



St Andrew's Church

Seeking God Together

NEWS AND NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Services for September

- Sunday 3rd September - 10.00 am Service of the Word
- 4.00 pm Messy Church – see below
- Thursday 7th September - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Holy Communion
- Sunday 10th September - 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Monday 11th September - 7.30 pm Alpha Course
- Thursday 14th September - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sunday 17th September - 10.00 am Worship Together followed by Shared Lunch – see below
- 6.30 pm The Place
- Thursday 21st September - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th September - 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Thursday 28th September - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Holy Communion



Mark's ordination



Mark will be ordained as a Deacon in the Cathedral on Sunday 10th September. Please pray for Mark and his family on this important day.

Shared Lunch – Sunday 17th September

To celebrate Mark's Ordination, we are having a shared lunch after the Sunday Service on 17th September. We do hope that you can all come to join us in celebrating with Mark and his family. All donations of food will be gratefully received. Please bring it on the day.



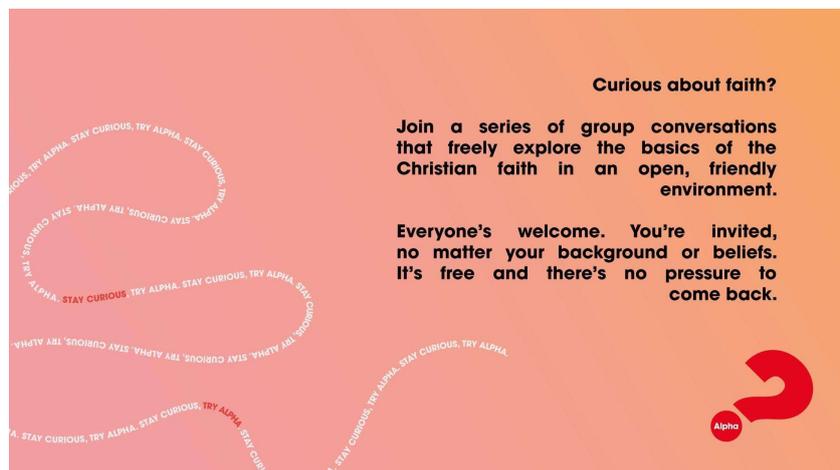
Alpha Course

The first session of the Alpha course will take place on Monday 11th September and will run every Monday for 11 weeks.

Please do come along for the first session. If you have any questions, please talk to Nikki, Rodney, Sharon or Rob.

If you are unable to come, there are other ways that you can be part of it and support it. Please pray for the course, its leaders and participants.

Also, we will be sharing a dessert at each session, so if you are able to donate a dessert or a cake, we would be very grateful. Please see the leaders to co-ordinate.



Curious about faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

Alpha

Concert by Rob Blackman and friends – Saturday 23rd September at 7.30 pm



What's so funny about peace, love and understanding – are we hearing clearly?

Rob and his friends will perform a concert at St Andrew's on Saturday 23rd September with insight from Rev Canon Ivor Moody, who is the author of "Songs for the Soul" and "Six More Songs"

Admission is free and please register by phone or email.

01245 496722 and robblackman@mac.com

Please see the attached PDF with all the details.

Thank you

Richard & Suzanne would like to thank their friends at St Andrew's for all the love and prayerful support following the heartbreaking loss of their baby grand daughter, Carrie.

St Andrew's Walk



Thank you to everyone who came on our walk to St Mary's in Broomfield.

Thank you also to Jill and Steve Readings for their generous hospitality. We had a wonderful time.

Moving Home

We know that everyone at St Andrew's would like to send very best wishes to Helen and Richard Vass as they move to their new home near Saffron Walden. We would like to thank them both for everything they have done here over the years. We would particularly like to thank Helen for her worship leadership in services, Messy Church and Sunday School and for all the work she has done for Little Fishes and Foodbank. Thanks to Richard for his support with Messy Church and being instrumental in helping to establish our new service – The Place.



St Francis Community Pop Up Food Store at St Andrew's



The Pop Up Food Store is now open every Tuesday in the Church Hall between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

Concert – Saturday 16th September at 7.30 pm in the church



New City Voices and Men2Sing are performing a concert in St Andrew's in aid of Essex Search and Rescue. Tickets are £10 including refreshments and they can be purchased from www.newcityvoices.co.uk, or from The Copper Pot Café Moulsham Lodge or on the door.

Booking the Church Hall

If you are interested in booking the church hall, please put your request in writing via email if possible so that we can check what the availability is.

The email address to use is hall.bookings@st-andrewschurch.co.uk

Thank you

CAN YOU HELP?

Little Fishes is held on Fridays in term time for pre school age children and their parents/carers. This is a very important part of our ministry to our local community.

We have a great team of helpers, but it would be good to have a couple more helpers on board. Either to take a regular slot on our rota or to be available as and when if we are short of regular volunteers.

Do think and pray if this might be something you could help with. Chat to Linda Robinson if you would like to know more and/or are able to help. THANK YOU



Sharing News

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Maria and William on their marriage which took place on 5th August.

Maria is the daughter of Christina and Kevin Morris and she has grown up in St Andrew's.



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

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

We pray for those members of St Andrews Church who are preparing to lead the **ALPHA** Course starting on 11th September, and all those who will meet and join in the exciting and enlightening journey with them. We pray for Mark Pape who will be Ordained as Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral on 10th September.

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, particularly in Hawaii, Tenerife, and Canada.

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 children and students, who will join a new school and may feel anxious or unsure, and those returning to school, college or university.

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.