



**April 2026
Newsletter**



As we come together to celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the profound hope and joy at the heart of the Christian faith. Easter is a time of renewal—a season when we reflect on the resurrection of Christ and the promise of new life it brings to us all.

In the midst of our busy lives, this season invites us to pause, to give thanks, and to remember that light overcomes darkness, and love triumphs over all. Whether you are joining us for worship, spending time with family, or simply taking a quiet moment for reflection, may this Easter fill your heart with peace and renewed purpose.

We warmly invite you to join us for our Easter services as we celebrate together in fellowship, song, and prayer. Let us rejoice in the message of hope and share that hope with those around us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

"He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:6)

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We are delighted to share that Jessy and Kingsley, members of our Energise team (Sunday School), have recently completed the CCS

course. Pictured here at the Cathedral, they are celebrating this wonderful achievement together. Their dedication and commitment to both their learning and their service with our children have been a real encouragement. It is a joy to see them looking so pleased with their certificates. Please join us in congratulating them on this milestone and giving thanks for their continued growth and contribution to our church community.

Chelmsford Community Church and St Andrews Church have teamed up to bring you:

Pizza and Pastor

Evenings

Come and share pizza and chat about faith & life with Priest Simon Pearce and Pastor Chris Jackson

Ask anything!

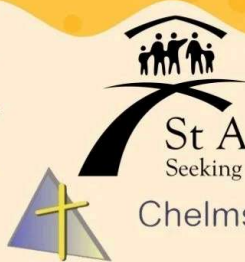
Text a question in advance: 07548 940 712

Or ask on the night / pop a question in our question box

St Andrew's Church (Adults)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DT
Wednesday 20th May at 7:30pm

Chelmsford Community Church (Teens)
Trent Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2LQ
Thursday 21st May at 5:30pm

Please let us know any dietary requirements in advance



St Andrew's Church
Seeking God Together

Chelmsford Community Church



New! Pizza and Pastor Evenings

Chelmsford Community Church and St Andrew's Church are excited to launch "Pizza and Pastor" evenings—an informal space to enjoy pizza, ask questions, and explore faith and life together. Whether you're curious, questioning, or just want a relaxed chat, you're very welcome. Join Priest Simon Pearce and Pastor Chris Jackson for honest conversation and good food! Adults to meet at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 20th May at 7:30pm, and teens at Chelmsford Community Church on Thursday 21st May at 5:30pm. Feel free to send in a

question beforehand or ask on the night—and don't forget to let us know any dietary requirements.



Join us for Clean Up Day and make a difference in your community!

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

ST ANDREWS CHURCH, MELBOURNE AVENUE, CM1 2DT
MEETING AT 11:30AM

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

Help clean up – then warm up! Enjoy soup and bread rolls with us after the litter pick.



Community Clean Up

Our next Community Clean Up is coming up on Sunday 26th April at 11:30am. Join us at St Andrew's Church as we work together to care for our local area. After the litter pick, stay and enjoy some warm soup and bread rolls—everyone is welcome!



Holy Week

We step into Holy Week, nearing the end of our lenten journey. There are a number of opportunities to gather, we'd love to see you there.

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10am Communion Together

4pm Messy Church

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday,

6:30pm Service and Meal (please bring a dish to share)

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday,

Walk of Witness to town and service on the High Street

2:00pm Service at St Andrews

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday,

10am Communion Together with Baptisms

2:00pm-3:00pm Easter Lillies and quiet space for reflection

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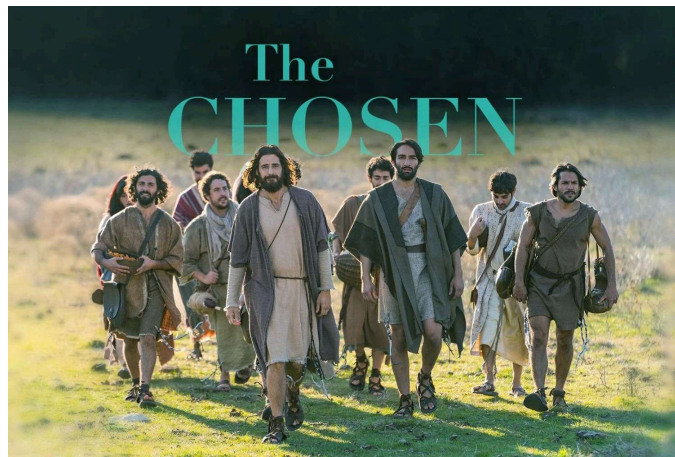
Thousands of retailers will give us a free donation when you shop with them – at no extra cost to you – including Sainsburys, Argos, Amazon, Marks and Spencer and John Lewis.

