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Tuesday	10.30am - Noon	Coffee & Chat. (St. Andrew's Room)
	3.45pm - 5.15pm	SALT for children (4 - 7 yrs) and their families (in term time)
	6.30pm - 9.15pm	Youth Fellowship (Village Hall).
	7.45pm	Bell ringers.
Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Tiny Tots. (St. Andrew's Room)
Friday	7.30pm - 8:30pm	Choir Practice. (St. Andrew's Room)

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Our Mission Statement

In the light of God's call, and our situation here, our vision is:

*To glorify and worship God and to further his kingdom on earth; To declare
and show the love of Christ for all people to the people of Sandon; To teach,
encourage and help people to be disciples of Christ; To proclaim Christ's*

Gospel to the people of Sandon and the wider world;

*To encourage commitment and personal growth in Christian discipleship and
spirituality; To channel God's love through service and care for all.*

PARISH MAGAZINE



ST ANDREW'S SANDON

MAY 2011

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CHURCH SERVICES during May 2011

at St. Andrew's Church, Sandon [S]
and St. Mary's Church, Little Baddow [LB]

Sunday 1st

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
10.00 Morning Prayer [LB]
12.00 Baptism [LB]

Monday 2nd

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

Wednesday 4th

09.15 Holy Communion and
prayers for healing [S]

Thursday 5th

10.00 Holy Communion and
prayers for healing [LBC]

Sunday 8th

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evening Parish Eucharist [S]
18.30 United Evening Worship[URC]

Monday 9th

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

Wednesday 11th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 12th

10.00 House Communion [LB]

Sunday 15th

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Family Worship [LB]
18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]

Monday 16th

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

Wednesday 18th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 19th

10.00 House Communion [LB]

Sunday 22nd

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.00 Holy Communion [S]
10.00 United Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evensong [LB]

Monday 23rd

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

Wednesday 25th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 26th

10.00 House Communion [LB]

Sunday 29th

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 *COME TOGETHER*
SUNDAY EUCHARIST
[St Andrew's, Sandon]

Monday 30th

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

Organisations & Activities in Sandon & Howe Green

United Reformed Church Howe Green

Minister: Revd. J. Sermon 01245 601662
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Meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday of the month and are held alternately in Sandon Village Hall and at Howe Green.

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Regular Activities

Wednesdays 6.00 - 7.15pm 1st Sandon Brownies in the Village Hall
Last Wednesday Monthly 2.00 - 4.15pm Over Sixties Club.
Thursdays 5.00 - 6.15pm Beaver Cubs in the Village Hall.
6.15 - 7.45pm 1st Sandon Cubs & Scouts in Village Hall.
8.00 - 9.30pm Sandon Scouts in the Village Hall
2nd Thursday Monthly 2.00 - 4.00pm Women's Institute in the Village Hall.

Please inform the editor of any alterations to the above details.

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From The Rectory

May, 2011

Dear friends

Faisalabad is one of the most culturally and spiritually diverse cities in Pakistan. Agriculture is the main source of employment in the local community, with coconut plantations and vegetable cultivation providing a livelihood for most of the local population. Unfortunately, a large part of the community is living in poverty, and working in unhygienic conditions. Education is also scarce for many resulting in poor development and basic methods of cultivation that produce meager crops and inconsistent harvests. Your donations will help us to cover the full costs of the Agricultural Development Project 452, including a direct grant to the partner church and the cost of monitoring the Project and sharing regular news. Any money received over the Project target will be allocated to where the need is greatest.

In the last year St Andrew's Church have raised, through donations and events, a good proportion of the £4650 needed. This month we hope to reach the target by holding a 'Big Curry Party' at The Crown on Wednesday 4th May at 7.45pm. A two course dinner is being generously donated by Chef Mumin Ali (Royal Tiger Restaurant, Rettendon Common) and Eddie and Liz (The Crown) so that 100% of your donation will go to Project 452 enabling us to claim 'gift aid' on your donation for attending the party. Seats are limited to 45 seats in the restaurant and at this point we only have half the seats still available for a gift-aided donation of £15.00 per person. Of course the bar will be open and Eddie, Liz and the staff will be pleased to serve you. I think we're in for a great night in Sandon and possibly the first of many 'Charity nights' at the Crown. If you can "get a wriggle on" you might be able to be part of a great village night and enjoy a great curry in support of developing agricultural opportunities in the flood devastated region of Pakistan helping them to help themselves.

