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

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## JUNE 2011

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# CHURCH SERVICES during ... 2011

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

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

09.15 Holy Communion and  
prayers for healing [S]

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ascension Day

10.00 Holy Communion and  
prayers for healing [LBC]

20.00 Ascension Day Chelmer-  
Crouch Group Service at St  
John's, Danbury

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]

10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]

**10.30** United Morning Worship  
[LB-URC] 'Homecoming'

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

10.00 House Communion [LB]  
The Fold, High Pastures

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

### PENTECOST

10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]

18.30 Evening Parish Eucharist [S]

18.30 United Evening Worship  
[LB-URC]

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

10.00 House Communion [LB]  
1 Pledgers, High Pastures

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

### TRINITY SUNDAY

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

10.00 Family Worship [LB]

18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

*St Alban, first Martyr of Britain*

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Corpus Christi

10am Holy Communion  
[St Mary's, LB]

7.30pm Eucharist [S]

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00 Holy Communion [S]

10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]

18.30 Evensong [LB]

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

*St Peter and St Paul, Apostles*

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

10.00 House Communion  
Mill Mead, Mill Lane

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### *St Thomas the Apostle*

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]

10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]

**10.30** United Morning Worship  
[Cuckoo's Farm, LB]

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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.

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- Express our thanks to God for all he has blessed us with, in our homes and families
- Give glory to God here in our worship.
- Sustain our activities for our children, our young people and the elderly; extend our care for the wider community, the bereaved and the sick and our welcome to those coming for baptisms, for those we meet in local outreach and help those in need, both home and abroad by giving to mission.
- Pay our bills, for electricity, insurance, and for our clergy through the parish share – our contribution to the cost of our clergy.

To do all of this costs and it is a cost borne 100% by the local church people each week. The local Church is not funded by the Government. To meet this ever increasing challenge I am asking each individual and household in the Parish to do just two things:

1. To review his or her financial commitment to the local Parish Church.
2. To make that giving effective through the year by Standing Order [and *Gift Aid* that giving if you pay tax.]

I will not ask you to do something that I am not willing to do myself.

I have already committed myself individually to review and increase my own personal giving to our churches. For your part whatever amount of money you decide to give to the local church each week, or month, I know you will make your giving decision after prayer and reflection, being realistic, thoughtful and generous.

Thank you for your continued participation in God's work through our church and for all you give in response to this request.

In his love,

The Reverend Clive Ashley, Priest-in-Charge.

## From the Registers

### FUNERALS

30<sup>th</sup> December 2010 Doreen Freeman  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Eileen Betty Bridger  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Henry Thomas Bridger  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Father Gordon Law  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Grace Barton  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Michael Brian Davis (JOCK)

“Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

### MARRIAGES

30th April 2011 Ian Ralph Leighton & Amanda Louise Gray

May God bless their life together.

APRIL FUN DAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

On April 14th 26 children came through the doors of St. Andrew's to take part in an afternoon of fun and games.

After an ice breaker game with a large parachute in the churchyard, Clive gave an introductory talk with music on the guitar and bongo drums for the theme of the day, Friendship and Love.

The children enjoyed a variety of crafts including a collage of the globe with paper chain people, face painting, making and decorating photo frames (photos being taken on the day for the children to take home), puppet theatre, making prayer boxes in a quiet corner, paper chain people, puzzles and games and a graveyard survey and quiz and we all enjoyed looking at the beautiful classic car on show, kindly bought in by Brian Gilders.

The afternoon ended with teddy abseiling from the tower (always popular) and we all enjoyed a delicious tea along with parents and grandparents.

A big thank you to all the helpers (you know who you are) and I know that everyone including the helpers all had a very enjoyable time.

