



# St Andrew's Church

Seeking God Together

## NEWS AND NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY 2024

### Services for February 2024

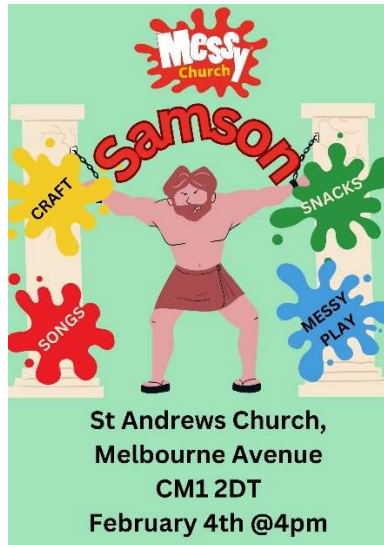
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - 9.30 am Morning Prayer  
- 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00 am Holy Communion with Sunday School.  
- 4.00 pm Messy Church
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - 9.30 am Morning Prayer  
- 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00 am Worship Together
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00 am Ash Wednesday Communion in St Andrew's  
- 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Communion at All Saints, Writtle
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 9.30 am Morning Prayer  
- **No Holy Communion**
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00 am Holy Communion  
- 6.30 pm The Place
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 9.30 am Morning Prayer  
- 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00 am Service of the Word with Sunday School
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February - 9.30 am Morning Prayer  
- 10.00 am Holy Communion

There are two services for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.  
Please note that there will be **no** Holy Communion on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Open Door Community Café

However, our Open Door Community Café will still be open for everyone on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – why not come and join us for coffee/tea, homemade cakes and chatting with friends.

**Messy Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00 pm**



**With great sadness**

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that Pat Collins died on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January in Broomfield Hospital. Pat has been a member of St Andrew's for many years and has played an active part in our church life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat's family at this time, and we pray for Pat and give thanks for her life.

We will keep you informed of funeral arrangements.

**Shrove Tuesday at The Ascension with All Saints**



## MMP Lent course



# STATIONS ON THE STREET

This year's MMP Lent Course is Stations on the Street. As the name suggests, we'll be displaying some modern interpretations of the stations of the cross inside the churches as well as on the street for passers by to see and engage with.

The stations of the cross is traditionally based on a pilgrimage that the early church made following the journey of Jesus to the cross - and we are invited to travel along together throughout Lent.

As well as hosting the images, there will be opportunities to gather together for some guided meditations, reflections and group discussion. Those gatherings are happening at the following places from 1.30 pm.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at St Michael and All Angels, Roxwell

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at St Andrew's

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Ascension with All Saints, Maltese Road

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints, Writtle

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at St Michael and All Angels, Roxwell

## Deanery Day – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, our Deanery is holding a day of encouragement and sharing for all the churches in the Deanery. Everyone is welcome to attend for all or part of the day. The organisers would like to know numbers in advance, so if you are interested in any of the topics, please book a place via the email given.



Chelmsford Deanery Synod  
invites you to a  
**DEANERY DAY**  
Encouragement and Sharing  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
9.30 - 2.30

Meadgate Church, The Orchards,  
Mascalls Way, Great Baddow, CM2 7NS

Come and hear the good news about  
Community Families  
Growth Children  
Finance Youth

For more details and to book your place email  
chelmsforddeanerysynod@gmail.com

Doors open for refreshments and registration at 9.30 am.

10.00 am Opening Worship

10.20 am Opening remarks

10.30 am – keynote address by **Bishop Adam of Bradwell**

11.00 am – stories of encouragement – hear from local churches about their successes.

Choose from a) Church Growth, b) Finance and Buildings, c) Community, d) Children, Families and Youthwork

12.00 pm - Break. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

1.00 pm – a session with a mix of space for reflection on next steps and practical advice on key topics

a) prayer space

b) Mission and Me – a guided session with input, reflection and discussion to help discern your own next steps

c) a range of drop in sessions and networking opportunities – choose from:

1) practical advice on raising finance through grant

applications; 2) a chance to talk about Parish Share and other financial matters; 3) help and advice with Eco Church applications, carbon footprint tools and all things environmental.