Yours as ever

Clive
Priest-in-Charge



SANDON OPEN GARDENS IN AID OF FARLEIGH HOSPICE



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The Tiny Tots Toddler Group meets every Wednesday from 2.00 to 3.30 p.m., except in school holidays, in the St Andrews Room, for parents (or carers) to meet and for children to play.

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Which season do you prefer? Spring - the beginning of new life.

A moment when you felt the presence of God. There have been several times during my life - too many to mention, and most deeply private.

Favourite hymn. 'You Raise Me Up'

Do you believe religion and politics should be kept separate? Politics should not come before religion but the belief of peace in all religions and faiths should be put before politics.

Do you have friends from other faiths? Yes.

Something you are looking forward to. Hopefully a few more years with Janet (My wife) and with my family

If you could donate a large sum to a charity which would you choose? I have for many years supported the Samaritans and was for several years Vice President of the Chelmsford and Mid Essex friends of the Samaritans.

If you could save one thing from a fire, what would it be? If it were possible I would save every memory of my life with Janet and my kids along with Janet, my wife and mentor.

What advice would you give to an 18 year old? Think before you leap and always do to others what you would have done to yourself - only do it first.

What moment of your life would you most like to relive? Just be grateful for what we have now and have had. And remember the good and the bad.

What age would you most like to be? Just thankful for the life I have had so far.

Any special interests? My wife, my children and the life we have been able to share.

D.T.

Understanding Engineers #3

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello, George. What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

INTERVILLAGE SPONSORED WALK

This year the walk is on Saturday the 4th of June! Please do put the date in your diary and, if at all possible, come along - even if you only can do half the distance!

We are starting at St.Mary's Little Baddow and walking to the Crown, Sandon via Riffhams and Danbury Palace - about 3 and a half miles.

After lunch/drinks at the Crown the sturdier(?) walkers can return to Little Baddow via Sandford Mill and along the Chelmer and Blackwater Canal, then across country to St. Mary's -again about 3 and a half miles.

Last year there were over 30 walkers for the first half and 10 for the return half.

If you are unable to walk please do sponsor a walker.

This years charities are (1) the USPG Project 452, which is a Special Farming Project we are supporting in Pakistan and (2) your local church funds. As it costs nearly £100 per day to keep the local church 'afloat' we are always seeking to keep our heads 'above water'!! Please see our ad. in this magazine for contact details. If you need a lift to the start from Sandon please let me know.

Finally if you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call.

David Farrar.

Pleshey Diocesan Retreat House

Monday May 2nd.

Open Day 10am-4pm. Craft Sales and Demonstrations, Plants, House Tours, Chapel Services, Craft Workshop for children accompanied by an adult, Refreshments and Ploughman Lunches.

Saturday June 18th. 7:45pm.

Summer Concert with 'The Camerata Singers', sponsored by the Friends of Pleshey Retreat House, at **Holy Trinity Church, Pleshey.** Tickets £8 (11-16 yrs. £5) include light refreshments and will be available at Open Day May 2nd or from 01245 223833.
Ian Underwood

Sandon Garden and Allotment Society

Spring is almost with us and the allotment shed is now open for all your needs on Sunday mornings. Unfortunately we no longer do seed potatoes or onions sets as over the last few years demand fell and we were left with so many we lost money on them.

Everything else is still available. The membership fees have remained the same; £1.50 for seniors and £2.50 for all others. We need more members, also help on the committee and for serving in the shed on Sunday mornings.

It's for two hours so not long and it would only be one Sunday morning in approx 6. If you feel you could help please ring me on 01245 476951 and ask for Eileen.

Grans and Grandads, Mums and dads, why not bring your children or grandchildren with you when you visit and introduce them to the experience of growing things, a nudge in the right direction could encourage them for later in life.

