



4th Sunday of Lent
(Mothering Sunday)
30th 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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Please Note:

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

Our Services and Readings:

Date	St. Anne's Church	St Andrew's Church	Readings
30 th March (4 th Sunday of Lent) (Mothering Sunday)	10:00am Church@10 11:30am Mega Kids	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	Exodus 2: 1-10 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2:33-35
6 th April (5 th Sunday of Lent)	10:00am Church@10 With Holy Communion	11:00am Praise Today With Holy Communion	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
13 th April (Palm Sunday)	10:00am Church@10	11:00am Weekly Sunday Holy Communion	Luke 19:28-40 – Liturgy of the Palms. Dramatised Liturgy of the Passion

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:

Merciful Lord,
Absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness we
may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
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. Please note that Stay & Play will not take part during the school holidays on 9th or 16th April. It will return on 23rd April – at a new location - St John Payne Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, and at a new time of 9.30am-11.30am.

Community Café:

The Community Café will be open for refreshments and company at St. Anne's Church on Saturday 5th April and Saturday 19th April between 10:00am – 12:00 midday.

Eco Church:

Support locally produced food & produce.
Did you know there are two different local markets where you can support local growers and producers. They are:

Colchester Farmers Market – outside Mercury Theatre on the 1st Saturday of each month, 9:30am-2:00pm,

Wivenhoe Market – Wivenhoe Congregational Church, 3rd Sunday of each month, 9:30am-1:00pm.

Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2025:

We are supporting the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal which will be raising funds to support the work of 'Housing Justice'. 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 2:00-4:15pm, St. Andrew's Church will be open as usual for Tea/Coffee/Biscuits/Cakes and Fellowship, ending with Celtic Evening Prayer at 4:15pm. Please note that Open Church will not take part during the school holidays on 9th or 16th April. It will return on 23rd April with a new time of 2:00pm-4:30pm, with Celtic Evening Prayer starting at 4:30pm.

Mega Kids:

Our next Mega Kids will take place at St. Anne's Church on Sunday 27th April from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Lent Courses:

Our two online courses continue during Lent, and its not too late to join either one of them (or even both if you want to). The courses are as follows:

- On Tuesday evenings: 'Understanding the Sacraments' - 7.30pm-8.30pm on Zoom.
- On Thursday evenings: 'He Chose the Nails' - 6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom.

Please speak to Rev. Sue for Tuesday evenings or Martin Roscoe for Thursday evenings.

Job Opportunity:

The Canonesses of The Holy Sepulchre invite applications for the post of Bookkeeper. (Relevant skills and experience required). 20 Hours per 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.

Holiday Food Programme:

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs, in partnership with Active Essex will be delivering the Holiday and Food Programme at St. Annes Community Centre, Harwich Road, Colchester CO4 3DH, on the following days: Monday 7th April, Tuesday 8th April, Thursday 10th April, Friday 11th April, Monday 14th April, Tuesday 15 April. Each session will be from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm and is for children aged 5 – 13. In order to book, the families need their Holiday Activities Voucher Code e-voucher. Families who are in need of child care will need to email haf@activeessex.org to ask if space is available.