



2nd Sunday of Lent
16th March 2025

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

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

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Our Services and Readings:

Date	St. Anne's Church	St Andrew's Church	Readings
16 th March (2 nd Sunday of Lent)	10:00am Church@10	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-end
23 rd March (3 rd Sunday of Lent)	10:00am Church@10	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	Isaiah 55:1-9 2 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
30 th March (4 th Sunday of Lent) (Mothering Sunday)	10:00am Church@10 11:30am Mega Kids	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	TBC

You can also join us for:

Morning Prayer (Thursday 9:00am on FaceBook) & **Early Night Prayer** (Friday 6:00pm on FaceBook)

The Prayer (Collect) for this week:

Almighty God,
You show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the
fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary
to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

Monthly Prayer Group:

Our monthly prayer group meets on the **first Friday of every month, 10:00 – 11:00am at St. Andrew's Church**, where we pray intentionally for growth and the community around us. This is **open to anyone who would like to join us**. If anybody has any particular prayer requests that you would like the group to offer up to God then please let Carolyn Ball, Sue Boughtwood, or Martin Roscoe know. Our next prayer meeting will be on **Friday 4th April, 10:00am at St. Andrew's Church**.

What's on...

Stay & Play:

St Andrew's Stay & Play takes place every Wednesday during term time - 9:15-11:15am in the school house next to Unity Primary Academy. All pre-school children and their carers welcome.

Community Café:

The Community Café will be open for refreshments and company at St. Anne's Church on Saturday 22nd March and Saturday 5th April between 10:00am – 12:00 midday.

Posies for Mothering Sunday

Could you spare some time from 10:00am on Saturday 29th March to help with making posies? We will be making posies to give out during the service on Mothering Sunday (30th March) at St. Andrew's Church. Are you able to help at all? Or even just come along for the fun and to keep the tea coming! Please speak to Carolyn Ball if you are able to help.

Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2025:

We are once again supporting the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal this year which will be raising funds to support the work of 'Housing Justice' - a Christian charity working across England and Wales to alleviate homelessness in all its forms. Donations will be open until 1st July. You can find more information here:

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025>

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.

Open Church:

Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm, St. Andrew's Church will be open as usual for Tea/Coffee/Biscuits/Cakes and Fellowship, ending with Celtic Evening Prayer at 4:15pm.

Mega Kids:

Our next Mega Kids will take place at St. Anne's Church on Sunday 30th March from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Lent Courses:

Our two online courses continue during Lent, and people are welcome to join either one of them (or even both if you want to). The courses are as follows:

On Tuesday evenings: 'Understanding the Sacraments' Starting Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm-8.30pm on Zoom Sacraments can seem confusing, divisive or incomprehensible but in five sessions this course will explore how they are a glorious expression of God's love for the world in all its beauty and brokenness. Course book available at £6.50 per copy but please do pay what you can afford. Please speak to Rev Sue or Rev Philip should you wish to know more.

On Thursday evenings: 'He Chose the Nails' An course exploring the biblical background to the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ. Taking place on Thursday evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom (it is not too late to join if you want to). Please speak to Martin Roscoe to find out more (or email martin@andyanneandmatt.org.uk)

Parish Electoral Roll:

Don't forget to pick up a form in church. Please speak to one of the churchwardens for more information.

Job Opportunity:

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE invite applications for the post of **BOOKKEEPER**. (Relevant skills and experience required). **20 HOURS A WEEK**. Office based in Colchester CO4 3XD. For further details please look at the website – www.canonesses.co.uk. Closing date for applications May 9th, and interviews on May 23rd.