Gardening doesn't have to be a chore, an hour or two in the garden gives you a lift.

Don't forget our 2 trips this year. The first to Hatfield House Gardens and Henry Moore exhibition. This is on 14th May 2011, cost £20pp, the second to RHS Wisley on 10th September 2011, cost £15pp. For more details please ring Linda Tottman-Marsh on 07931 915348 (Mobile).

We will be having our plant stall on the village green on the 21st May 2011 from 10am till sold out.

So please support us; this is us a small boost to our funds, without which we couldn't keep going.

This year we have planted two small apple trees one eater and one cooker, thanks to a gift voucher from our youngest son and his partner. Also we have added two Gooseberry bushes, so we hope these will be successful for the future. So who knows, there may be fruit recipes in the future. If there is anyone with any tips, please pass them on.

Enjoy your gardening this year and we will all keep our fingers crossed that our crops will be bountiful.

Eileen Tappin



Parish People; Dennis John Terry Choir and PCC member

Known as Denzil (From my working days - I was renowned for being able to redeploy things and avoid wastage)

When did you arrive in Sandon - 1964

What was the reason you came? Primarily to get our children into Sandon School, but when we (Janet and myself) made our first visit to Sandon, we fell in love with it straight away .

Did you have any ambitions as a child? To be a top chef of Cordon Bleu standard, in the same way as Escoffier and Leon Soniere.

Do they remotely resemble anything you do now? No - but I do have the pleasure of having been the youngest Sous Chef in the west end of London at the age of 19.

What one life lesson do you feel you have learned?.....Patience.

How did you become a Christian? In 1954 at a Billy Graham Crusade in Chadwell Heath.

What do you like about Sandon Church? Being able to find a quiet time, and love and the friendship of others that always seems to be there even when the building is empty.

Do you believe in miracles? Yes. If you think about it every single one of us is a miracle.

What gives you hope for the future? To see the Church united and all the faiths working together for peace in the world.

Outgoing or shy? Appear to be outgoing but tend to hide behind this façade.

Coffee or tea? Coffee.

What life experiences have been most special for you? Having been very ill and with a very low life expectancy for a period and to feel the prayers and love surrounding me from family and friends in my weakest time.

A film or book that has moved you? Bambi, the cartoon. Even now as I approach my late sixties I can still weep at the sad bits!

What is your favourite part of the Bible? The coming of Adam and Eve.

Words that specially inspire you? 'I have a Dream' - Martin Luther King.

What quality do you most value in another person? Honesty

What kind of behaviour do you find most difficult to tolerate? When people will not listen - but then I am just as guilty.

Night or morning person? Night

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The joys of spring

It is my good fortune to deliver the Parish Magazine to the residents of Butts Green Road and Sporhams Lane, about 4 ½ miles on my bicycle. It is a round which is great for bringing one face to face with the seasons and for parts of the route there is almost as much chance of meeting riders on horses as cars and vans.

On a barmy late March day it is indeed a joy with signs of spring all about. Whilst the pussy willow is a bit past it and has gone all fluffy, the buds are stirring on the bushes and trees and there are hints of green everywhere, plus the masses of brilliant white flowers of the blackthorn and the occasional weeping willow with its eye catching light green streamers. Then there are glorious displays in some gardens of daffodils and narcissus occasionally spilling onto the verges, beautiful patches of primroses in one or two special areas, hidden pockets of violets some a wonderful deep blue, daises almost overlooked, the unmistakable beautiful fresh looking bright yellow celandines and the ever present dandelions. Add to all this the relatively low growing red dead nettle, which is all along the route and a flower I rather take for granted, but have to consult a flower identification book to name properly, and one little patch of "Jack by the hedge" - garlic mustard.

In addition to all the above there is the chorus of birds singing their hearts out, the scent of the flowers of the blackthorn and much still to come. The re-birth, wonder and beauty of it all are uplifting, and one forgets the wintry days when breathing the freezing air rasps one's lungs.

Jack Whinney

Understanding Engineers #1 (With apologies to M.E.)

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

Understanding Engineers #2

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

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INTERVILLAGE WALK.

