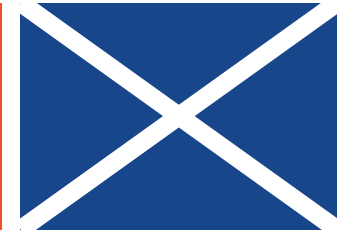
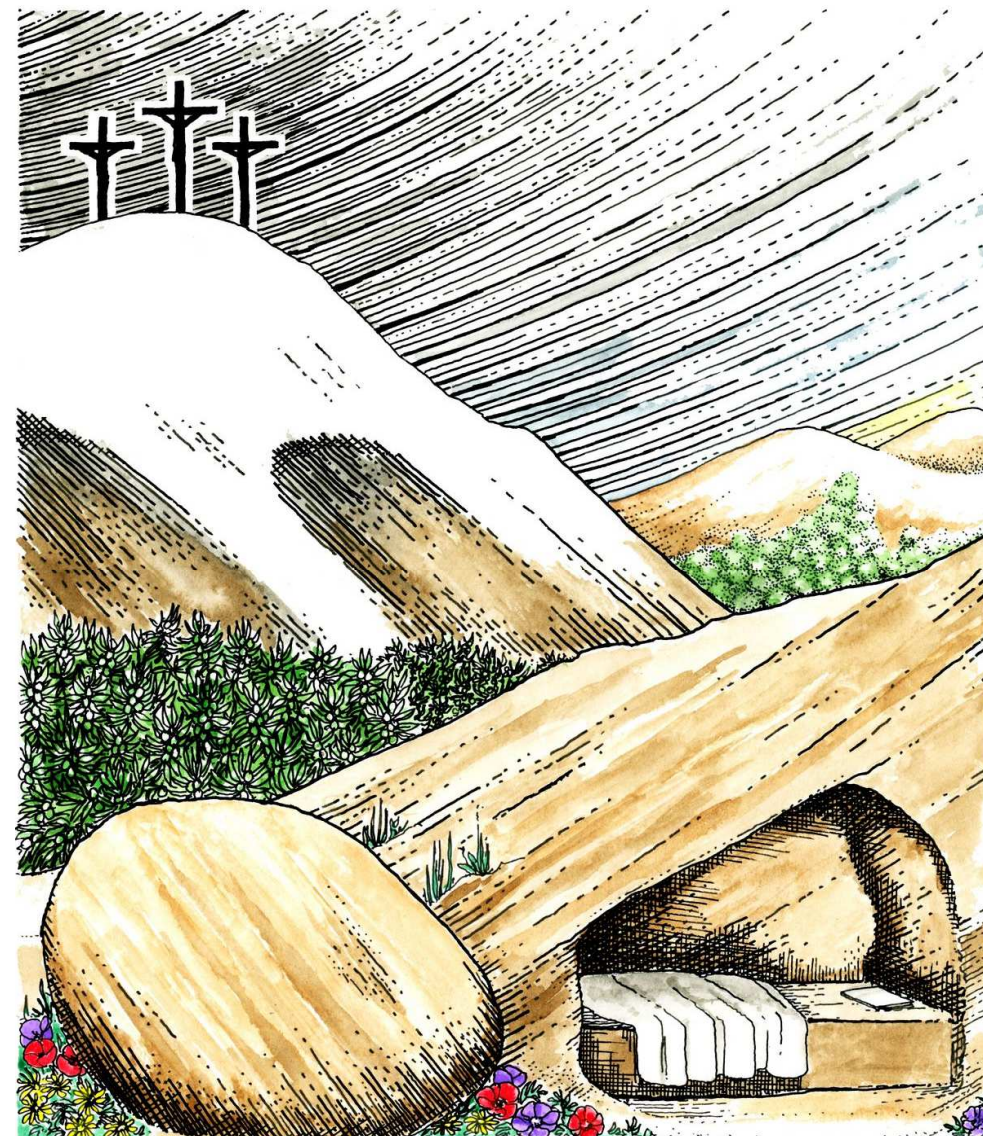


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March 2019





## Monthly Soup & Sandwich Lunch

at St Andrews Church, Sandon

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

Future dates are 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August,

3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Join us for lunch once a month, for companionship & fellowship

(and food of course!!)

We would love to see you.—No cost.

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Contact: Revd Terry Brown for more details on 01245 698988

## Easter Flowers Donations

St Andrew's Church will be delighted to receive donations for Easter Lilies and flowers. If you wish to have flowers included in the Easter arrangements in memory of loved ones, please contact Judy Cecil, Michael Puffett (Church Wardens) or Janet Underwood in church.

Alternatively, a box with details, memorial cards and envelopes is situated on the information table by the font. Completed requests should be posted in the wall box. The minimum donation for flowers is £3.00.

Memorial cards will be framed and displayed amongst the flower arrangements and you are invited to view the flowers on Easter Sunday and Monday (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April).

**Would you like to celebrate a birthday, wedding anniversary or commemorate the date of someone dear to you by sponsoring a flower arrangement in our church?**

Available Sundays: May: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and June: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

Date required: .....