Liz Bobeldijk



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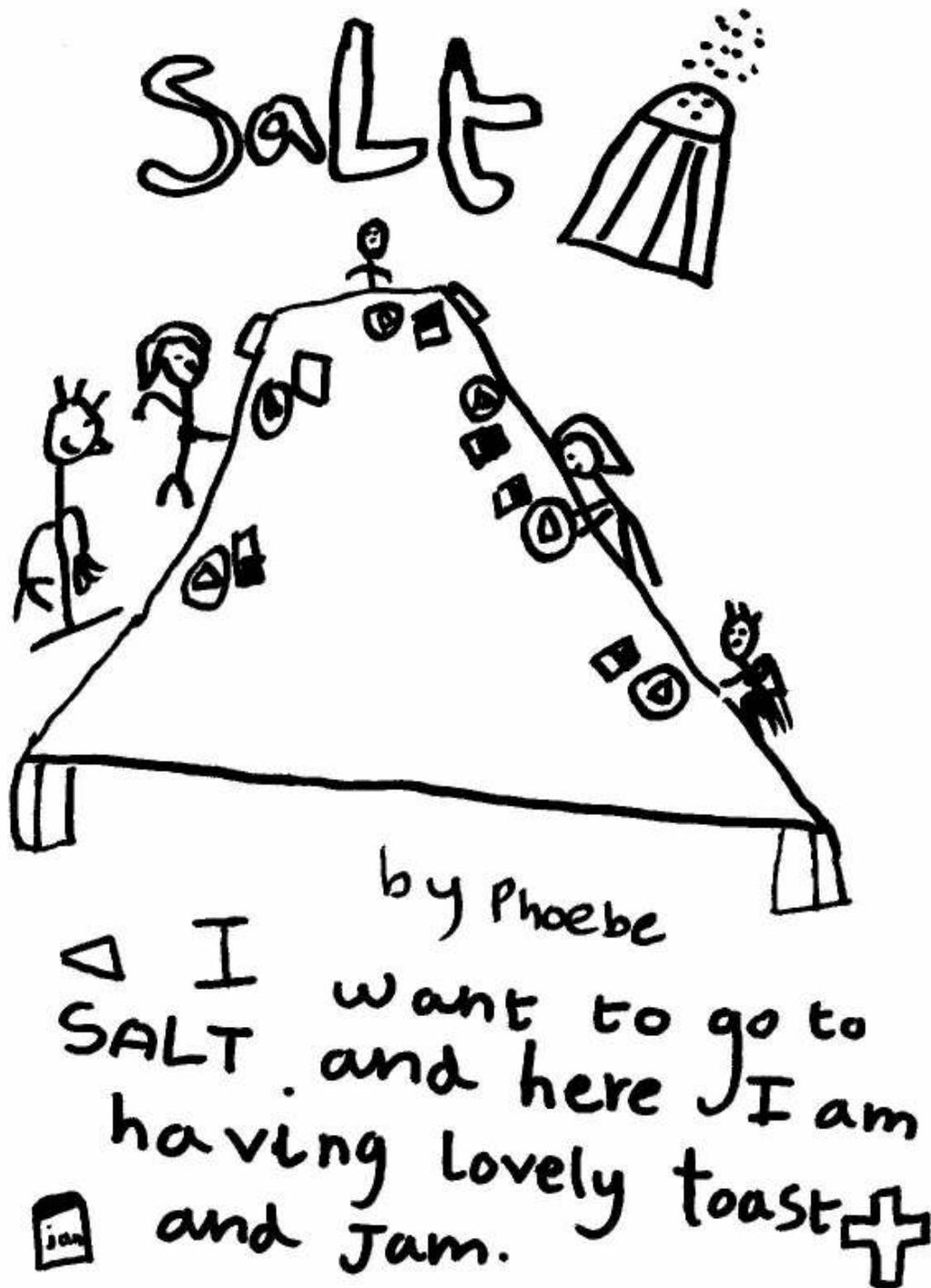
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## MICHAEL BRIAN DAVIES 1917-2011

Michael or "Jock" was born in Milngavie (Malguy) Scotland and at the age of 22 Michael joined the army as a driver fitter and then qualified to become a vehicle mechanic attached to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He saw service in several European countries before being discharged after the war in 1946 having risen to the rank of sergeant. While serving on attachment to the 15th Scottish Division. He was awarded, by the Commanding Officer, a certificate in recognition of his "gallant service and devotion to duty" on the campaign from Normandy to the river Elbe from 1944/45.

In December 1941 Michael married Joan while on leave and had to return to duty shortly after, their marriage lasted 68 years until Joan's sad passing in February 2010. They first lived in Stanhope Terrace, then onto Rainsford End where they lived in a flat belonging to Michael's employer, Donald Denoon Motors. In 1965 they purchased their much loved house in Sandon and after a complete refurbishment, remained there together for the next forty four years.

