



**May 2026  
Newsletter**



## **APCM - Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 10th May after the morning service**

We will hold our Annual meeting on Sunday 10th May after the morning service

At this meeting the leadership team keep us informed of how the church has been run for the last year, we participate by voting for PCC members and we hear about plans for the future. It's a chance to see how St Andrew's is run and to ask any questions that we may have.

It's an important meeting and attending helps us to contribute to St Andrew's and show our support for the Clergy and the PCC.

We do hope that you will join us..



**Bring and share lunch - Sunday 10th May**

After the APCM we will have a Bring and Share Lunch - another opportunity to join together and celebrate our fellowship.

Please bring your lunch contributions to the hall on Sunday morning.

**With great sadness**

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that John Saiger died peacefully on 3rd April, with his family at his side. John has been a member of St Andrew's for many years and he played an active part in our church life, including being a Churchwarden and serving for many years on the PCC.

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

John's funeral will be held at St Andrew's on Wednesday 13th May at 10.30 am and you are invited to attend.



# SPRING CONCERT

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

St Andrews Church, CM1 2JB

7.00pm

**WITH GUESTS**

The Choir of Copford  
CofE Primary School

**IN SUPPORT OF**



 St Andrew's Church  
Seeking God Together

**TICKETS £10**

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and St Andrews Church  
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Chelmsford Community Church and St Andrews Church have teamed up to bring you:

# Pizza and Pastor Evenings

**Come and share pizza and chat about faith & life with Priest Simon Pearce and Pastor Chris Jackson**

**Ask anything!**

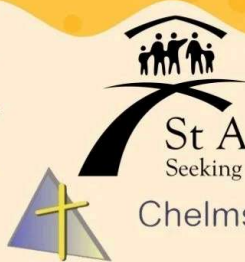
**Text a question in advance: 07548 940 712**

**Or ask on the night / pop a question in our question box**

**St Andrew's Church (Adults)  
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DT  
Wednesday 20th May at 7:30pm**

**Chelmsford Community Church (Teens)  
Trent Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2LQ  
Thursday 21st May at 5:30pm**

**Please let us know any dietary requirements in advance**



**St Andrew's Church**  
Seeking God Together

Chelmsford Community Church



## New! Pizza and Pastor Evenings

Chelmsford Community Church and St Andrew's Church are excited to launch "Pizza and Pastor" evenings—an informal space to enjoy pizza, ask questions, and explore faith and life together. Whether you're curious, questioning, or just want a relaxed chat, you're very welcome. Join Priest Simon Pearce and Pastor Chris Jackson for honest conversation and good food! Adults to meet at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 20th May at 7:30pm, and teens at Chelmsford Community

Church on Thursday 21st May at 5:30pm. Feel free to send in a question beforehand or ask on the night—and don't forget to let us know any dietary requirements.



# SUMMER FUN DAY

ST ANDREWS CHURCH MELBOURNE AVENUE

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 3-6PM**



EVERYTHING IS FREE!

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**Save the date – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
**7.30 pm at St Andrew's**  
**Climate emergency film**

The UK faces a growing climate and nature emergency. Yet most people have never been fully briefed on what it means for our lives, our economy and our future.

A new film from the organisation National Emergency Briefing sets out the risks facing the nation - and the credible, positive responses available - in a clear and accessible account designed for screenings in communities across the UK. The film is presented by Chris Packham.

Richard Emond is arranging to show the film at St Andrew's on the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are inviting local councillors and leaders to attend so that we can ask questions and hear their perspective.

We hope you can join us.



## **Eco Tip**

Support pollinators! Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators.

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification.

Plant bee-friendly plants and flowers (rich in nectar), sow a pollinator-friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Provide a source of shallow water in your greenspace (a shallow bowlful is fine!)

If you do not have a garden, use windowsills and hanging baskets.

Pray that our pollinator populations will increase.

For more about World Bee Day visit:

[www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/](http://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/)

# 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 **4th and 18th May**.

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.

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# The Chosen

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## 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.

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## 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.



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

**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 17th May**, 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.



**Join us on Sunday 3rd May.**

Messy Church takes place on the first Sunday of every month at 4.00 pm.

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



This month, Energise will be on **10th and 24th May** during the 10.00am service.

Energise is for school age children and young people.

**This term we will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.**

## Weekly Events



There is great coffee and tea with homemade cakes, soup and

Little Fishes takes place in the Church Hall on Fridays **in term time**, between 9.45 and 11.45 a.m.

toast at our cafe.

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

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 May**

**Sunday 3rd May** - 10.00 am Communion Together

4.00 pm Messy Church

**Thursday 7th May-** 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th May** - 10.00 am Holy Communion with Energise

**APCM Annual Meeting after coffee** - see below

**Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day**

9.30 Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

7.00 pm Ascension Day Service at Ascension  
with All Saints

**Sunday 17th May** - 10.00 am Worship Together

**Thursday 21st May** - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 24th May-** 10.00 am Service of the Word with Energise

**Thursday 28th May** - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 31st May** - 10.00 am Communion Together



## **And so we pray**

### **THANKSGIVING:**

We thank you Lord for the beauty of your creation, for loving us despite our human failings. We are blessed to be your children and members of your family. We thank those who brought the good news of Jesus to us, and who nourish our faith day by day.

### **FOR THE CHURCH:**

We pray that the light of God will shine in all the dark corners of the Church, and set us free from prejudice, small mindedness, and hypocrisy. We pray for a revival of longing for your kingdom to come, and a desire to live out our faith and worship in our daily lives.

### **FOR ST ANDREWS:**

Loving God, we feel your presence in St Andrew's and pray for it to strengthen us and draw us closer to you and each other. We thank you that we can share your words through 'The Chosen' and bring newcomers into a closer relationship with you.

### **FOR THE WORLD:**

We pray for a peaceful resolution amidst all the uncertainties throughout the World and that all those in positions of authority and power, use it for the good of your world and people.

### **FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS:**

Holy Spirit, fill us with a new awareness of the gifts and needs of those living in our communities. Help us to be sensitive and respectful in all our relationships, so that we care for others as ourselves.

### **FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:**

We pray for all who are oppressed, downtrodden or despised, for those who do not eat regularly and all who live in degrading circumstances of poverty and powerlessness. Bless all suffering in mind or body.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Father, we pray for all those who die unprepared to meet you, and for all who have died recently. We remember those known to us, but also those dying unknown and unnoticed all over the world. May they all share in the everlasting peace and joy of heaven.

**AMEN**

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

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

**St Andrews**

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