hall - book

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October Harvest Supper 6 for 6.30pm at St Andrew's**– book

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Festivals** at St Mary Magdalen and St Andrew's -food gifts for Foodbank please

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October Deanery Conference 10-3** at St Andrew's – everyone welcome.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 for 7 Harvest Supper at St Anne & St Laurence** - book

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival** at St Anne and St Laurence -food gifts for Foodbank please

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October St Francis' Day Pet Service 3.30pm** at St Peter's Church Ruin in Alresford

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 'Teach me to Pray' Quiet Day 10.30 to 2.30** at St Anne and St Laurence – book

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October All Souls Service (Elmstead) 5pm** at St Anne and St Laurence

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 'Fright the Good Fright' Children's Monster Party 5pm** at St Andrew's

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Baptism Follow-up 10.30am – 12 noon** at St Andrew's Hub

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday Services** all 3 churches

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November Bereavement Service 6.30pm** at St Andrew's

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November Gravetalk Café 10-12** at St Andrew's

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 'Turkey and Tinsel' Day 10.30 to 3pm** at St Andrew's (follow on from Holiday at Home)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Crib Festival 10am to 4pm** at St Mary Magdalen

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Bazaar 10.30am** at St Anne and St Laurence

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Services 10am** at St Anne and St Laurence and 3.30pm at St Andrew's

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 'The Gathering' 11am** at St Andrew's

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December Carols by Candlelight:**

5pm St Anne & St Laurence; 5pm St Mary Magdalen; 6.30pm St Andrew's

**Christmas Eve: 3.30pm Nativity** at STA, 5pm Crib Service at STAL & Christingle at STMM,

Christmas Night Service 10pm at STMM, 11.30pm at both STA & STAL

**Christmas Day: Family Communion 10am** at St Andrew's and 10am at St Anne and St Laurence

**Note: Messy Church always 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at STAL & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at STA**