



**August 2026
Newsletter**



Jack Holden's funeral

Jack's funeral will be held at St Andrew's on Tuesday 25th August at 2.15 pm, the family will then go on to the Crematorium.

ALL are invited for tea and cake in the hall afterwards. Do stay on if you can and show your love and support to Jack's family.



We can feel overwhelmed by what we can do to help reduce the impact of climate change, but lets do the little things that we can.

Blister packs, that medication comes in are tricky to recycle due to their mixed materials. Regular household recycling can't process these

plastic and metal foil packages. But certain shops including Boots' offers a green solution for this hard-to-recycle waste.

We are going to try collecting these at church and we can then take them to a place where they can be recycled.

There will be a box at the back of church, appropriately marked. Please, please ensure that the blister packs are empty and clean. The paper and card packaging can of course be recycled at home.



Another chance to see

The People's Emergency Briefing film

Chelmsford Cathedral

Friday 11th September 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

If you were unable to come to the St Andrew's screening of this film in June, there is another chance to see it at the Cathedral.

This is an important film which is relevant to all of us. At the June screening, we learned a great deal about the climate crisis and we all found it profoundly thought-provoking.

Tickets are free but seats need to be booked via this link

<https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/events/event/peoples-...>



Eco Tip

Looking after wildlife in the heat.

Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning.

These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation.

More warm weather eco tips can be found in the ARocha blog on looking after wildlife in the heat. Visit <https://arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/>

The CHOSEN



Come and experience the story of Jesus like never before

A powerful TV series about the life of Jesus

What to expect:

- ✓ Watch an episode first
- ✓ Relaxed group discussion follows
- ✓ A welcoming, informal atmosphere

St Andrew's Church, Chelmsford
Fortnightly on Monday evenings

7:15pm – 8:45pm

Free entry

Everyone is welcome



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This month we are watching on **10th and 24th August.**

Please feel free to come to all or just some of the meetings .

Don't worry if you haven't seen them all – you can start watching at any time.

The Chosen



What happens on the night?

We meet fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7:15pm:

- First: we watch an episode of The Chosen
- Then: we hold a relaxed roundtable discussion

These discussions include insights from different Christian traditions and are followed by open, friendly conversation where everyone is free to share, or simply listen.

The Chosen – Bringing the Gospel to Life

At St Andrew's, something special has been quietly growing over the past year—an evening gathering centred around the global TV series The Chosen. For those unfamiliar, The Chosen is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus, told through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Set in first-century Israel under Roman occupation, it offers a fresh and deeply personal portrayal of Jesus

and His followers—bringing Scripture to life in a way that feels real, relatable, and engaging.

What began following our Alpha Course in 2024 as a small group seeking to continue fellowship, has grown into a welcoming outreach open to everyone, whether you are exploring faith, new to church, or have been a Christian for many years.

Real impact

Since launching in June 2025:

- 47 different people have attended
- We've welcomed people from multiple churches and walks of life

Attendees have included those exploring faith, those returning to church, and members of our wider community.

One attendee beautifully summed it up:

"I used to read my Bible in black and white, but now I see it in colour."

Others have shared that it has renewed their interest in the Bible, deepened their faith, and even encouraged them to attend church regularly.



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A true team effort

These evenings are made possible by a small but dedicated team; from setting up the church and running the tech, to providing refreshments and welcoming guests. It's a real community effort, and everyone plays a part.

A global movement

The Chosen is now available in over 125 languages, with a vision to reach 600. Around the world it is being watched in homes, churches, prisons, and community groups—helping people encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way.

Looking ahead

**You are invited**

Whether you're curious, questioning, or committed—there is a place for you.

We are continuing through Seasons 3–5 this year.

We also hope to attend cinema releases of future seasons together.

**Come along, watch, listen, and be part of the conversation.**

St Andrew's Church, fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7:15pm
Refreshments provided.



There will be no Praise @The Place in August.

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, gathering from 6.30 pm.



Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be on **Sunday 6th September** at 4.00 pm.

Come and join us for all our usual activities, worship and refreshments.

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



Energise is having a break over the summer holidays.

Energise is for school age children and young people.

Next term we will meet on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month.

20th and 27th September.

Weekly Events

MORNING PRAYER
Thursday Mornings
9:30am



HOLY COMMUNION
Thursday Mornings
10:00am



OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Thursday Mornings
8:30am-11:30am



A friendly place to chat, relax and enjoy time together, with a space for pre-school children to play as well



Little Fishes takes place in the

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

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

Church Hall on Fridays **in term time**, between 9.45 and 11.45 a.m.

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 August

Sunday 2nd August - 10.00 am Communion Together

Thursday 6th August - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August - 10.00 am Worship Together

Thursday 13th August - 9.30 Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August - 10.00 am Communion Together

Thursday 20th August - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd August - 10.00 am Service of the Word

Thursday 27th August - 9.30 Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th August - 10.00 am Communion Together



And so we pray

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the fellowship we share, for the gifts we receive, and for the knowledge and love of God that sustains us in all our endeavours. May the knowledge of your love and peace encourage us to share your Good News with not only our families and friends, but with others we encounter throughout our days.

FOR THE CHURCH

May your Church and all Christian people honour one another in love. Pour Your love and mercy on us as we deal with doubts and misgivings and strengthen our resolve to choose the right path with you. Bless and further all loving ministry throughout the world Church.

FOR ST ANDREWS

Bless our Children and the Leaders of Energise and let the spirit of your love shine through all the endeavours and activities of St Andrews Church and community. We pray for the Revd Mark Pape, and his family as he continues his Ministry at St Mary's Church Great Baddow.

FOR THE WORLD

Loving Creator and sustainer of all, sharpen the recognition of need and the commitment of just provision, to our leaders and the grace to fulfil their duties. Remember all those whose homes, environment and lifestyles have been devastated by wildfires, earthquakes and climate change.

FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Lord, we remember the homeless living in our City Centre and all those who are waiting to be allocated a permanent home. We pray for all the Parents, Teachers, Children, and students who may find holidays stressful and struggle with unseen and unknown problems.

FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

We ask for your comfort to be with those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Be with them in the sleepless nights and endless days of pain. Grant compassionate hearts and minds to those who know and care for them and give them grace to persevere with patience.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Father, may those who have died, rest in the eternal peace of your presence, their burdens laid down and their suffering ended. We remember those we have known and loved. Thank you for them and your promise of eternal life and peace.

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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