

Parish of Greenstead with St Anne

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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"Christ, Community, Church: serving our communities and bringing people closer to God"

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Service information

Sunday Holy Communion

10:30 am

19th September | St Matthew's Church

26th September | St Andrew's Church

3rd October | St Andrew's Church

Morning Praise

10:30 am

26th September | St Anne's Church

Need a lift?

If anyone needs a lift to get to any of the three churches, please let Ros know when booking a seat and it can be arranged for you.



We will continue to live stream our Sunday services and maintain our current Sunday worship pattern until the end of October when we will be reviewing the situation and how we can sustain worship in our parish going forward.

Follow us on Facebook through the week!

Wednesday | Live@5

Thursday | Morning Prayer

Friday | Night Prayer

Reminder

Please note that there is no need to book for our services, but if you do want to observe the 2m rule, then please do contact Ros so that a section of the church can be set aside for this purpose.

Face coverings are not mandatory, but we do advise that we continue to wear them if we can just for extra safety and to protect our more vulnerable worshippers.

COVID-safe Holy Communion

Wednesday

6th October | St Andrew's Church

9:30 am

All COVID-19 restrictions will be in place. Face coverings should be worn please and social distancing will be required.

There is no need to book.

Message from the Church of England:

"Within the Church, we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that as many members within one body we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor 12:12-27). The move to step 4 means that we are being asked to take even more personal responsibility around Coronavirus than when we were compelled to adhere to Government restrictions".

COVID-19

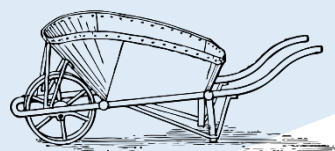
Help needed!

Messy Church Tea!

We've had one offer of help so we're still looking for people to help provide tea for the other 4 sessions! Please do help and be warned! I will be approaching you with a clip board and rota in the weeks ahead!

St Anne's Garden Project

We are continuing with our plans for St Anne's Community Garden and if you love being outside, meeting others and gardening then do let us know! This is a great way to engage with the local community and to show that the church is a place for all.



Work Party 25th September | St Matthew's Church

On the 25th September (Saturday) we will be running a morning work party at St Matthews Church, to tidy up the front area and cut back the front boundary hedge. All helpers would be appreciated, and especially where people can take some of the garden waste home for the next council collection. Even if you physically can't help much, offers to bring garden waste bags that you then take home full, would be much appreciated. This will help the church and prevent the cost of hiring a skip.

Thank you!

Don't forget!

Don't forget to have your say about the new Garden Community which will impact on Greenstead. Forms and postcards about how to access the questionnaire are at St Andrew's but will be distributed around all our buildings. See the end of this newsletter for more details.

Caring for St Andrew's Church

Thank you to those who are generously contributing to the 'Buy a Tile' scheme. This is really exciting and the money raised will help us restore our ancient building and protect it for years to come.

Dates for your diary

Summer Fair

Saturday 18th September | 12:00 – 2:00pm
St Anne's Church

The 8th Colchester Scouting Groups are holding a Summer Fair at St Anne's church from 12-2pm. Various stalls and things to do for all the family.

We are hoping to join in with a **Cake stall** -so any contributions would be gratefully received. This is a good opportunity to get to know the local community and to support our church hirers and local young child/young people's groups.



Living in Love and Faith

The Living in Love and Faith course has now started and due to the 'sensitive' nature of the material and the way that the course is put together, we are not accepting newcomers at this stage. If necessary and if we have enough people who are interested in entering this important church wide discussion, we will run this again in the new year.

Joint MMP Social Event

Wednesday 15th September | 2pm
St Mary's Wivenhoe

To help with the catering, we have decided to make it a "Bring & Share" occasion. Bring what you like e.g. cake, biscuits or savouries.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Ros (861958) as soon as possible so that we can arrange transport for you. A community bus is available.

Look forward to hearing from you, Ros.

Harvest Festival and Baptism

Sunday 3rd October | 10:30
St Andrew's Church

Harvest Festival Praise Today with Baptism of Grace and Scott Jessop.
All welcome!

Readings & prayers

Pray for...

- On Sunday 12th September there will be a Baptism of two young ladies: Chloe and Koren. Please pray for them as they start a new journey of faith.
- On Sunday 19th September is the Baptism of Lilika and we pray for her and her family.
- Please pray for our schools as the new term starts-for all the parents, children and staff. We give thanks for them and pray that they will have a smoother start to this new school year and that they will stay safe and well.