Occasion: .....

Name(s) (IN CAPITAL LETTERS).....

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## Terry's Letter

Sometimes people ask why we spend so much time and energy on Holy Week.

Why don't we just skip the uncomfortable bits and go straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Day? Well, Christianity doesn't give us a "get out of jail free" card so that we can avoid the bits of life that are difficult, or we'd rather not face. For the disciples, Jesus' resurrection would not have been nearly so transformative if they had not first experienced the fear and anguish of the crucifixion. The same is true for us, and our liturgy through Holy Week seeks to draw us into that same reality. On the first Palm Sunday Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph. Crowds thronged his path, waving palm branches just as they would do at the triumph of a victorious king. It must have seemed to the local people that a new age was dawning, Jesus was about to overthrow the hated Roman oppressors, and give Jerusalem back to its rightful inhabitants. A time of peace and prosperity was just around the corner.

That hope soon turned to despair, as the crowds turned on Jesus on that first Good Friday. Why did they turn on Jesus? Why did they want him crucified? Part of the

answer was that the religious leaders of the day felt threatened by Jesus, they were jealous of his popularity, and wanted to see-off someone they saw as a rival, so they whipped up the crowd against him.

The crowd also sensed that Jesus was not going to play the part of a political messiah; he was not going to lead an assault on the occupying Roman army. They felt deflated and let down. When Jesus was nailed to that cross on the first Good Friday it seemed that evil had prevailed. The hopes of Jesus' followers were in tatters.

Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter day changed all that. When Jesus appeared to his disciples they knew that nothing would ever be the same anymore. The power of death had been defeated. Jesus really was the Lord of all.

As we know from history, the first followers of Jesus were transformed, and, starting from Jerusalem they succeeded in changing the world, telling all people the good news of Jesus. In April we have the opportunity of celebrating the world changing events of Holy week and Easter once again.

Some of our worship will be traditional and inspiring, for example Sunday services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day

There will also be special less formal services each day of Holy Week:

- There will be the short and beautiful service of Stations of the Cross on Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 pm and Good Friday at 9:30 am when we look at the last journey of Jesus from his arrest to his burial.
- On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm there will be 'Watch With Me': a Taizé-style service

of music and silence in candle light.

- On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm we have a Passover Meal on the evening before Good Friday. So please consider coming to a meal which will allow us to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, to hear some narration intended to bring some flesh to how it might have been on that profound evening and to do so in the company of others.
- One hour at the cross on Good Friday at 2 pm with music, readings and silence.
- The showing of the film "The Passion of Christ" on Good Friday at 7 pm in church. The film is a depiction of the last twelve hours in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem. The story opens in the Garden of Olives where Jesus has gone to pray after the Last Supper. **This is only for adults to watch.**

I hope there really will be "something for everyone" that will inspire our worship and our praise, and equip us to share the love of God with all the people around us. *With every blessing*

*Terry*



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We wanted to thank those who have signed up and started to fundraising for us just by the push of a button. So far we have raised an incredible £143 simply through this method. Sound too good to be true? Here's how...

Did you know that you can support St Andrews Church simply by shopping online? In the past few years I have raised over £260 for local charities of my choice, simply by clicking on the easyfundraising website before making online purchases.

Every time you shop online via easyfundraising at one of 3,300 retailers including M&S, Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and Aviva, a donation will be made to St Andrew's and it won't cost you a penny extra.

It's really easy to get started; Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewssandon/> & sign up for free! If this link doesn't work, don't be perturbed, simply go to Easyfundraising website,



### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Fair Trade Wine and Cheese evening  
7.30 pm in St. Andrew's Room.  
Please sign list on welcome table in church if you wish to attend.

find St Andrews Church Sandon and sign up!

Your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to St. Andrew's. It couldn't be easier! There are no catches or hidden charges and St Andrew's will be really grateful for your donations. We now have 10 people signed up (doubled since last article was published!!) but we'd like to see this figure continue to increase.

You can even encourage family and friends to raise money for us too.



In the back pew at St. Andrews we have a plastic box where we collect food for the Foodbank. If you could place something from time to time in the box we will take it to the Foodbank store. Here are items which would help.

There is an urgent need for packets of instant mash and instant custard.

Also needed  
Food items  
UHT Milk  
Jars of coffee  
Long Life fruit juice  
Ham  
Jam  
Personal items  
Men's Toiletries (urgent)  
Washing up liquid  
Nappies, all sizes  
Washing powder  
Ladies toiletries  
Toilet rolls

Go on, give it a try – it's quite addictive once you start (speaking from personal experience ☺. I wouldn't like to speak for others!). Thank you in advance for your support.  
*Alison*



### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

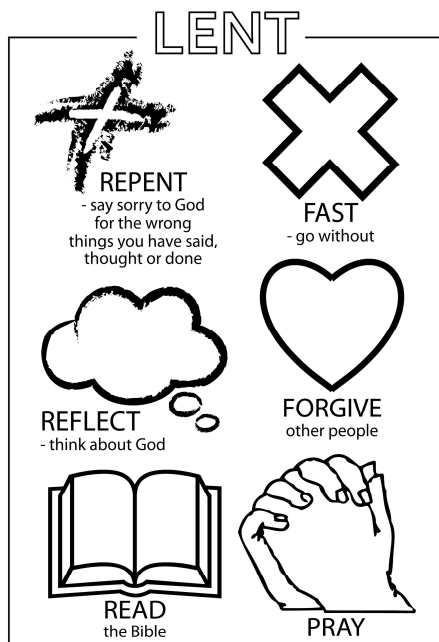
10 am Rogation Sunday Church Parade at 'Cherries Barn' courtesy of the Richard Speakman.