Michael worked for Denoons from 1945 until 1970 as an agricultural machinery salesman and made many friends and contacts within the farming community. In 1970 Denoons was shut down which must have come as quite a shock for Michael but with all his experience he was soon snapped up by Hensmans Tractors where he continued to sell Ford tractors and machinery.

Two years before his retirement Hensmans closed its agricultural sales department but once again "Jock" walked into a position with Ernest Doe, where he stayed until his retirement in 1982. On his retirement "Jock" was invited to the Ford tractor plant in Basildon for lunch with the Executive Director and colleagues to express their appreciation for all he had done for Ford Tractors over the years.

In retirement Michael enjoyed his garden and played golf on a regular basis until aches and pains forced him to put his clubs away, but he would still enjoy the social side of the game. Michael and Joan had a huge circle of friends and many of them will remember "Jocks" jokes and the good times spent in their company.

Michael was able to continue living in Sandon after Joan died due to very kind and helpful friends who gave him great support; this was very much appreciated by him. Michael greatly mourned Joan's passing and missed her very much indeed. Sadly Michael joined her on the 31st March at the ripe old age of ninety three years. He will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Ian Underwood

**Budding Flower Arrangers** - we shall be having some demonstrations by Sue Horn early in the Autumn. There are no fixed dates yet but watch this space for details. - Barbara Underwood.



**Parish People Patricia H Eden  
Electoral Roll Officer**

**I came to Sandon** in 1977 having lived in Danbury for the previous ten years.. We needed a larger house to provide room for my widowed mother who lived with us here until her death in 1994.

**My childhood ambition** was to be a teacher but this was never realised. However I taught in Sunday School and am now involved with the WI with its various duties and activities

**One life lesson** that I feel that I have learned is to accept guidance, even if it isn't quite what I want. 'He will direct your paths' (Proverbs Ch 3 v 6)

**I became a Christian** at a Sunday school mission at the age of nine.

**Sandon Church;** I like its traditions - so different from my non-conformist upbringing and my RC convent grammar school. The various services now introduced and the friendliness of the members.

**I do believe** in miracles and my hope for the future is that churches will be more involved ecumenically, which can only be good for the whole Christian world.

**I am an outgoing** person in appearance but are we not all hiding our inward shyness?

**I am a tea-drinking person** with coffee at 11 am and after dinner

**A film** that moved me was ' Chariots of Fire'

**My most special life experiences** have been a loving, caring husband and family. These have been a special blessing for me.

**My favourite parts of the Bible** are Ruth and Naomi from the Old Testament and the parables of Jesus from the New Testament. The words that have most comforted me are from Matthew (Ch 11 v 28) ' Come unto me and I will give you rest'.

**The quality that I Most value** in another person is sincerity but I find pretentious and pompous people difficult to tolerate - especially those with loud voices in restaurants and on public transport.

**I am** a morning person and my favourite season is summer.

**A moment when I felt the presence of God** occurred during a service held by Lake Galilee and also while sightseeing a spectacular snow-capped Mount Cook during a helicopter flight in New Zealand. – awesome!

**Favourite Hymn;** an impossible task - my choice depends on mood, circumstances or the church calendar. However one not in our book and sung to 'Ebenezer' is 'O, the deep, deep love of Jesus'.

**I feel that** it is impossible to keep religion and politics separate.

**I do not** have friends from other faiths but perhaps some have no faith, but that I cannot tell

**Things that I am looking forward to** are, Globally - peace and personally, enough time to do all the things still unaccomplished.

**If I could donate** a large sum to a charity I would choose TEAR fund or some animal charities.

**If I had time to save one thing** from a house fire it would have to be the family history research undertaken over the last thirty years.

**If I were to give any advice to an 18-year old** it would be to think and pray carefully about the little things in the future as well as the major decisions to be made.

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## SANDON W.I.MAY MEETING.

Eileen Bartrup, the President, welcomed members, visitors and Sandra Tiffen from Eves Corner WI, our link delegate to the AGM, and thanked Marjorie Kent for the table flowers which were later presented to Sandra. She also thanked Dorothy Gray and Julie White for organising the ploughman's lunch served before the meeting. Jerusalem was then sung.