Readings

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

James 3: 1 – 12

Mark 8: 27 – end



For the departed...

Remember in your prayers those who have died recently. Pray, too, for their family and friends that they may find comfort as they mourn their loss. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Continue to pray for all our local Funeral Directors and supporting staff as they continue to work tirelessly on the frontline caring and supporting bereaved families in these extremely difficult times.

Pray for healing...

Beryl and Erika

'For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds', says the Lord. Jeremiah 30:17

Please contact Alice on alichelucyhowlett@gmail.com if there is someone you need to include in the prayer list for the newsletter.

Open church



St Andrew's Open Church

Every Wednesday | 2-4 PM | St Andrew's Church

Please continue to chat about this in the community-we have a wonderful place for people to visit and this summer has reminded us that many people value our 'sanctuary of peace'. A huge thank you to those who have been stewards every Wednesday and have welcomed, listened to and prayed with newcomers and visitors.

Allergy information

Please note: if you do bring a cake to the open church afternoon at St Andrew's, you will also need to provide an ingredient list used for those with allergies and special diets. Thank you!

Please remember

If you are already a regular member of the church, please contact Marie to be put on the rota before dropping in.

Harvest Messtival!

Sunday 26th September | 3:30 pm | St Matthew's Church

We are asking families to bring donations of food which will be taken to the Foodbank. We look forward to more Messy fun and to being with the families in person instead of on Zoom!



Messy Church

Catering for Messy Church

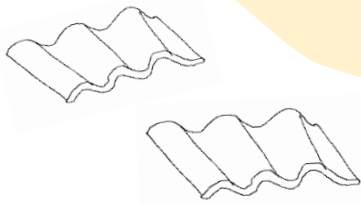
Messy Church is THE largest of our congregations and new families have joined us and we have more waiting to start in September. Before Covid we had a wonderful team who helped us provide the food -which is a large part of the Messy Church gathering and an important way of bringing people together in fellowship. It is Messy Communion! But we need people to help us again so if you are able to provide some or all of the food for ONE of our monthly sessions, please do speak to Sam, Sue, Philip, Lynn or Mary. We cannot do this on our own-so please do consider this as part of your ministry to the young families in our parish and beyond. Thank you.

Buy a tile

Many of you will know that the roof at St Andrew's needs urgent attention. A large portion of the roof needs 'like for like' replacement tiles to make it secure well into the future. We have applied to various organisations for financial help but there is still something that we can do as a community.

How about 'buying a tile?' Leaflets are now at the back of church but we're suggesting donations of £5.00 per tile. Payment by cash (please label your envelope 'Roof Tile Fund'); or cheque payable to Greenstead and St Anne Church Account. BACS details can be given on request. Please note that although we have applied for grant funding, we do have to raise half the cost of the roof ourselves and we have a long way to go before we reach even a fraction of that amount.

Thank you !



Clubs & courses

Prayer Buddies

We have a group of church members ready to pray for a given situation on request. It is a means of quickly responding to a situation that needs a prayer. Those in the prayer chain do not need any details other than a name of the person or the subject and everything is treated in strictest confidence. The Prayer Buddies follow the Church's Code of Conduct.

For more information, contact: Sue Boughtwood, Ruth Snowling, Ros Banham, Carolyn Ball, Jo Nice, Janet Fleming and Marie Paget

Local Evangelist COURSE

September 2021

Being an evangelist means being someone who has a calling to share the Good News of Jesus. We'll be looking at what this means, and we'll be exploring what scripture says about how we evangelise.

Mission in Context course

September 2021

Please do think about joining this course especially if you are interested in other ways of being church and doing church. Start date is Saturday 25th September at St Andrew's Hall, Stanway. <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/pages/MiC-Leaflet.pdf> for more details or on the Chelmsford Diocese website.

Your views

The Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community project is carrying out a survey until the end of September 2021.

Please visit their website to take part.

"For the last few years, a group of church leaders and others from the parishes concerned have been meeting together to look at how we can, as local Christians, respond to the new garden community plans. Our concern is not just for our current communities but also for the new community who will become our neighbours, and so we realised that it was important for us to be involved as much as possible in the on-going consultations."

Information about the garden community and the opportunity to add your thoughts can be found on:

Website: tcbgardencommunity.co.uk

Facebook: Tendring/Colchester borders