Come and see the sheep in their pen. Ideal for children.

Directions: you will find the barn off the Main Road (A414) by Halls Lane. BRING A FOLD UP CHAIR if you wish, hay bales will also be available.

There are refreshments after the service with homemade cake.





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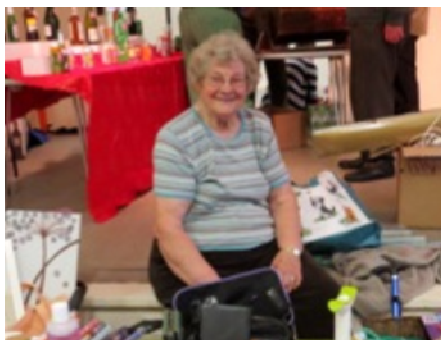


## Beer and Carols at The Crown, Sandon Village Green



## Beryl Puffett

Many will be grieving at the loss of Beryl since her death on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Beryl was born in Manchester and spoke fondly of her father working on the railways during the war. She went into teaching and from later reports was a good teacher, with a firm hand on discipline. It has been said she could quieten a class just by tapping her pencil on the desk! She taught in Manchester, Guernsey and most recently Chelmsford from where she retired from Moulsham High School as deputy head. As it happens, it was her successor who oversaw my teaching practice there. Beryl has spoken fondly of both former colleagues and pupils that have come across her path since she retired. Whilst in Chelmsford, she and Michael had a house in Southwold which she enjoyed revisiting only a few years ago. We looked at the little lanes for their house among many



new builds and probably found theirs!

Having been a thoroughly professional teacher Beryl became a leader in the field of sugar craft. She would regularly do demonstrations of this craft in different parts of the country. Judy and I were twice privileged to have Beryl prepare cake decorations for family events, for our joint 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party and when we had been married 40 years. She loved to go swimming with her friends every week when she could.

Beryl cared for her family looking after her sister in Essex in her final year and of course her husband Michael. Recently she had been reuniting a silver cigarette case that was, we believe her grandfather's, with his regiment and their museum. We went out together several times to celebrate our wedding anniversaries – both in July. The first time when it was our 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She read the lesson in St Andrew's many times and very well, and led teaching sessions to encourage others to do the same with the skill and confidence she demonstrated. She more recently began with a short introduction which she had researched – and



seemed to show that the readings were becoming more meaningful for her. A few years ago she enjoyed being taken to Bradwell to a summer evening service at St Peter's chapel.

For many in church Beryl was a reliable ear always ready to listen and provide a thoughtful and loving nugget of advice. She is missed by many.  
May God's peace be with her.

*Richard and Judy Cecil*



Sandon WI's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration year ended with a Christmas carol service on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St Andrew's Church, Sandon, with other members of Mildmay Group. Even though the weather was cold members and visitors were warmed up with mince pies, tea and chat in St Andrews Room.

This event came after our monthly meeting the week before in the village hall, when we were entertained with Christmas songs, readings and carols sung by Lorraine Ely, also followed by mince pies. Members have enjoyed the extra activities arranged for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Sandon WI and the committee were thanked for all their hard work.

Sandon WI started 2019 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January with a talk by art therapist, Carol Scarlett on art therapy. She trained at Goldsmith's college having started her career as an occupational therapist. The therapy helps people with all kinds of problems in physical and mental disabilities, so that they can concentrate on art work and leave their problems behind for a short time. Children she said are more capable of expressing themselves in art but adults have to be persuaded to have a go.

This year's resolutions were talked about and Sandon WI decided that they would like the one concerned with the decline in local bus services to go forward.

*Dorothy Gray*  
01245 223609

## The Bible Course - Explore the BIG story

Dr Andrew Ollerton says, "The Bible Course will help you understand the Bible for yourself. Over eight sessions you will see the big picture of the Bible storyline - from Genesis to Revelation. Along the way you will pick up tools and skills to help you read it for yourself. Each session is interactive, with sections of teaching, discussion time and personal reflection. Between sessions there are daily readings to prepare for the following week. By the end of the course you will have confidence to pick up the Bible, read it for yourself and apply to your life....."

This course ran both on a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning in St Andrew's Room and was very well attended, with a range of people who regularly read the bible and are very knowledgeable, to those who rarely pick up the bible and don't know where to start.

Getting the most out of the daily Bible readings,. Dr Ollerton recommends:

- Find a quiet and comfortable place that fits within your daily routine.

