

Prayer Board

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| Our churches | For the mission and outreach of our churches as we seek to share the love of Jesus in our communities in word and action. Help us to be witnesses to your love in our lives. |
| Our Communities | As the applications for detailed planning for 190 houses in Alresford are considered, pray for our outreach to all those who will move into the village. |
| Our Deanery and the wider Church | For St James & St Christopher's, Clacton and their Vicar, Peter Kane. For the ongoing evangelistic and social outreach to the local community. Also for Deanery Synod to be held on Tuesday this week. |
| Our World | Many in the world still do not have access to safe, clean water . Pray for the work that is being done by Tearfund, Water Aid and others to provide more wells. Pray that we never take things like safe water for granted, but do our best to look after this precious resource. Friday is the start of Ramadan; when Muslims worldwide spend the following thirty days in fasting with extra prayers. Pray that as they seek Allah that they might have an encounter with Jesus. |

The cost of running out 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!

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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| Rector: | Rev Pauline Scott | 823163 | rector@alresfordchurch.net |
| Curate: | Rev Pauline Hart | 826318 | curate@alresfordchurch.net |
| Church Wardens: | StA | Mr Phil Bull | 827146 |
| | | 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 21st May 2017

StMM Readings: Acts 7:55-end (p1100), John 14:1-14 (p1082), StA on screen, StAL on sheet

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| 8.00 am | StA Traditional Communion (Pauline Scott) |
| 9.30 am | StMM Morning Prayer (Julie Thompson) |
| 10.00 am | StAL Holy Communion (Pauline Scott) |
| 11.00 am | StA Morning Worship (Julie Thompson) |

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

Morning Prayer is at 9.00 am each day in StA Sanctuary (Holy Communion on Thursday)

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| Mon | 22 nd | 8.30 am | Quiet Time @StA |
| | | 1.45 pm | Scramblers (U5s & Carers) in StA Hub |
| | | 3.15 pm | Razmatazz (after school club) in StA Hub |
| | | 7.30 pm | Housegroup in StA Hub |
| | | 7.30 pm | Mission Strategy Group in StA Sanctuary |
| Tue | 23 rd | 10.30 am | Bumps 'n' Babies in StA Hub |
| | | 2.00 pm | Knit 'n' Natter in StA Hub |
| Wed | 24 th | 9.00 am | Morning Prayer @ StMM |
| | | 2.00 pm | Pilgrim Group in StA Sanctuary |
| | | 7.00 pm | Course in Christian Studies @ StAL |
| | | 7.30 pm | Bell Ringing Practice @StMM |
| | | 7.30 pm | Home Group @ 22 Station Road |
| | | 7.30 pm | 20s & 30s Group |
| | | 8.00 pm | Quiet Hour @ Rembrandt, Colchester Road |
| Thu | 25 th | 11.00 am | Silver Springs Communion Service |
| | | 12.30 pm | StMM Wedding of Suzannah Culley & Joseph Girdlestone |
| | | 6.30 pm | XGFC Youth Group in StA Hub |
| | | 7.30 pm | Ascension Day Service @ StAL |
| Sat | 27 th | 9.30 am | StMM Morning Prayer |

Next Sunday – 28th May 2017

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| 9.30 am | StMM Holy Communion (John Harper by ext) |
| 10.00 am | StAL Holy Communion (Pauline Scott) |
| 11.00 am | StA Holy Communion (John Harper by ext) |
| 6.30 pm | StA Youth Café Church |

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

School for Disciples: Chelmsford Diocese School for Disciples Roadshow with Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford at St Andrew's Church, Alresford CO7 8BL on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30 pm. This roadshow has been going round the Diocese and this is now our opportunity to come along and hear Bishop Stephen.

Alresford Village Fete: Saturday 1st July 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Thanks for the amazing response last week! Still chance though to sign up to run a stall or games, to provide cakes or to be a general helper.

Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer 25th May - 4th June as an individual, as a family, as churches. Check out www.thykingdomcome.global/ for resources and to sign up to pray. We will be holding a day of prayer at St Andrew's on Saturday 3rd June from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm with all sorts of prayer activities that you can just dip into. There is a sign up list at StA to 'man' the church or from StMM or StAL just let either Pauline know if you could help. There will be said services of Morning Prayer at 9.00 am, Mid-day Prayer at 12.00 noon and Communion at 5.30 pm. Prayer cards for you to keep to commit to praying for five members of friends and family are available.