So far we have raised £1,159.72 for St Andrew's just by making our normal purchases.

To get started, register with Easyfundraising using this link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschurchchelmmsford/?q=st%20andrews%20church,%20chel&cat=cause-autosuggest>

If you would like more information, please let us know.



The Chosen at St Andrew's

There will be no meeting of the Chosen during Lent - we are all joining the Lent course on Monday evenings in the church.

Monthly Events

A promotional graphic for 'Praise@The Place' featuring a person with arms raised in worship. The background is a black and white photograph of a person from behind, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The text 'PRAISE@THE PLACE' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font, with 'WORSHIP PRAYER ENCOUNTER' in smaller white text below it. The text is set against a blue diagonal banner. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for St Andrew's Church, featuring a stylized house icon with three figures inside, and the text 'St Andrew's Church Seeking God Together'. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text: 'EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6.30 PM' and 'ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, MELBOURNE AVENUE, GM1 2DT'.



Praise at The Place will be on **Sunday 19th April**, gathering from **6:30pm**.

Praise at The Place is our contemporary worship evening. It's less structured than a normal morning service and often follows different themes. At the heart of the Place is a desire to create space to encounter God through different ways of worship. It takes place on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Join us on Sunday 29th March for a special Palm Sunday meeting.

Please note that there will be no Messy Church on 5th April (Easter Sunday)

Messy Church takes place on the first Sunday of every month at 4.00 pm.

Don't forget - Messy Church is for people of ALL AGES so come and join us



This month, Energise will be on
12th and 26th April.

Energise is for school age
children and young people.

**This term we will meet on the
second and fourth Sundays of
the month.**

Weekly Events



There is great coffee and tea
with homemade cakes, soup and
toast at our cafe.

Little Fishes takes place in the
Church Hall on Fridays **in term
time**, between 9.45 and 11.45
a.m.

There are plenty of friendly people to chat to so why not come and join us for coffee?

It is for children 0-5 years old with their parents and carers. There is indoor play, craft activities and song time and everyone is welcome.

Services in April

Sunday 29th March - 10.00 am Communion Together

4.00 pm Messy Church

Thursday 2nd April - 6.30 pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 3rd April - 2.00pm Good Friday

Sunday 5th April - 10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th April - 9.30 Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th April - 10.00 am Holy Communion with Energise

Thursday 16th April - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April - 10.00 am St Georges Parade with Scouts:
Worship together

Thursday 23rd April - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th April - 10.00 am Service of the Word with Energise

Thursday 30th April - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion



And so we pray

Halleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us may your dawn beckon.
When fear paralyses us may your touch release us.
When grief torments us may your peace enfold us.
When memories haunt us may your presence heal us.
When justice fails us may your anger ignite us.
When apathy stagnates us may your challenge renew us.
When courage leaves us may your spirit inspire us.
When despair grips us may your hope restore us.
And when death threatens us may your resurrection light lead us. **Amen.**

Creator God,
Because of your abundant love
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty
and you saw that it was good.
We ask that you continue to recreate the world
with that same attentive love,
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your creation.
Replenish our hearts
so that we too can renew the face of the earth.
Amen.

Creator God
Today in a fractured world we pray for peace and justice,
Your peace, not built on our broken promises and failing courage,
But your deep peace, through your creative power and embodied in the service and
sacrifice of Jesus.
May we follow Christ, seeking your justice, acting in solidarity and hope,
Even when the way seems unclear and the powers of our world don't reflect your
Kingdom,
As we see and hear the news of the devastating violence wrought upon
and within the Middle East,
we hold your broken world before you in prayer,
We pray for lives lost, for people who mourn, and for those living in fear
We pray for people stranded and in need of safe routes and safe harbours.
We long for peace and pray that those who wage war might exchange weapons for
words.
Help us to know how to pray, how to speak and how to act,
that we might remember our call to follow the Prince of Peace,
In whose name we pray,
Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God,
bless our new Archbishop of Canterbury,
Sarah Mullally.

Fill her with your wisdom,
grace and strength,
as she looks forward to leading your Church
with integrity and compassion;
in Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

If you have any thoughts or news to share, do let us know.

WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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