The resolutions for the AGM were then discussed. The first urging HM Government to maintain support for local libraries as an essential local educational and information resource was carried with a large majority with members stressing the social part that libraries played in many rural communities and stressing that we are lucky in Essex that although opening hours have been cut, no libraries have been closed. The second resolution saying that "this meeting abhors the practice of factory farming particularly large animals such as pigs and cows and urges HM Government to ensure that planning permission is not guaranteed for such projects" proved more difficult, particularly after Dorothy Gray read out information she had got from the NFU web site stressing the "Big is not necessarily Bad" and pointing out that with an expanding population there is an urgent need to improve our food production. There was great deal of information on both sides of the argument, and finally the resolution as stated was carried although members felt it had been badly written, but Sandra was given discretion to alter her vote for both resolutions if new facts became available at the AGM. Dorothy and also Val Chiswell, who had presented the libraries resolution were thanked for all their hard work by Eileen.

After tea, there was a game of WI consequences which was very funny, then Eileen reviewed past events including a delightful walk in Blakes Wood just as the bluebells were at their best, and telling us that the quiz team had won their heat in the federation's Inter- Institute quiz, and would take part in the final on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat Eden asked members to bring their wedding photos to the next meeting with their name and the year it was taken on the back. Future events included the visit to the Spring Step Dairy on 19<sup>th</sup> May, the village fete on June 26<sup>th</sup>, a walk on Tiptree Heath on 20<sup>th</sup> July, the August Open evening on August 11<sup>th</sup> ( tickets at £12 will be available next month) and a shopping trip to Norwich on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Sandra then mentioned two events arranged by Eves Corner WI, the first being a trip to Anglesey Abbey and Lode Mill on August 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving Eves Corner at 9am. The cost will be £11 for National Trust members and £20 for non members. The second event is to raise funds for the Institute's chosen charity "Out and About" which raises funds to help volunteer "mentors" care for disabled children if they wish to take part in various activities, and this will be a cream tea in the Danbury Sports centre on July 16<sup>th</sup> with entertainment supplied by the Chelmsford Silver band, and tickets are £7 each. There was also an invitation from Little Baddow WI to attend their Garden Meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurer then asked the members' approval for the purchase of a lockable cabinet to keep WI items in the hall and this was approved. The flower of the month was won by Christine Farrar.

The next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> will be the history of the London Olympics. Eileen then wished everyone a safe journey home, and she looked forward to seeing us all next month.

Ann Nickol

**The moment of my life that I would most like to relive** would be the service for the renewal of our wedding vows, held on board ship in the Norwegian fjords.

**The age that I would most like to be** would be 40. Plenty of energy; lots of friends; children happy at school; many inter-church activities in Danbury and even parents and a mother-in-law living nearby in the village; - one big happy family. Good times!

**I have several special interests.** The WI, craft work and the family history. P.E.

## Sandon WI Spring Show 2011

Eileen Bartrup, President welcomed members and guests and thanked Angela Harvey for the flowers. Jerusalem was then sung (unaccompanied!). After a few announcements, members judged the entries for the Spring Show, and these were of a very high standard. Marjorie Kent and Barbara Hodges had the difficult task of doing all the maths and working out the results, and later in the meeting they were able to tell us that the vase for the most marks in the floral section was shared between Pat Eden, Celia Kerslake and Ann Eley, the wooden platter for the cookery section was won by Thelma Stokes, and the handicraft award went to Dorothy Gray. The person with the highest marks overall in the Show was Celia Kerslake and she won the crystal bell. Eileen thanked Marjorie and Barbara for their help.

Pat Eden gave the report on the County Annual Meeting held in March at Colchester. After a welcome by the Mayor of Colchester, George Mills thanked members for the gifts of toiletries which will again go to Chernobyl victims. She also mentioned that George and his team are always happy to take children's knitted hats. The bookmark competition had raised £260 for ACWW and it was announced that there will be no more Essex Calendars as they do not sell so well now. Next year 2012 will be the ninety fifth anniversary of the founding of the Federation of Essex Women's Institutes, and to celebrate there will again be a County Show at Towerlands on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Speakers at the meeting were Ian LeGros, the curator at Hyde Hall who gave members a tour of the garden in words, explaining what needed doing and what is being done. In the afternoon Lady Antonia Fraser deputised for the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire was unable to come, and gave an interesting talk on her life with Harold Pinter. She also said that the previous day she had been at Buckingham Palace to get her OBE. The autumn meeting will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Eileen then talked about the anniversary garden in Sandon Churchyard saying how pretty it was looking at the moment and also saying the Joan Davies widower Michael had recently died, with his funeral the next day. The village fete will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> and clipboards were passed round asking for help.