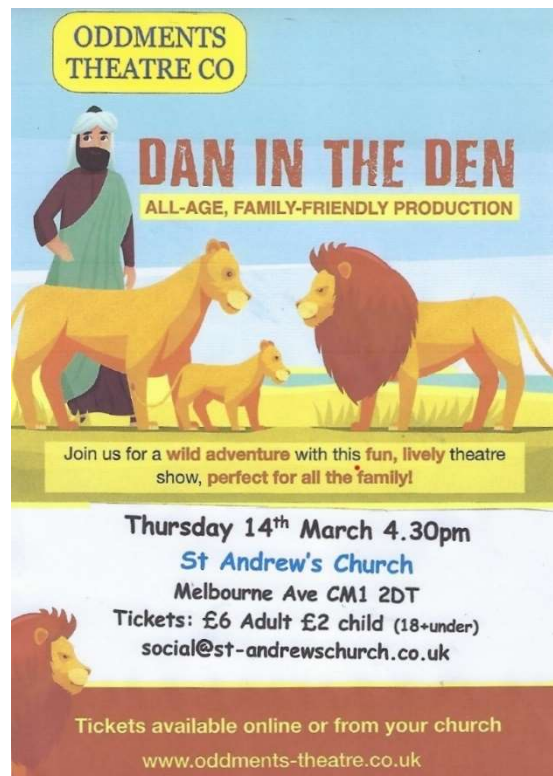
2.00 pm – Closing worship and reflection with **Archdeacon Jonathan of Chelmsford**

2.30 pm – end of day

If you would like any further information, please contact Simon or Sandra.

**Oddments Theatre Company – Dan in the Den at St Andrew’s – 14<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30 pm**

Some of you will remember that Oddments Theatre Company performed at St Andrew’s a few years ago. This time they are presenting a performance suitable for all ages. We hope you can all come.



**Eco Tip – Go green for Lent**



The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus’ obedience to the Father.

Is there something you’d like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet’s well-being and enhance others’ lives through sustainable, eco-friendly living?

Explore some of these changes at [Go Green \(er\) for Lent - A Rocha UK](#)



News from the MMP

Come and join us at



**INSPIRE CAFÉ**

Friday 9th February 2024  
10.30am - Midday

**The InSpire Cafe Official Opening**

A celebration of completion of Phase 2 of the church roof and launch of the InSpire Cafe with the Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP and the new Archdeacon of Chelmsford



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Chelmsford Community Church

# KIDS

@ Connexions

**HOLIDAY CLUB - WHO IS JESUS?**

£2 per family  
parent/carer stays with children

Wednesday  
21st February  
10am - 12.30pm

Trent Road  
Chelmsford  
CM1 2LQ



Sharing News

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

**WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

## AND SO WE PRAY



### THANKSGIVING:

Lord, as John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Your coming, so may we seek to prepare the way for You to come into the lives of others, by reflecting Your light in our lives, our service, and in our words and actions.

### FOR THE CHURCH:

For the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Town Centre and St Francis Community Church, Beaulieu - Revd. Dan Pierce and Team.

For Chelmsford Diocesan Links with other parts of the world, and for understanding and love between all people of faith.

### FOR ST ANDREWS CHURCH:

For us all as we turn our faces towards Lent, and the time of Prayer, Reflection and Bible Reading. For Ashing on Ash Wednesday, our forthcoming MMP Lent Course, and our future church plans and activities.

### FOR THE WORLD:

For all who work for peace and unity, to seek for an end to suffering caused by war and violence, disease and poverty, and bring healing to the world.

For the people of Ukraine, Israel + Gaza, Yemen and DR Congo, and all countries affected by climate change.

### FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS:

For those who live and work in Tasman Court, Hamilton Court, Napier Court.

For our Schools, Pre-Schools, Nurseries, Playgroups, Childminders in our community, and for doctors and nurses in our local surgeries.

### FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:

Lord, we ask Your presence to bring comfort and hope to all who are struggling at this time.

We remember those injured in accidents, or in acts of violence, and those who are ill at home, in hospital or hospice, or in care homes. We think of those who are fearful of the future, and those whose lives are full of sadness.

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

As we call to mind those who have recently died, Lord, and those who will die today, we pray for each of them, that in their dying, they may find the greatest healer of all, as they come into Your Holy place. May the bereaved be comforted in their sorrow.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer  
Amen.