



St Andrew's Church

Seeking God Together

NEWS AND NOTICES FOR JANUARY 2024



Services for January 2024

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| Thursday 4 th January | - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7 th January | - 10.00 am Holy Communion with Sunday School.
- 4.00 pm Messy Church |
| Thursday 11 th January | - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 14 th January | - 10.00 am Worship Together |
| Thursday 18 th January | - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 21 st January | - 10.00 am Holy Communion with Sunday School
- 6.30 pm The Place |
| Thursday 25 th January | - 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 28 th January | - 10.00 am Service of the Word with Sunday School |

Christmas celebrations



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with our various Christmas celebrations and activities. Together we were able to share so much with our community over the festive period.

Messy Church – Sunday 7th January at 4.00 pm



St Andrew's is sponsoring a child's education



After research, discussion, prayer and thought, the PCC decided to sponsor the education of a child through the charitable organisation DFN. The charity aims to help the poor, marginalised and outcasts in South Asia transition to live in dignity and freedom. Their programmes are designed, led and staffed by nationals using a holistic approach covering the four key areas of education, healthcare, economic empowerment and community development.

St Andrew's is sponsoring the education of a girl called Sanjana Jarupula who is 12 years old and lives in Papaiahpet in India. We will get regular updates on her progress at school.



Sanjana's father works as a mason in construction sites and her mother works as a labourer for daily wages. Their income is not regular and the family struggles to meet their basic needs. They live on a small house and Sanjana stays with her grandparents who send her to the DFN school.

MMP Lent course – Save the Date



After the success of the MMP Advent course, we are looking forward to another MMP led course for Lent. It will start in the week beginning 19th February.

More details will follow soon so in the meantime please save the date and look out for more information.

Keys to the church and hall

Over the years, many of us have had keys to the church or hall and our insurance company needs us to make sure that we have an accurate register of all the keys that have been given out.

If you have any keys for either the church or hall, please let Carolyn or Bradley know. It is an important requirement so please contact Carolyn or Bradley this month.



Pop-up shop – St Andrew's Church Hall - Tuesdays

The Pop-up shop is now regularly supporting 80 families, and if this valuable work is to continue there is a need for more volunteers to assist with various aspects of running the shop. The shop is open from 2-4pm and there is a core of people that cover the whole time. However, additional help is required at certain periods during that time, as detailed below:

12.30 to 13.00	Setting up: putting up tables and unloading the van
13.00 to 13.45	Setting up: the various food options
13.50 to 14.40	Serving at one of the food options
15.30 to 16.15	Packing up: loading the van and putting down the tables
13.50 to 15.30	Refreshments: serving tea/coffee to the shoppers

You do not have to commit to every week, offering just once a month or half-term would be much appreciated. You would be most welcome to pop along one Tuesday and see for yourself how the shop works before you offer your time. If you want to know more about this beneficial work speak to Pauline. If you would like to help, please contact Ruth on ruth@stfranciscommunity.church.

Café Connect at Chelmsford Community Church – Monday evenings

Chelmsford Community Church in Trent Road will be hosting a Café Connect session every Monday evening starting 8th January – please see the poster below.

This is run by the Charity FaithAction who reach out particularly to people needing to practise English and build understanding for the Life in the UK test.



Practice
conversational
English



Find out about
local facilities
and services



Learn UK history
and adjust to
the culture



Meet local
people and
make friends

Join a *free* session at

Place: CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
(TRENT ROAD - CM1 2LA)

Day: MONDAY EVENINGS

Time: 8:00 pm

No need to book—just drop in!

 Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

FaithAction


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:

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Christ child into our world, we give thanks for the greatest gift of all time. May the gifts we have given and received over the Christmas season keep us mindful of all the blessings our Lord God has given us.

FOR THE CHURCH:

May the Church truly be the Body of Christ, and may we all in whatever capacity we can, Serve, Teach, Give, Listen, and Care so we can touch the world with your love, and the whole people of God share the knowledge of Christ.

FOR ST ANDREWS:

We thank you Lord for your loving presence at St Andrew's, and pray we may be recharged with the breath of your Spirit and reawakened to the good news by the power of your love in the coming year.

FOR THE WORLD:

Lord, you created the world and placed it in our care. We have not valued and respected it as we should, nor shared its resources fairly. We pray for a deeper understanding of other peoples and nations, and make us ready to listen, encourage and support those working to meet needs, right wrongs and make wise decisions.

FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS:

That every family may be blessed and guided through all the troubles and chances of life, supporting one another in love and forgiving one another every day. We pray for the Foodbank and those who run, support, and use it.

FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:

Lord, we ask for your comfort to those who are suffering physically. We pray for all who have difficulty hearing and speaking, reading, and writing; for the oppressed and persecuted whose voices are silenced, and for all who have yet to hear the good news of God's love.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

We pray for those who have died and those who are dying now. May your word of life encourage them on their journey and bring them safely to your eternal kingdom.

Amen.