

## Prayer Board

	w/b 13/08/2017	w/b 20/08/2017
<b>Our churches</b>	We thank you that the <b>St Mary Magdalen Building Project</b> is ready to go ahead and we pray for the rest of the funding to be found, and helpers to get everything ready for the builders.	We pray for <b>Waltzing Round Britain Holiday Club for the over 60s</b> at St Andrew's. For the plans being made and enough help to be found.
<b>Our Communities</b>	We pray for <b>the children</b> on their summer holidays, for lovely long days of play and enjoyment of the sunshine. For <b>parents</b> too under pressure to keep the children entertained and those struggling financially with the extra costs the holidays bring.	For those starting to prepare for <b>new stages in life</b> , whether playgroup, school, secondary school, college, university or new jobs.
<b>Our Deanery and the wider Church</b>	From our Deanery Prayer Diary we pray for <b>St Michael, Thorpe-le-Soken</b> and their Vicar, Father Jeremy Dowding.	From our Deanery Prayer Diary we pray for <b>All Saints &amp; St George, Walton-le-Soken</b> and their Priest-in-Charge, Rev'd Peter Edwards.
<b>Our World</b>	For <b>organisations such as Tearfund</b> , who work to provide a source of income for widows and those with no other means of support. For the churches who work in partnership with them to serve their communities.	For Alex and Marguerite <b>McCann</b> , Elizabeth and Ben as they settle into their new lives in Cambodia and particularly for Elizabeth and Ben as they start their new schools.

The cost of running our three churches are met by the giving of church members either by direct debit or by putting their contribution into the box/plate that are by the doors in each church. There will be no collection during services. Guests are guests, so please, if you are visiting today, do not feel that you have to contribute. If you would like to then, of course, please do – and thank you!

<b>Our vision:</b>	<b>TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD AND EACH OTHER SO THAT WE MAY MORE ABLY BRING HIS LOVE TO THE WORLD</b>		
Rector:	Rev Pauline Scott	823163	rector@alresfordchurch.net
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Church Wardens:	StA	Mrs Wendy Wilson	825040
	StMM	Mr John Jinks	255060
		Miss Lynora Ramsey	250614
	StAL	Prof. Andy Downton	250288

If you would like someone to pray for you at the end of the service, please ask one of the prayer ministers, who can be identified by the praying hands badges.



**St Andrew's  
Alresford**  
www.alresfordchurch.net

**St Mary Magdalen  
Frating with Thorrington**  
www.thorringtonchurch.net

**St Anne & St Laurence  
Elmstead**  
www.elmsteadparishchurch.org

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

*StMM Readings: Judges 6:1-16 (p248), Matthew 14@22-33 (p981), StA on screen, StAL on sheet*

- 9.30 am** StMM Holy Communion (Pauline Hart)
- 10.00 am** StAL All Age Worship (Beth Smith)
- 11.00 am** StA All Age Communion (Pauline Hart)

#### Mid-week diary (in church unless otherwise stated):

*Morning Prayer is at 9.00 am each day in StA Sanctuary*

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30 am Quiet hour in StA Sanctuary
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm Knit 'n' Natter in StA Hub
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Morning Prayer @ StMM  
7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice @StMM
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Silver Springs Communion Service

### Next Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*StMM Readings: Esther 2: 1-18 (p502), StA on screen, StAL on sheet*

- 8.00 am** StA Traditional Holy Communion (Pauline Hart/Nick Berry)
- 9.30 am** StMM Morning Prayer (Julie Thompson)
- 10.00 am** StAL Holy Communion (Pauline Hart/Nick Berry)
- 11.00 am** StA All Age Worship (Julie Thompson)

#### Mid-week diary (in church unless otherwise stated):

*Morning Prayer is at 9.00 am each day in StA Sanctuary*

- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 8.30 am Quiet hour in StA Sanctuary  
7.30 pm Prayer for the McCanns in StA Sanctuary
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00 am Morning Prayer @ StMM  
10.00 am Internet & Book Café at StA  
7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice @StMM

### Following Sunday – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

- 9.30 am** StMM Holy Communion (Pauline Scott)
- 10.00 am** StAL Holy Communion (Pauline Hart)
- 11.00 am** StA All Age Communion (Pauline Scott)

**Welcome!** If you are a visitor please make yourself known to the rector and/or sides persons. After the service **refreshments** are served - please do join us.



