



Good Friday 18th April 2025

Chelmsford High St Community event

"Friday's good 'cause Sunday is coming"

hosted by Christians Together in Chelmsford

Following our email to churches late last year, we wanted to write again now that we have a few more plans in place to share with you. The Christian community across Chelmsford is precious, with many friendships and missional activities criss-crossing our churches and communities. Thank you so much to the churches who have already contributed financially to our year ahead, particularly to help fund this event.

This unique day is really two events in one!

- We will again host an open-air Easter gathering at 11am at the top of the High Street, giving time to worship, pray, share the gospel message and have some fun as believers of all ages from many churches across the city. This will be followed by:
- An afternoon of fun, food, music, children's craft, prayer ministry and gospel presentations and testimony from the stage. Following last year's successful free afternoon event, we are doing it again at the top of the High Street outside Shire Hall from 1pm – 4pm with:

Soulful live music by *Echo*

Musical artist and communicator Helen Yousaf (Elim Church)

Delicious free taster BBQ by *On the Move*

Children's crafts and games by *Chelmsford Community Church*

Activities and Interactions by *Word on the Street, Love Essex and others still to be added.*

How can you and your church be part of this?

Tell your church:

Use information in this email or in CTiC's social media posts.

Highlight ways people can volunteer to be part of the team:

- Stewards
- Listening and chatting to the public as they spend time amongst us.
- Free taster BBQ team member - cooking, serving, chatting, clearing away.
- Come to the prayer gathering on Thursday 17th April.

If people are interested, please encourage them to contact: petebardwell@theriver.uk

Encourage your church to give financially to make this happen:

- We are minimising costs by using the set-up used in the morning service in the afternoon, but there are still costs implications. We are looking to raise £6,000 to cover the costs of the day. Please prayerfully consider how much you or your church may wish to sow into this incredible and timely opportunity to see people give their lives to Jesus.

Please support this initiative by giving anything large or small to:

Account: Christians Together in Chelmsford
Sort code: 20-19-95
Account number: 00269077

We will also be setting up an online donation facility in the next week or so for individual donations.

Point out ways people can pray:

- Before the day, on the day and afterwards.
- See the prayer requests (on the next page) for use in church services, prayer meetings. They are personally written by Sue Kitson, St Michael's Galleywood.

If you have any questions, please contact petebardwell@theriver.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Pete Bardwell (*The River*) and Nigel Bolitho (*Evangelism Consultancy*)

Prayers

Dear praying people, please be praying for the forthcoming Good Friday Community Event.

Feel free to use any of the following thoughts and prayers as a focus for your prayers.
Thanks

In the words of the Hymn "I the Lord of Sea and Sky" God has already heard His people cry and waits for our response.

"Here I am Lord, is it I Lord, I have heard you calling in the night, I will go if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart"

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your generous love and mercy to your churches and pray that those people in Chelmsford who do not yet know you will respond to your love. Amen

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith. If it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage; then give encouragement; if it is giving; then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully"

Romans 12 v 6-8

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gifts that you have given to each one of us and pray that you will show us where you are calling us to serve in this season. Would you guide and direct us to the people and places where you want us to go. Thank you that you have gone before us to lead the way. Amen

Jesus says "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" *Rev 3:20*

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life, it cost your son Jesus everything. May your Holy Spirit fall on the City of Chelmsford, calling people to repentance and a new life with you. Amen