

The Parish Church of St. Andrew, Boreham

PEWS NEWS – 9th December 2024 (73)



Tues 10th Dec	10.30-12.00 noon Edward Bear Club Gabrielle Lello
Wed 11th Dec	9.30-11.30am “Community Cuppa” and weekly Foodbank collection. 2.00pm Boreham Handbells & Teas in Church 6.00pm Iona Communion - Rev. Sally Croft
Thurs 12th Dec	6.00pm Light up a Life Service in Church We invite you to remember and celebrate the life of your loved one by sharing fond memories, loving messages and dedicating a light in their memory.— Farleigh Hospice.
Sun 15th Dec	4.00pm Christingle Service - Pink “Gaudete” Advent candle is lit. everyone is welcome!
Tues 17th Dec	10.30-12.00 noon Edward Bear Club and Christmas Party, Gabrielle Lello.
Wed 18th Dec	9.30-11.30am “Community Cuppa” and weekly Foodbank collection. No Sacred Space.
Sun 22nd Dec	4.00pm Carol Service - with Music from the Maldon Orchestra , plus choir, candles and a donkey! 4th Advent candle is lit.
Tues 24th Dec	Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service for all the family Come dressed up - as we tell the Nativity Story
Wed 25th Dec	Christmas Day 10.30am All Age Service, followed by Holy Communion in the chancel. The White centre candle is lit.
Sun 29th Dec	10.30am Coffee and Carols in the Pelly Room. Come and join us, as we bid goodbye to 2024 and look forward to the new year ahead. This is an opportunity to reflect in a Café Church style of worship and in warm surroundings!

Church Contact Details

For all matters of worship, baptisms, weddings and end of life enquiries please contact:

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Church opening in between services

Requests to visit the church, please contact the Churchwarden.

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Prayer Focus

We offer our prayers and comfort to all those in the community who are unwell, especially for:

Ava, Jenny, Gwen, Barbara, Rosemary, Anthea, Heather, Martyn, Dave, Wendy, Norman, Phyllis Choppen, Pat Moreley, Audrey Boreham, Kath Childs and Pauline;

also for those who have recently passed away, including **Keith Childs** and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

Please let us know if you would like us to pray for someone.

Weekly Window

Thanks to everyone in our church family for support during the past year. 2024 has not been without challenges, not least being “vicarless” for most of the year. In the circumstances we have coped well. We are currently working on the documentation required for advertising for a new priest and we have at last submitted an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to begin the Development Stage of the process later in 2025. Both of these have been extremely time consuming. However, thanks to the help from local clergy, Canon Christine, Phil Hart, Tony Freeman, readers and prayer leaders we have kept the regular pattern of services going throughout the year. **May peace and the love of Christ be with you all.**

Please take care on church paths, especially in winter weather.



Seasonal Services at St. Andrew, Boreham 2024

★ Sacred Space for Advent, 6.00pm Wednesday 4th December in the Pelly Room ★

Holy Communion, 10.30am Sunday 8th December in Church

★ Sacred Space Holy Communion, 6.00pm Wednesday 11th December, in the Pelly Room ★

Christingle Service, 4.00pm Sunday 15th December, in Church

★ Candlelight Service of Readings and Music, 4.00pm Sunday 22nd December in Church ★

Music from Maldon Orchestra, plus Carols, Choir and Donkey!

★ Christmas Eve Crib Service and Nativity Dressing Up! ★

4pm Tuesday 24th December, in Church

★ Christmas Morning Family Service, followed by short Holy Communion, ★

10.30am Wednesday 25th December in Church



★ Café Church Service for the Year ahead, ★



10.30am Sunday 29th December in the Pelly Room

QR Code - an easy way to support our church

Please use the QR reader to “Give a Little” and help with the upkeep of our church. Just point your 'phone camera at this code and a link to the church “GIVEALITTLE” donation page should appear. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and your 'phone should do the rest, using Apple Pay or Google Pay etc.



Alternatively you can make a direct payment to the church bank account.

If you wish to give into a particular fund, please mark the back of a cheque or the pay in slip with churchyard, roof etc.

Church Bank Details: Lloyds Bank PLC. 77-81 High Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1DU

Account Name / Payable to: Parochial Church Council of Boreham,

Sort Code : 30-91-85 Account Number : 02387192

Thank you so much..

Thank You

St Andrew's Church Christmas Market on the Saturday 30th November was a great success. Thanks must be given to all who came, to the fantastic volunteers, and to all those who donated to the event. Special thanks go to the **Red Lion, Queens Head, and A.J.Smith, the Butchers**, for their generous vouchers for raffle prizes.

A grand sum of **£2,100** has already been raised, with still more to come to be banked.

Well done to all! *Margaret Holden*



Light Up A Life
with Farleigh Hospice
Remember a loved one this Christmas
Join us at our service on
Thursday 12 December
St Andrew's Church, CM3 3EG. Service starts at 6.00pm
For more information please visit our website farleighhospice.org/lightupalife
SCAN HERE for more information
It is because you care that we can
www.farleighhospice.org
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Christmas Trees

Special thanks to **Simon at The Pot Shop** for the tree inside the church and to **Messers Bolton and Taylor** for the tree outside the church.



Boreham Handbells
Invite you to
Christmas Tea & Bells
on
Wednesday 11th December
2-4pm in the Church
Entrance **£4**
For tea/coffee and
delicious homemade cake
Enjoy carols on handbells
Festive Raffle
In aid of Havens Hospices,
'Making everyday count'



Churchyard Trees

There will be a Tree Surgeon working in the churchyard from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th December, who keep any disruption to a minimum. Church Road will be briefly closed on Wednesday to attend to a tree very close to bend in Church Road.

Community Payback Team

You may have noticed that the church grounds look to be in very good condition for the time of year. This is largely due to the work of the Community Payback teams who have helped to cut grass and trim shrubs etc. These guys can handle the heavy equipment involved rather more energetically than those of us of certain ages find more difficult. Well done guys and thank you all so much and of course Steve their Supervisor and our own Cynthia Cronin who keeps us all in order.

Update on Church Services

The next Sacred Space Iona Communion is on Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm in the Pelly Room, then there is no more Sacred Space until Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Christmas Holy Communion will follow the 10.30am service on Christmas Morning.

A new **Café Church Service** will be at 10.30am in the Pelly Room on Sunday 29th December. Do come along - we look forward to seeing you there.



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