- Say a prayer like, 'God, help me understand this passage, and speak to me through it.'
  - Read the passage a couple of times in a modern translation.
  - Consider these two questions:
  - WHAT? What did the passage mean in its context?
  - NOW WHAT? Now what does this passage mean for my life today?
  - Jot down some answers to help process your thinking.
  - Look for a verse or phrase that stands out to you. Write it out and reflect on its significance for your life.
  - Pray and ask God to help you apply these truths to your life.
- If there is something you don't understand, don't get stuck on it. Keep moving through the reading and use a Study Bible to get help.

Personally, I also use The New Daylight to help with my understanding of the bible. You get a reading each day, with an explanation of what the reading actually is saying and finishing with a short prayer. I sit somewhere quiet with no distractions and just focus on that day's reading. It allows me 'my' time with God and sets me up for the day. Sometimes, if I have had

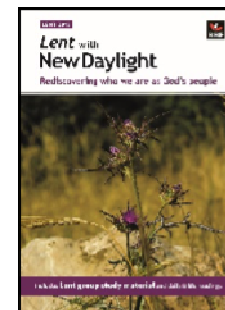
a difficult day, I read it before bed and it settles me.

If you would like more information or a copy of The New Daylight, please speak to Richard Cecil. It is also worth attending the various courses that St Andrew's Church run, Lent and Advent. All are welcome, whether you are a regularly reader of the bible or are new to it. If you want to come and

find out more, speak to Terry Brown.

"If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day

If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for life." *Claire Jefferies*





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## Charity Giving

Each year we as a church give 10% of the previous year's income from Planned Giving, Tax Refund, and Collections at Services and events to charity. The PCC decided this year to give to 6 Charities these are:-

### Friends of Marsabit

#### Aims & activities

To advance the Christian religion in the Anglican Diocese of Marsabit in Kenya by: 1. The provision of grants or other assets. 2. Support to local communities within the said diocese to facilitate their survival, education, health, social and spiritual welfare or economic well-being. 3. Promoting a wider understanding of the problems facing the peoples of N Kenya.

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan palliative-care nurses provide advice and support with pain and symptom management for people with palliative care needs through to end of life care. They support the person with cancer, their family, and the nurses and doctors who are looking after them.

### Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)

As a charity, they depend on our

support to help meet the cost of saving lives at sea. Their volunteer lifesavers give their time for free, but they need training, well-maintained equipment, lifeboats and shore facilities.

### MIND

They provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. They won't give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets support and respect.

### Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Charity

As the registered charity for The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (RNOH) they are a vital partner in the way the RNOH delivers care. Since their inception in 1997 they have received and administered millions of pounds worth of donations, which have funded improvements to hospital facilities, supported pioneering research, and assisted in numerous other essential projects.

### The Wilderness Foundation

The Foundation works with young people with complex emotional

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## February 2019

As Brexit progress stalls over the Irish border, it's tempting to throw your hands up in despair. But for the last few weeks at the Jubilee Centre, we've been praying the daily prayer that is said in the House of Commons. If you're feeling frustrated, why not join us in this rich and powerful prayer: *Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead*

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and behavioural needs who benefit from personal contact to help them develop and build resilience and coping strategies.

Its work is primarily in the outdoors and nature believing that connection to nature has a significant positive impact on mood, resilience, self esteem and confidence.

The charity mostly works with young people from 14-25 dealing with issues such as sexuality, drug and alcohol dependences, trauma and consequent behavioural problems, family and relationship issues and has excellent outcomes.

*Compiled by PCC*

## Biblical thinking for Brexit



*the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen.*

Likewise on Brexit, we've been asked about Jubilee Centre's position so our Director, Jonathan Tame, has taken some time to consider what ['Taking sides on Brexit'](#) might mean for us, and whether it's possible to think biblically about this issue. Finally, we're pleased to announce a new September conference, [The Conversational God](#), for all who want to dig deeper into 'relational thinking' and how to read the Bible relationally!

*Article from Jubilee Centre  
'Biblical Thinking For Public Life'*

## Farming Today

The usual routine of crops and livestock continues. 'Lambing Live' will have taken place on 24<sup>th</sup> February. We are looking forward to the spring when the sheep and lambs go out to grass and the crops start to show signs of growth. This year the amount of grass available is severely limited due to the invasion of wild geranium and also chickweed, which was mentioned in the last parish magazine. Large areas of grass have been completely smothered by the weeds and other barer areas where it is not quite so dominant. Seed for the spring barley is in the barn, ready to be sown on land that has been ploughed after the winter turnips, which have been grazed by the sheep, as soon as ground conditions permit. There is great uncertainty in the markets due to Brexit, but the crops still have to be sown at the right time.

At one time maximum food production was encouraged, at almost any cost, and field boundaries had to be adjusted to accommodate large farm machinery. But now greater emphasis has been put on conservation of the countryside. In the last few years on the land for which we are responsible, over nine miles of hedging has

been planted in conjunction with the local authority. The plants are put in biodegradable tubes to protect them from vermin-damage at a density of 7 plants per metre. There is 'mixed planting', consisting of hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, spindle-berry, and field maple. In addition to this 47 acres of mixed woodland have been planted in conjunction with the forestry commission. This is inspected annually in accordance with their management agreement.

