



St Andrew's Church

Seeking God Together

NEWS AND NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday 12th September – Service of Holy Communion



This Sunday's service is a Service of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. in church. It will also be live streamed and the recording will be available to view on YouTube from later on in the day.

Hylands Park picnic – Sunday 12th September

On Sunday we are going to Hylands Park together for a picnic. Please bring your own picnic.

We will have coffee in the hall after the morning service and then travel to the park. Please let us know if you would like to come.



Harvest Service – Sunday 19th September



Our Harvest Service is a Family Service which is relevant for everyone but it is particularly planned for children, young people and families. We look forward to seeing our young people and families at the service.

This year we are collecting money donations for Christian Aid. Like many charities, Christian Aid has suffered a great loss of income during the pandemic and there have been two years that they have not been able to do the annual envelope collections.



This is a global hunger emergency. The Covid-19 pandemic, violent conflict and the climate crisis, have all increased global hunger. Now, people in countries including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso are facing the very real threat of famine.

You can bring your donation to our Harvest Service on 19th September or you can make a donation online at www.christianaid.org.uk

Services in September

Sunday 19th September – Family Service for Harvest

Sunday 26th September – Service of Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday school and creche



We look forward to being able to resume Sunday school, but we are really short of helpers to do this valuable and important work. Please prayerfully consider if you could help. We also need volunteers to help with the crèche. If you would like to find out more about helping, please speak to one of the Leadership Team.

Morning Prayer and Mid-week Communion in church



Morning Prayer will take place every Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

Mid-week Communion will take place every Thursday at 10.00 a.m.

If you would prefer a service with fewer people, you may wish to come to this service.

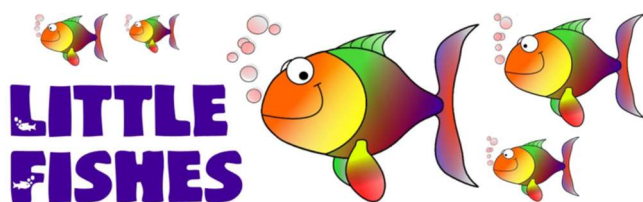
We are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask and to sanitise their hands when they arrive for these services.

Open Door Community Café

Our Community Café is open every Thursday from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Church Hall. The café is a friendly place to chat, relax and enjoy time together. So do come along and join us for tea, coffee and homemade cakes.



Little Fishes



We are very pleased to tell you that Little Fishes will start again on Friday 10th September.

Little Fishes takes place in the 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.

Lighthouse Family Trust

The Lighthouse Family Trust is about to launch a major revamp of the organisation and they want to increase their team and the work they are doing in and around Chelmsford.

Attached is the flyer for the training course which was mentioned in a previous newsletter. There is funding available for this course, so if you are interested please contact them on the email given.

In addition, they are looking to offer training for Support Worker Volunteers for people who might not be in a position to take on the full roll of practitioner but would love to be part of their new team.

They are also advertising a paid role for a Counsellor and we attach the advertisement.

Religious programming

The logo for BBC Essex, featuring the letters 'BBC' in a bold, black, sans-serif font above the word 'ESSEX' in a larger, bold, black, sans-serif font.

This Sunday, Simon will be doing the reflection during the Faith programme. It will go out at 6.30 a.m. and will be repeated at 9.30 a.m. This will be Simon's first broadcast on the programme.

The morning faith show is on BBC Essex from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on Sundays. Andrew works on the show every week and you will hear interviews with interesting people, music and chat.

Every Sunday a service is broadcast on the programme from 8.00 – 8.30 a.m. The show will be on BBC SOUNDS for 30 days after broadcast.

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone.

Daily Hope: 0800 804 8044

Sharing news



It's Jeanne Davies's birthday next week.
Happy birthday Jeanne!

Last Tuesday Richard and Suzanne Emond celebrated their wedding anniversary.
Happy anniversary!



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

WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Please read the following arrangements carefully before you come to a service.

- There will be no need to book for a service
- The seats are back in rows with a central aisle with a slightly bigger gap between each row. However, we are asking everyone to leave at least one seat space between each household group.
- We are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask and to sanitise their hands when they arrive.
- During the Peace we will ask people to remain where they are and give everyone a sign of peace by waving and smiling.
- The congregation will continue to receive only the bread during Communion.
- Simon or Andrew will stand on the step of the nave to give the congregation the bread. People will receive Communion or a blessing by forming a single line down the central aisle and once they have received the bread, they will return to their seats in a one way system along the side aisles.
The sides-persons will guide people to ensure that we are well spaced apart. Before people receive the bread, they will be given hand sanitiser.
- If you wish to be seated in a “video free zone” please let the sides-persons know when you arrive.

AND SO WE PRAY

THANKSGIVING;

That Your Spirit, Lord, will help us to carry the Cross for people in need of loving concern, and will help us to do the best we can for their needs, without counting the cost to ourselves.



FOR THE CHURCH;

For Education Sunday- praying for teachers and schools, colleges, universities, parents and Friends.

For persecuted Christians in the world, who bear the Cross in faithful obedience to Jesus.

FOR ST ANDREWS CHURCH;

For our PCC meeting on Tuesday, and for offers of help with our children's work.

For courage and faith in our hearts, that we may take up the Cross, and follow Jesus.

FOR THE WORLD;

For safety, and protection for people in places, where Covid testing is scarce.

For courage, and hope for the Women and Girls in Afghanistan.

FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS;

For those who live and work in Darnay Rise, Nickleby Rd, Murchison Close.

For the Homeless in our city, and those surviving in inadequate accommodation.

FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED;

Lord, we bring to You, those we know who are sick, or in need, remembering Mick & Jan Mellor, Joanna C, June & Tony, Sarah, Sue G, Matt & Beccy, Billy & family, and others known to us , may the draw hope, and strength from Your presence.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED;

We commend to Your keeping those who have died, that they may share in the gift, and promise of eternal life.

We pray to the Lord, Lord, hear our prayer

Amen