Ascension Day Thursday 25th May: Communion services are at St Andrew's at 9am and St Anne & St Laurence at 7.30pm. Both are said services.

Children's Work: Children's work is such an important area of our mission and ministry and it requires a significant number of adults to give of their time and energy to help (and on-going thanks to all those who already do so!) We currently have five areas where help is needed. Please do think and pray whether you might be able to help.

1. **We need another helper for Discoverers (ages 3 to end of primary) at St Andrew's one Sunday a month during the 11.00 am service because of increasing numbers.**
2. **We are looking to build a team of maybe two or three to help at Elmstead Primary School on a Friday after school hoping to make that session one with a bible story focus alongside the other activities.**
3. **We need 'stand-in' helpers for Messy Church at St Andrew's. It meets monthly on the third Friday and it is to be able to help when the usual helpers are away or ill.**
4. **Helpers for 'Sea-side Rocks' Holiday Club at StAL on Mon 24th & Tues 25th July 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**
5. **Helpers for 'High Sea Adventures' Holiday Club at StA on Mon 31st July to Fri 4th August 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. There's a list to sign up.**

Please let me know if you'd like to know more or would like to help. A special plea to let me know if you can help at the Holiday Clubs sooner rather than later as it does make it so much easier! Thank you!

United Benefice Choir: Sunday 11th June 5.30 pm at St Anne and St Laurence. If anyone would like to join the choir to sing at this Songs of Praise, please let me know. Peter Clayton from Thorrington will be organising it.

McCanns: We'll be saying goodbye to Alex, Marguerite, Elizabeth and Ben as they head to Phnom Penh in Cambodia for their next term with OMF at the end of July. There will be a special Commissioning Service for them at StA on Sunday July 9th at 6.30 pm when you can hear all about their plans.

PCC Sub-groups: At our last meetings we formed sub-groups in order to focus on different areas of the life of our churches. The following groups would welcome members from outside the PCCs:

StMM: i) Buildings and ii) Mission & Social

StAL: Mission & Social

StA: i) Mission Events and ii) Youth & Young adults

Please speak to me if you're interested.

Other Notices

THANK YOU - Thank you all for my 'stepping down' present. In case you didn't know, it's a Kindle Fire tablet PC which I had been eyeing up for some time, so I'm really pleased. Completely unnecessary, but very gratefully received! Thank you.

Phil Bull

URGENT PLEA - If you are willing, interested or would even reluctantly agree to take part in our play for the Midsummer Barbecue at Hill Farm, Frating on the 24th June, please let Beth know as soon as possible. strem@aol.com 01206 825634. Cumberbatch and Dench are not available so we need you!

PRAYER FOR MUSLIMS DURING RAMADAN - There is additional information on the Overseas Mission Board to help you pray for Muslims during the thirty days of Ramadan, starting Friday 26th May

Barbara Brooksbank

ST ANNE & ST LAURENCE CHURCH BARBECUE - SATURDAY 24th JUNE

from 6.00 pm at Hill Farm, Frating. £7 per head, heated Swimming Pool

Please come and join us. Tickets from Val Skinner and *Morag Hellen*

Further information from: moraghellen@gmail.com and 07791673821

COLCHESTER CHAMBER CHOIR – in quires and places where they sing

Saturday 1st July at 2.30 pm St Anne & St Laurence church. Cost is £10 including afternoon tea. Please email for further details: moraghellen@gmail.com

Tickets from www.colchesterchamberchoir.org or 01206 820813

INTERNET & BOOK CAFÉ - We are again looking for people to bake cakes for the Internet & Book Café on an occasional basis. We are getting so many people that Carol & Sue are now making two cakes each time. It would be appreciated if there are other people who help relieve this burden.

Sue Colebeck & Carol Day

ART EXHIBITION AT ELMSTEAD CHURCH Display of work by local artists - for sale at very modest price. Entry free.

Saturday 10th June 10.30 am to 5.30 pm, Sunday 11th June 12.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Refreshments sold all day - light lunches- teas - homemade cakes. Display of Elmstead Primary School's paintings on the theme 'Moonlight becomes you'

Breakfast on Sunday at 9.00 am, Evensong on Sunday at 5.30 pm *Morag Hellen*



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 Thursday** at the latest please, either via the website or nick@the-berrys.org.uk