There is always a lot happening on the farm, but not always foreseen. Security of farmsteads is now becoming quite an issue and reluctantly steps to address this problem are having to be taken.

*Gillian and Bernard*

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## Howe Green URC

It was good to share the Christmas celebrations with St Andrew's at their service of Nine Lessons and Carols. It was a great evening with so many people from the community there. Thanks to all those who joined us for our Candlelit Carol Service. As usual, it was a lovely evening and wonderful to see so many people there. We had a good time at our 'Burns Night' coffee morning, and by the time you read this our Fairtrade Coffee morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> February may also be over. But we do look forward to joining with St. Andrew's for their part in Fairtrade Fortnight on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with their wine and cheese evening. We also hope to share



with you some of the Lent/Easter events.

*Pam Knott*

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## Church Services

## St. Andrew's, Sandon

### March

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Last Sunday before Lent**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

7:30 pm Sung Eucharist with imposition Ashes

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Morning Prayer at Little Baddow

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Lent 1**

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Family Service and Baptism

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Morning Prayer at East Hanningfield

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Lent 2**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

3:00 pm Traditional Service at Howe Green

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am Morning Prayer at Woodham Ferrers

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Lent 3**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Morning Prayer at Downham

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Mothering Sunday**

10:00 am Family Service

### April

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Morning Prayer at Sandon

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Passion Sunday**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Morning Prayer

at South Woodham Ferrers

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:45 am Palm Sunday Service

beginning on The Green

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm Watch with me - 'a Taizé-style' service

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Celtic Morning Prayer

11:00 am Chrism Eucharist at Cathedral

7:30 pm At Last Supper

Passover Meal with Communion

9:30 pm Watch until 11:30 pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Good Friday**

9:30 am Stations of the Cross

11:00 am United Service

in Chelmsford High Street

2:00 pm Last hour by the Cross

7:00 pm Film - 'The Passion'

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Easter Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Communion

8:45 am Easter Breakfast - All welcome

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

3:00 pm Easter Service

led by Robert Wiseman at Howe Green



<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at Little Baddow
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	Spring Coffee Morning at Howe Green
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>May</b>		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at East Hanningfield
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at Woodham Ferrers
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rogation Sunday</b>	
	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Rogation Service at Cherries Farm
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at Downham
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
	11:00 am	Church Anniversary Service
		at Howe Green
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at Danbury
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 6</b>	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at Sandon
	7:30 pm	Sung Eucharist

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Mothering Day Service 10am

An open invitation to all for our special Mothering Sunday Family Service.

Please join us to celebrate and give thanks for our Mums, and all that they do for us.

Please support this service where we remember our Mothers and children receive flowers for their mothers.

## From the Registers

### We remembered in God's presence:

Peggy Ginn

15<sup>th</sup> November

### Electoral Roll

Each 6<sup>th</sup> year the Electoral Roll is required to be revised completely and 2019 is such a year. So if you think you should be included please ensure Liz Bobeldijk has your form by 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Vestry Meeting

The APCM for the Parish of St. Andrew Sandon will be held in Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11:30 am.

At the Vestry Meeting, elections will take place for two churchwardens.

At the APCM immediately following, elections will take place for lay representatives to the PCC, which normally meets five times a year.

Nomination forms for PCC representatives and Churchwardens will be available at the back of church.

## Goings on at Baycroft Care Home ...

### ***Tiny Tots - First Halloween...***

Baycroft invited Tiny Tots for a Halloween Party and what a party they had! They decorated the entrance and reception area. We had lots of lovely party games, food, drink and singing. The residents and staff got really involved too!



### ***Then Christmas ....***

Tiny Tots were kindly invited back for a visit just before Christmas, so that they could have a small Christmas Party with the residents. We played musical statues and musical bumps and then sang songs to the residents, who also joined in the fun. Under the Christmas Tree were packets of sweets for the children, and the



Christmas Sack in which all the children dipped to find a present! Just before we left, all the children were given a chocolate selection box to take home. We all had a lovely time and as always felt welcomed.



### ***Carol Service***

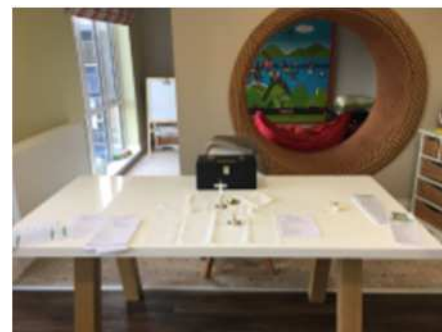
Then the choir and some members of the congregation



visited and held a Carol Service in one of the lounges for the residents. This was a lovely service and such a great atmosphere. Many of the residents and staff attended and joined in. It really put everyone in the Christmas Spirit.

### ***Holy Communion Service***

The last Monday in each month the church visits Baycroft for a Holy Communion Service with the residents. This is greatly appreciated, as some of the residents would love to attend church services but for one reason or another cannot get to church. So this is a fantastic



opportunity for the church to do some outreach, and for Baycroft to engage with the community.



