



**September 2026
Newsletter**



We hope you all had a restful summer. Many of our activities took a break over the summer, but our Open Door Community Cafe was open throughout August and it was good to continue to meet the community. We would like to thank the team for all their hard work.

September is a busy month of new beginnings and getting back to work and there is plenty to tell you about in this newsletter.

Sunday 20th September - Joint MMP Service at St Andrew's

At the service on 20th September, we will be joined by members of the other churches in the MMP.

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at 7:30pm

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Melbourne Avenue,
Chelmsford, CM1 2DT

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Chelmsford Community Church (Teens)
Trent Road,
Chelmsford, CM1 2LQ

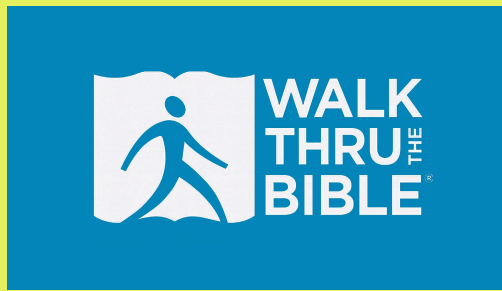
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After the summer break, Pizza and Pastor is coming back - with more pizza, more conversation and more opportunities to ask those big questions about faith and life. We've got evenings for both teens and adults, so come along, grab some food, bring your questions and enjoy a relaxed evening with Priest Simon Pearce and Pastor Chris Jackson.

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Chelmsford Community Church

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St Andrew's Church



Saturday 14th November - 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at St Andrew's

Old Testament Course

This engaging one-day course is free of charge and is a great opportunity to gain a clearer understanding of the Old Testament in a fun and memorable way.

It's a course like no other you have done before!

Some members of St Andrew's have done the course and found it so inspiring that we had to bring it to St Andrew's - and we'll be joining in again!

Following a successful Mission Opportunity Fund (MOF) bid, St Andrew's is delighted to host the Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament course and we are able to offer it free of charge.

To find out more about the course, visit www.bible.org.uk.

Although the course is free, booking is essential so that enough workbooks can be provided. You can book your place online by copying this webpage into your browser:

tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NjgyMi0z/t

If you would like to attend but are unable to book online, or would like some help reserving your place, please contact Anne Merchant.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.



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-...>



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.



Thank you to everyone who joined our August litter pick. A little way in which we can bless and serve our community.



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 **7th and 21st September**.

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.

Monthly Events



Praise at The Place will be on **Sunday 20th September**, 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, 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



This month, Energise will be on
20th and 27th
September during the 10.00am
service

Energise is for school age
children and young people.

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

Weekly Events

MORNING PRAYER

Thursday Mornings
9:30am



HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday Mornings
10:00am





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?



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.

Services in September

Sunday 6th September - 10.00 am Communion Together

Thursday 10th September - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September - 10.00 am Worship Together

Thursday 17th September - 9.30 Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th September - **Joint MMP service at St Andrew's**

10.00 am Holy Communion with Energise

Thursday 24th September - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September - 10.00 am Service of the Word with
Energise



Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it with us.

AND SO WE PRAY

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-

stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. 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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