



Tenpenny Villages Summer Newsletter 2017

(STA St Andrew's Alresford, STAL St Anne & St Laurence Elmstead, STMM St Mary Magdalen Thorrington)

As we start looking towards the better weather and the dark evenings just a memory, the pace of life seems to become less pressured and it is a time to try new events and activities. We have a busy few months across the churches. Please do look at what's on and try something new – and perhaps get to make some new friends from another church! So, see below for highlights and then the diary on the other side.

- **Tenpenny Villages Review Booklet 2016/2-17:** I hope everyone enjoyed looking through the booklet. Please do give them out to anyone interested in what is happening in our churches. Please remember too to take pictures of the various groups and events for next year's booklet. Pictures can also be put on the website or facebook page which helps to keep them fresh and interesting. Please email photos to me.
- **Preaching themes:** From Easter to Pentecost we're following the post-resurrection lectionary readings. After Trinity and Father's Day, we're having a short series on how our faith and worship impacts our everyday lives and then, through August, a short series on characters from the Old Testament.
- The last General Synod (the Governing body of the Church of England) had a paper presented to them by the Bishops on the issue of **Human Sexuality**. This is not a question that is going away so on Sunday 14th May, 6.30pm at St Andrew's in '**Food for Thought**', we will be looking at this question, at different understandings of scripture and giving an opportunity to come to a more informed understanding of the various views.
- **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 6am to 6pm with all sorts of prayer activities that you can just dip into.
- **Discipleship:** Bishop Stephen has said that the priority for 2017 is thinking about missionary discipleship. He will be running a **School for Disciples** in deaneries across the diocese in the next few months. The session for St Osyth and Harwich deaneries is on Wednesday 7 June at St Andrew's, Alresford (note change of venue)
- **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUBS:** '**Seaside Rocks**' on Monday July 24th & Tuesday July 25th 10am to 12noon at St Anne & St Laurence Elmstead and '**Deep Sea Adventures**' on Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August 10am to 12noon at St Andrew's Alresford.
- **Youth Activity Days:** In July (Wednesday July 26th & Thursday July 27th) & August with a Graffiti Workshop and lots of other exciting things to do at STA
- **HOLIDAY at HOME:** For the over 60s Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th August 'Waltzing around Britain' at STA
- **St Mary Magdalen's Building Project:** STMM are hoping to give their building the facilities so desperately needed to become a space for the community. The tenders now in, there is still money to raise. Please do hold them in your prayers as they face this challenge.
- **Deanery:** I hope you have valued the Deanery Prayer diary to pray for one another's parishes week by week which is included on the 'Prayer Board' at the back of the newsheet. We are now making progress with forming MMUs (Mission and Ministry Units) in the Deanery and hopefully these will be finalised over the next few months and we can begin to start making links with our new unit neighbours.

Tenpenny Villages Diary May to August

Tues May 2nd 7.30pm STAL PCC

Wed May 3rd 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Sat May 6th 10am to 12noon STMM Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Sat May 6th 12noon to 5pm STMM Day of Prayer for the Building Project ending with Evening Prayer at 5pm

Mon May 8th 7.30pm STMM PCC

Sat May 13th 8am STA PCC Breakfast & meeting

Sun May 14th 6.30pm FOOD for THOUGHT 'Human Sexuality' at STA

Mon May 15th 7.30pm Men's Night Out King's Arms, Frating book with Steve on shiggins861@gmail.com

Tues May 16th 7.30pm Visitation Service swearing in Churchwardens at St Peter & St Paul, St Osyth

Wed May 17th 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Fri May 19th 4.30pm 'Messy Voices' at STA

Sat May 20th Sam & Charley's Wedding!

Sun May 21st 1pm STAL lunch – sign up

Sun May 28th 4.45pm BIG Questions Café & 6.30pm Youth Café Church STA

Wed May 31st 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Sat June 3rd 6am to 6pm STA 'THY KINGDOM COME' Day of Prayer

Sat June 3rd 10am to 12noon STMM Book Café

Wed June 7th 7.30pm Bishop Stephen's School for Disciples at STA

Sat June 10th 10.30am to 5.30pm & Sun June 11th 12noon to 5.30pm STAL Art Exhibition

Sun June 11th 5.30pm STAL Songs of Praise

Wed June 14th 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Thurs June 15th time tbc Ladies' visit to Thorington Bowls Club

Fri June 16th 4.30pm 'Messy Prodigals' at STA

Sun June 18th 11am The Gathering & BBQ at STA

Sat June 24th 7pm StAL Barbecue and Play at Hill Farm Frating – tickets

Sun June 25th 4.45pm BIG Questions Café & 6.30pm Youth Café Church STA

Wed June 28th 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Sat July 1st 10am to 12noon STMM Book Café

Sat July 1st 2-5pm (gates open 1.30pm) Alresford Village Fete – STA with Village Hall & Playing Field

Sat July 1st 2.30pm STAL Musical Afternoon with Afternoon Tea

Tues July 4th 7.30pm STAL PCC

Sat July 8th Sailing Day & BBQ (tbc)

Sun July 9th 9am Breakfast then **10am** Church on the Green in Elmstead

Mon July 10th 7.30pm STMM PCC (tbc)

Wed July 12th 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Sat July 15th 8am STA PCC Breakfast & meeting

Sun July 16th 6.30pm Songs of Praise at St Peter's Church Ruin

Fri July 21st 4.30pm 'Messy Romans' at STA

Sat July 22nd Garden Party for St Mary Magdalen Day – tickets

Sun July 23rd 1pm STAL lunch – sign up

Sun July 23rd 4.45pm BIG Questions Café & 6.30pm Youth Café Church STA

Mon July 24th & Tues July 25th 10am to 12noon STAL 'Seaside Rocks' Children's Holiday Club

Wed July 26th 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)=

Wed July 26th & Thurs July 27th 1-4pm STA Youth Activity Days

Sun July 30th Healing and Communion Services at all 3 churches

Mon July 31st to Fri Aug 4th 10am to 12noon STA 'Deep Sea Adventures' Children's Holiday Club

Sun Aug 6th 11am STA Holiday Club Sunday

Wed Aug 9th 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Sat Aug 12th 1-4pm Thorington Village Day

Wed Aug 16th Ladies' Trip to Westcliff Theatre

Mon Aug 21st & Tues Aug 22nd 1-4pm STA Youth Activity Days

Wed Aug 23rd 10am to 12noon STA Internet & Book Café (Tea, coffee, cake & books!)

Tues Aug 29th & Wed Aug 30th STA HOLIDAY at HOME for the over 60s 'Waltzing around Britain' time tbc

Other things happening...

- **Healing Prayer Course** – if you're interested please speak to Valerie Harper.
- **ALPHA Courses** both daytime & evening (including daytime with small children) from September