### ***Finally... We have Tea with the Vicar***

The second Monday in the month is 'Tea with the Vicar'. Reverend Terry Brown comes to Baycroft and sits with the residents in the Cafe or the Lounge and has a chat and a cup of tea and cake!!! It is a really nice informal way to meet all those residents who don't attend the Holy Communion Service.

*By Claire Jefferies*

### ***Men's Lunch***

The inaugural Men's Lunch was held at the Bell Inn, Danbury on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January attended by five members of St Andrews congregation. The group is open to all men in the parish and it is hoped to make it a monthly event, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

The meal was from The Bell's extensive menu and was preceded by Grace led by the Rector. A general discussion followed, covering diverse topics from biblical matters to the NHS today. It was agreed to make it a regular event and we encourage others to join us at this most enjoyable function.

*Stuart Mackay*



# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.



## January Quiz

This year we attracted 14 teams to the quiz, so it was a little busy in the Village Hall. There was some good scoring and the winning team with 99 points was



Mike Worboys receives the award from Terry

'Same as last Time' (The Worboys plus 4) followed closely by 'Table Eleven' with 97 points and then 'Alison's Angel's (very much the Read's and Speakmans) with 96 (ahead until the last round). Two other teams ended up 4th with 95 points, namely 'No Imagination' and 'The Groobedun Travels'. So you can see that the competition was very hot and close! The winners received a bottle of wine each.

Our raffle was generously supported with 25 donated prizes and made £201 with the tickets being sold by Claire and Sue.

Just in case you wondered what the questions were like the round headings were as follows: Europe, New Year, Disney, Food and Drink and then we had a half-time break and the collection of the 'Marathon' round sheets (name the 1. Top ten departmental stores in London, 2. Name the built-in apps on phones beginning with C and M, 3. Name the top ten most popular types of coffee on Instagram). The second half rounds were on 'The Year 2018', United Kingdom, General Knowledge and finally Science.

Overall we raised £853 (less cost of the hall) for our 6 charities chosen for this year namely: 1. Friends of Marsabit, Kenya where we have good connections, 2. MIND, 3. The Wilderness Foundation, 4. RNLI, 5. Macmillan Cancer Support, and 6. The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Charity. So you can see that we do try to cover a reasonable range of areas needing help. Judy Cecil gave a vote of thanks to Terry, Caroline, Yvonne, Claire, Sue and David for doing the work and hoped that we would support other events. The next quiz will be at the end of October or early November, same venue!

David Farrar



## Heresy and people who are like you'

*Ashley Leighton-Plom writes:*

This is a reflection on some words from Rowan Williams, the previous Archbishop of Canterbury. I'd like to share it as relevant to our ecumenical journey. It relates to the word 'heresy'.

Heresy, if and when we use the word nowadays, is normally understood among Christians to refer to beliefs about things like God, Christ, and salvation which are wrong – dangerously wrong. The other common use of words like "heretic" today are slightly groovy, like when someone says, "I'm a bit of a heretic", and means something like "I'm a free-thinker, I don't conform to society". It usually has positive connotations, like independent thought and enlightenment beyond silly beliefs, someone who quests for truth and who is not afraid to challenge accepted assumptions to do so.

Until recently, those were the two meanings of words like "heresy" and "heretic" that I knew of. But I was recently introduced to a third – more original – meaning when I read a commentary by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, on 1 Corinthians chapter 11 and the topic of heresy.\* In it, Williams says that

the root of the word "heresy" in Greek is the verb "to choose" – 'hairesis' – also where the word "adhere" comes from. Heresy, then, has to do with choosing who and what you associate with. Williams uses this meaning to argue that, for St. Paul, heresy is not holding incorrect beliefs about God, but is "choosing the people you are comfortable with... choosing something other than the full fellowship of believers" to associate with. If this is true, then both the Church's traditional meaning of heresy as "wrong belief", and society's positive use of heretic as "free thinker" are insufficient. "Heresy" could actually mean choosing to only associate with people who agree with you.

Williams develops this claim into a rather deep point about its significance. He says that what is wrong with being ungenerous in who we associate with is that we try to put a limit on God's grace. We try to limit God's ability to choose who he chooses, when we choose to associate less generously than he does. The inevitable consequence of this is that we end up believing in a God who is much less generous than the God who chooses to save

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## Letter to Gillian

Dear Gillian (Speakman),

We always enjoy your farming today articles in Sandon Voice and your reference to Craven Arms brought back many happy memories. My roots are very much in south Shropshire – I was born in the village of Clunbury where my grandfather had been vicar for 25 Years. My grandmother returned to Clunbury after my grandfather's death and I spent many happy holidays staying with her and cycling along the narrow lanes. Once a week Granny would go on the bus into Craven Arms and go to the butcher, the baker and the fishmonger (in those happy pre-supermarket days!) Then time for coffee and cakes before we got the bus back. My favourite place was Ludlow with its magnificent castle and fine church – lunch or tea at De Gray's cafe was a great treat.