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SALT

On Tuesday after School we go to Salt in St Andrew's Church and there are lots of different activities. We sign in when we get there. Every week is based on a theme from the bible, this week was Marvellous Mary. After our activities we have all together time and sing songs and Jean tells us a story from the bible. At the end we have toast and cakes and then sing the Salt Song. Now it is later we play outside and have a really good time.



claudia

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**Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 8pm
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**further details available from:
The Revd Clive Ashley (01245) 243863**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP We seem to be in a change in the numbers of young people coming to SAYF. This is not a problem but we need at least 35 full members for the subs we ask that pay for the hire of the hall and insurance for all.

Reminder – we need to KNOW details before you bring a friend to club,

OUR HELPERS are changing too. We need at least 4 more. We have 2 in training, Linda and Debbi, for the Tuck-shop but we still need more. In the Junior Club Julie needs an assistant to help with club games (indoor and outdoor). Could you help? For the 77 Club we have enough youngsters who are in year 8 or above to restart after Easter but we need a leader who is keen enough to work with young teenagers. Again, can anyone help? On-site training will be given. You need enthusiasm and energy. All new helpers will be CRB checked. All existing CRB checks for our helpers will be renewed later this summer.

Panto Comments We were only able to put on Ali Baba with the help of Associated Members. I would prefer SAYF full members taking part. Although the hall is booked for the 2012 production, this point and cast commitment will be an issue. We could have made more profit for our funds if members, not participating, had sold tickets. This final figure will be £557.63 profit. Not bad but not good. We have just renewed our insurance - £560!

TERMLY SUBSCRIPTIONS will have to increase. Our costs each club night are hall hire £10, insurance £13 = £23. None of our helpers are paid. **The proposal for this Summer term of 12 weeks is to charge £10 per club member payable on first club night.** If this causes a problem, subs can be paid £5 in April and £5 in May. **The charge to visitors will be £1 per night.** We expect that all visitors to become full members after the probationary first 3 weeks. This will save £2 for the term. All full members will be entitled to a free outing or summer treat.

JACK PETCHY FOUNDATION We are still members of this award scheme receiving £600 per year. Unfortunately this money is not to be used for general running costs. It can be used for equipment, projects, coaching or anything that will benefit members. We will have an election for 2 award winners to spend up to £200 each from the Wish List that was compiled by members aged over 11 years and leaders. Each award has to be sanctioned by JPF and invoice kept for proof. A medallion and certificate is presented to each award winner. We thank JPF for their continued support.

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL have once again given SAYF £250 grant towards club funds and we thank them very much for their interest in our work with young people in Sandon and neighbourhood.

SAYF SUMMER DIARY

Last night Spring Term - Tuesday 4 April
 Summer Term starts - Tuesday 26 April
 HALF-TERM NO CLUB - Tuesday 31 May
 Term Ends - Tuesday 19 July

FURTHER DATES

Tuesday 14 or 21 June - Presentation Evening
 Sunday 26 June, 1 pm - Village Fete - we will have stocks/stall to raise money for treat/outing (more details later)
 A suitable Sat in July - Summer Treat, or outing or other - FREE to all full members and helpers

ADVANCE NOTICE

Autumn term starts - Tuesday 6 September
 HALF-TERM NO CLUB - Tuesday 25 October
 Panto Auditions - Sunday 2 October for half-term PANTO 201 14 - 18 February

We thank all our supporters and leaders Julie, James, Amanda, Tina, Eileen, Amanda, Linda, Debbi
 Peter and Evelyn Ellis Group Leader

The Big Curry Party

supporting the USPG Agricultural Development
 Project 452 in Pakistan

Wednesday 4th May 2011
 7.45pm at The Crown,
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A 2 course dinner is being donated by Chef Mumin Ali (Royal Tiger Restaurant, Rettendon Common) and Eddie and Liz (The Crown) so that 100% of your donation will go to Project 452.

Please support this event by offering a donation of **£15.00** which will ensure you a place at the party. If you can 'Gift Aid' your donation the project will benefit even more.

Raffle Prizes to be won on the night