



Parish of Greenstead with St Anne  
(Registered Charity Number: 1206571)

### Easter 4

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

*“Christ, Community, Church: serving our communities and bringing people closer to God”*

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### PLEASE NOTE:

**Monday** is the Ministry Team's day off – please respect this as they need time to recharge!

## PLEASE NOTE:

St. Andrew's Church will be closed for worship from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May inclusive and therefore, we will worship at 11:00am at St. Matthew's Church, Harwich Road, CO4

## Our Sunday Services...

## Sunday readings

21<sup>st</sup> April  
(Easter 4)

St Anne's | 10.00am  
Church@10

St Matthew's | 11.00am  
Weekly Sunday  
Holy Communion

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13  
Acts 4:5-12  
John 10:11-18

28<sup>th</sup> April  
(Easter 5)

St Anne's | 10.00am  
Church@10

St Matthew's | 11.00am  
Weekly Sunday  
Holy Communion

Genesis 22:1-18  
Acts 8:26-end  
John 15:1-8

5<sup>th</sup> May  
(Easter 6)

St Anne's | 10.00am  
Church@10

St Matthew's | 11.00am  
Praise today with  
Holy Communion

Isaiah 55:1-11  
Acts 10:44-end  
John 15:9-17

## The Prayer (Collect) for this week

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in Him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where He reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



You can also join us for,  
Morning Prayer  
(Thursday 9.00am on Facebook),  
and Early Night Prayer  
(Friday 6.00pm on Facebook).

## What's on...

### Stay and Play



St Andrew's Stay and Play  
Is every Wednesday in term time  
9.15am - 11.15am at  
Unity Primary Academy.  
All pre-school children and their  
carers welcome.

### Open Church

Please note that there will not be any  
Open Church this week and for the  
following few weeks whilst  
refurbishment work is carried out in  
the vestry area of St. Andrew's  
Church. Open Church will recommence  
on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.



### Messy Church



Our next Messy  
Church will take  
place at 3:30pm,  
today at St.  
Matthew's Church

### Eco Church

#### Earth Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is Earth Day. And caring for the earth is an essential part of living a Christian life, so this is a great opportunity to take this seriously. The theme for this year is **Planet vs Plastics** and is aiming to raise awareness on the health and environment risks of plastics. We can all do our part by rethinking our relationship to plastics and finding alternatives to single-use plastics, which usually end up in landfill sites. Think about how much plastic we use every week and what happens to plastic waste when we discard it.

Do you recycle? Could you recycle more?

For more information visit

[www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)



### Annual Parochial Church meeting

After the Holy Communion service on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** will be this year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. Please put this date in your diaries, and if you are on the Electoral Roll then you are welcome to attend the meeting.

If you are intending to come, please could you let Rev. Philip know (by email) whether you would prefer to receive the agenda and related papers in advance (by email) or paper copies on the day.

### Foodbank

We continue to have a box for donations to the **Foodbank** in our churches. We know that times are difficult, but perhaps you could buy an item (or more) and leave it in the boxes when you attend church?

On the **Colchester Foodbank Facebook** page, there is usually a long list of items that they are desperately short of. Any donations of these items would be particularly welcome. As always, if you need help from the Foodbank, Revd. Sue is happy to give you a voucher. The **Greenstead Foodbank** is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10.00am until 12.00.