Thank you for bringing back so many happy memories. Mary joins me in sending our love and very best wishes to you and Bernard and all the family,

*Revd Canon Hugh Beavan  
former Rector of Sandon*

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## Su Whinney

Su died suddenly at the age of 84 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. She and Jack had lived at Shrublands, Butts Green for 50 years before 'retiring' to Maldon in 2013. They had arrived from London with their baby son Richard; daughter Camilla appeared in early 1966. From the outset the family were regular attendees at St Andrew's. Su made enduring friendships over years, particularly with neighbours in Butts Green and through the church.

Su served St Andrew's in a variety of ways: as a PCC member, delivering magazines, organising Red Cross collections and in particular working intimately with the Sandon Over 60s Club becoming treasurer. At the time it had about 60 members and it continued for a further 30 years. She was one of the regular church cleaners, and she joined a tight band of inspired flower arrangers whose successors



continue to illuminate the church to this day. She was even able to draw Jack into flower arranging! She was closely involved with Jack in raising funds for the building of the St Andrew's Room.



In her last years attending Sandon church she also enjoyed singing in the choir.

Su's life has been defined by her devotion to and pride in her family, which in later years included four much wanted and loved grandchildren. For over ten years in the 1980s and 1990s she was heavily involved in looking after two elderly spinster aunts, who lived just outside Guildford organising their carers, regularly visiting to ensure they could

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people despite their depravity and their rebellion against him. Ultimately, Williams suggests that the salve to this is learning to believe in the generosity of God to love whoever he chooses to love, and to learn to follow him in loving whoever he loves.

If heresy is choosing to associate only with the people you are comfortable with, something other than the full fellowship of believers, then it turns out that the ecumenical endeavour is the very definition of orthopraxy.

\* Rowan Williams, 'What is heresy today?', lecture given at the International Centre, Telford, as part of a diocesan visit to Lichfield, on Saturday 6th November, 2010. You can access

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continue living in their own home to 105½ and 93 years old. Later she turned her attention to the garden at Shrublands with an eye for design, shape and colour that mark exceptional gardeners. In later years annual garden openings ensured that this family paradise was appreciated by many visitors from further afield. Then when she and Jack moved to Lancaster House, Maldon, right beside St Mary's Church, she was first the driving force behind the



## Ladies' Breakfast

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Ladies Breakfast**

Speaker Revd. Canon Jane Freeman, Rector of Wickford  
8.30am at Butts Green Garden Centre.

Book your place on the list on the welcome table at the back of the church or telephone Janet on 01245 472997 by 16<sup>th</sup> April

a transcript and audio recording online at: <http://aoc2013.brix.fatbeehive.com/articles.php/568/archbishops-lecture-what-is-heresy-today>

restoration of the historic property and the creator of another wonderful garden which she and Jack enjoyed showing often for good causes effortlessly naming all the many plants.

Su was a warm, and passionate lady with keen, smiling blue eyes who remained full of vitality to the end. Days before she died she had been tirelessly entertaining family and friends.

*Compiled by Richard Cecil  
from family sources*

## The Evidence For The Resurrection

In his book 'The Evidence for the Resurrection', Sir Norman Anderson, the former Professor of Oriental Laws and Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in the University of London, sets out the facts of the case and invites us to reach a verdict. The Easter story is based on the written testimony of six witnesses (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul and Peter) supported by the testimony of the whole primitive Church.

Think, first, of the number of witnesses. Paul tells us that in 56 AD the majority of some 500 original witnesses were still alive. Think, too, of the character of the witnesses; think of the amazing change which these men underwent. Is it conceivable that a deliberate lie would change a company of cowards into heroes, and inspire them to a life of sacrifice?

The earliest explanation of the empty tomb was that the disciples stole the body. But such a deliberate fraud cannot be reconciled with the characters of the disciples and their subsequent behaviour.

There is the suggestion that one of the authorities, either Jewish or Roman, removed the body. But if the authorities moved the body,

why did they not say so and nip the preaching of the resurrection in the bud? Why did the authorities not call as witnesses those who had taken part in the removal?

Another suggestion is that the women who went looking for Christ's tomb mistook the tomb. Coming in the uncertain light of early morning, they missed their way; but a young man who was lurking around, realized their purpose and said, 'Ye seek Jesus...He is not here...Behold the place where they laid Him.' But the women were terrified and ran away; and they subsequently came to believe that the young man must have been an angel and his words an announcement that their Lord had risen from the dead. Why did not the priests produce this young man and explode the whole delusion? Why, again, did they not produce the body itself?

An argument is that in reality He was not dead, but had only swooned from exhaustion, caused by the agony of crucifixion and loss of blood. We are asked to believe that three days in a cold tomb, without food and attention, would so far revive Him that He was able to set Himself free from the grave clothes which

swathed Him, roll away a stone which three women felt unable to tackle, terrify the Roman guards and walk miles on pierced and wounded feet.