**Looking the other way is not an option**



# NOTICE BOARD

## NOTICES FROM PAULINE SCOTT

### WALTZING ROUND BRITAIN

Back by popular request this summer...**Holiday at Home**...Two days of fun, music, friendship, good food, quizzes, entertainment, bingo etc etc for the Over 60s at St Andrew's Church Alresford. **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 am to 2.30 pm.** Please sign up at STA or book places with Pauline Scott on 01206 823163/ 07872 968 323 / [paulinecms@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinecms@btinternet.com). **Everybody Welcome!**

*We also need more helpers for this – please let me know if you can help.*

**Prayer Diary:** Please can I remind everyone that prayer requests can be included either for a group or event you run but also for a local or wider situation you would like us to include in our prayers.

**Home Groups:** We will be looking again at membership of Home Groups for September so if you'd be interested in joining one for bible study, fellowship and prayer then please do let me know. They run across the benefice daytime & evening. We are also planning to set up a **social media group** for bible study for those who find attending a group during the week difficult.

**St Andrew's Sanctuary Chairs:** We are planning to buy a further ten of these chairs that will stay then in the main church. The PCC have become aware how much more comfortable they are for a number of people and wish them therefore to be easily available Sunday by Sunday. It will also help to minimise the use of the grey chairs. If you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of one of these chairs (around £100) that would be brilliant – please give any donation for this to Catherine Berry.

**Church Cheques:** Even though cheques are getting less commonplace, there are still a number received by our treasurers. If the payee is wrong it causes them extra work in chasing folk to get them changed. Please note the payees should be: Alresford PCC, St Anne and St Laurence Parish Church and Frating with Thorington PCC.

### The Alpha Course is an opportunity to explore those questions for yourself!

The Alpha Course, an informal introduction to the Christian faith, will run evenings or day-time from September (possibility of a daytime sessions where young children can attend too).



**For more information, do come along to the taster evening or to book a place speak to either Pauline.**

### St Mary Magdalen Building Project

The PCC have given the go ahead on the work to install a disabled toilet and create some social space in the church by removing the side aisle pews which is amazing news. However, we need a **small working party** to remove the pews and the wooden block flooring (volunteers can save quite a lot off the tender price!). Please email me if you'd be willing to help and we can coordinate a suitable Saturday – probably September. The ladies have promised bacon rolls!

Also, there are **pews for sale!** Larger ones are £250 and the small one is £150. Again, let me or John Jinks know if you're interested.

The funding is almost there but there are still funds to be found for the heating system and chairs for the new social area. The **Friends of Essex Churches Trust** Ride 'n' Stride is on 9<sup>th</sup> September and I understand a number of boats are going out in the cause on 16<sup>th</sup> September. If you're interested in taking part – and you can choose which church your 'half' of the sponsorship goes to - then please pick up a form. If anyone is interested in organising a walk on the 9<sup>th</sup>, again please let me know – always more fun in a group! A number from St Andrew's took part in this when St Mary Magdalen were facing closure some years ago (when the money they'd raised for the toilet had to be diverted to the repairs) to help fund the repairs, and it would be brilliant to help them again finally get the building work done.

## Other Notices

**Healing Course – Advanced Warning** -\_We will be running the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation Course “Growing a Healing Ministry” in September and October, at Elmstead on Monday evenings (7.00 - 9.30 pm) 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> October, at St Andrews on Tuesday afternoons (1.30 - 4.00 pm) 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October. It is open to all the church family, but taking part does not commit you to being part of the prayer ministry teams, so please book the dates in you diary now.

*Valerie Harper*

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, The Friends of Elmstead Church are holding an **Auction of Promises and Harvest Supper** at Park Farm, School Road, Elmstead. Please note the date and if you know of anyone, business or individual, who you think may be prepared to offer an item for sale please let Val Skinner or Morag Hellen know - from an hour's gardening or babysitting, to whatever your imagination allows you to offer - we will be delighted to receive promises for anything and everything. Tickets are available from Val or Morag £10. The last time we held an evening such as this, it was great fun and holds happy memories for many. We would be very pleased to see you there with friends and family.

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Our churches are fitted with induction loops. Hearing aid users are advised to switch their aids to the “T” setting.

Items for the next Notice Sheet to **Nick Berry** by **6.00 p.m. on 24/08/17** at the latest please, either via the website or [nick@the-berrys.org.uk](mailto:nick@the-berrys.org.uk)