Were those who claimed they had seen the risen Christ hallucinating? But hallucinations are highly individualistic, for their true source is the subconscious mind of the recipient. No two persons, therefore, will experience exactly the same phenomena. But some five hundred all claimed to have experienced exactly the same hallucinations, at one and the same time and place!

What can have changed a little company of disciples, sad and defeated cowards, into a band of irresistible missionaries who turned the world upside down and whom no opposition could deter? What changed Peter from a weakling, who denied his Lord three times when he felt threatened, into a man who could not be silenced?

But the ultimate proof of the resurrection for each individual lies in his own knowledge of the risen Christ. For in this matter the evidence of experience can supplement that of history. Happily the promise of the risen Saviour still stands: 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open

the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me' (1 Rev 3:20).

## At Last Supper

The title is intended to carry some double meaning (double entendre). There is a plan to try to see the Last Supper in a more intimate way. Here, as you will know, Jesus shared his last meal on earth with his disciples and it was there that He initiated our celebration of Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, Eucharist or Mass, each name of which emphasises a different aspect of the event.

This was the evening before the crucifixion, so it makes sense to mark this on the evening before Good Friday. Please consider coming to a meal which will allow us to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, to hear some narration intended to bring some flesh to how it might have been on that profound evening and to do so in the company of others. This will start at 7:30 pm on Thursday 18th April and the meal/service will be completed by about 9:15 pm. Since catering is involved please tell Terry, 698988 or me, 224747, if you plan to attend or would like more detail. If you want, you can stay for a watch in the churchyard and then the church.

*Richard Cecil*



## Christmas Cards: Do We Get The Message?

As I was taking down my cards this early January and wondering what to do with them: recycle? save and store? use for cut outs? scrapbook etc. I thought I would do a quick 'non-scientific' analysis of the type of cards that I had received. What categories could I put them into? I concluded that the most popular themes were fairly obvious and after I had done a count the percentage result was: Flowers 3%, Snow scenes 2%, Christmas tree motifs 15%, Animals 18% (mainly robins), Merry Xmas 20%, Peace on Earth 7% (nearly all from my American friends), Nativity/Religious scenes 35%.

What does this mean in every-day life I wondered? What are the motives of everyone sending cards? And how do they decide what type and what is the idea or motive behind their cards? Impossible to answer that in a brief response, I guess! However the overall encouraging points that I concluded (controversially)? were as follows: I think I saw a significant increase in Religious cards which was encouraging as that is what it is supposed to be 'all about' and also at 78% (three quarters) a big increase for Charity Cards, indicating maybe

that people are being more thoughtful or responsive in that direction. Another thought, a risky comment I know, but you have to live dangerously occasionally! : I am happy to say that I only got two 'electronic cards' which for some reason I despair of! (but they are free and there is no waste- so that is slightly irrational)!

Overall, I concluded, I do like Christmas Cards: receiving them and sending them! I know that a lot of money is spent on postage but I am also supporting the poor old Post Office and our local postie Mark who does a super job! Well done Mark!

*David Farrar*

## The Edinburgh Fringe

"I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!"  
*Stewart Francis*

"As a kid I was made to walk the plank. We couldn't afford a dog."  
*Gary Delaney*

"A friend tricked me into going to Wimbledon by telling me it was a men's singles event"  
*Angela Barnes*

## Vegetable Stir Fry

Ingredients:

1tablespoon peanut oil (or sunflower),  
1 long red chilli finely sliced and seeded,  
2 small onions sliced into thin wedges,  
½ teaspoon Chinese five spice powder,  
200g green beans trimmed,  
2 courgettes sliced,  
200g mange tout,  
2 tablespoons basil leaves,

1 clove garlic'  
1 red pepper,  
2 cups broccoli florets,  
2 tablespoons oyster sauce,  
¼ cup unsalted cashews.

Method

Heat a wok or large non-stick frying pan over a high heat. Cook the oil, onions, chilli, five spice powder and garlic for 2 minutes. Add the beans, pepper, courgette, broccoli and mange tout and stir fry for about 5 minutes until just tender. Toss through the oyster sauce. Serve garnished with basil and cashews.

*Narelle Arnold*

## Pancakes

Ingredients

100g (4oz) plain flour  
1 egg  
15ml (1tbsp) melted butter (optional)

pinch of salt  
300ml (1/2 pint) fresh milk  
melted butter for frying

Method

Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Break in egg. Gradually add half the milk, beating to a form a smooth batter. Pour in remaining milk and beat until quite smooth. Stir in melted butter. Lightly brush base of 20.5cm (8inch) frying pan with melted butter and stand over a medium heat. When pan and butter are hot, pour in 3 tbsp of batter tilting the pan to cover base. Cook until pancake moves freely; turn and cook until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve with either lemon and sugar, golden syrup, chocolate spread and banana, maple syrup and ice cream or simply have it on its own!

## Christenings or Weddings St. Andrews Church Sandon

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## Regular Activities

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month	8:00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
	10:00 am	Family Service
Other Sundays	10:00 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesdays	9:30 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Tea/Coffee and Chat
	7:45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Tiny Tots (term time only)
Fridays	7.30 pm	Choir Practice



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