There is to be a poetry competition in 2012, also a competition to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee, and this will be for a handmade cushion. There were raffle tickets for National and Federation on sale. The Treasurer said we now have fifty full members and four dual. She also said so far there had been no success in getting a cabinet to store WI material, but the Committee are still looking. She also, acting as WI advisor, asked members to read the recent issue of WI Life as the May meeting will be resolutions, and there is a lot of information in the magazine. The Flower of the Month was won jointly by Jean Galbraith and Eileen Bartrup.

Next month's meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> will discuss the resolutions for the AGM in June, and will be preceded by a light lunch at 12.45.

Ann Nickol

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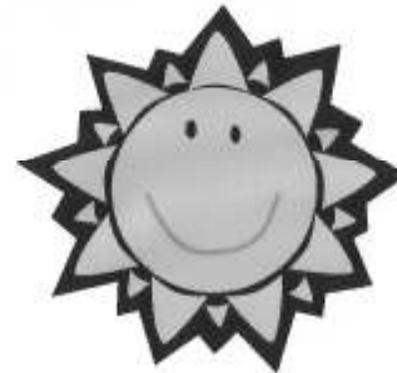
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# PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST, DANBURY SUMMER FAIRE

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
11AM—2.30PM



Church Tower Tours  
Refreshments  
Cake Stall  
Raffle

Country Dancing Display

Exhibition in Church to celebrate the  
King James Bible

# SHAPE

## A Foreign Adventure

Richard and I were fortunate to travel to see a cousin of mine in Santa Cruz during the Easter Holidays. This is about a 2 hour drive south from San Francisco along the Pacific coast of California.

Our flight with Virgin was long (10 hours) but bearable with films, food, views of Canada and snow and more snow until we arrived.

While there we relaxed like the locals - enjoying warm weather, spending loads of time outdoors, eating and drinking well and seeing relatives and friends as well as meeting the neighbours.

Santa Cruz has many places to visit - state parks kept beautifully, beaches which we were told were not as white as the East coast but looked pretty good to us - though the Pacific is very cold.



Steam engine near

Restaurants were good, a cycle hire shop provided us with a tandem for a ride up the coast path to a museum of farming, and we rode on a steam train on Bear Mountain in the redwood forest. The train was powered by oil to prevent forest fires but used to use wood when working to bring wood down to the coast for shipping. We took a boat trip from Moss Landing in Monterey and saw

hump backed whales, sea lions and sea otters, we visited San Francisco took a boat trip round the bay under the Golden Gate bridge and around Alcatraz island. We saw fields and fields of strawberries, artichokes and sprouts - all being irrigated - quite amazing as California is really very short of water. Although Santa Cruz gets plenty of rain in the winter there is none from April to October. We met some lovely if rather eccentric people - one who used to earn a living by playing poker - obviously very well.

We went to Father Joel's Episcopal Church on Palm Sunday and joined in the procession of psalms and the dramatic Matthew gospel reading and to Grace Cathedral in San Francisco for Maundy Thursday. Richard had tired feet after sight seeing so joined those having their feet washed. The music was beautiful and the dean - Jane Shaw - very English! Judy Cecil

Judy with hired tandem on Pacific coast



Our hire car at Moss Landing

## YOUR SHAPE FOR GOD'S SERVICE



**Your SHAPE for God's Service** aims to enable church members to understand the unique SHAPE God has made them, the gifts he has given them and how he might want to use them. This is so that God's Kingdom may be built up as each person finds the ministry to which God is calling them in the Church and in the world. Hopefully this will enable participants to live and serve with more joy, satisfaction and fruitfulness. This should build a healthy growing church, and will affect the way each person engages with their family, friends, job, local community, and voluntary / leisure activities.

This six session series of study and discussion is going to be run for the people of Sandon and Little Baddow by Revd. Clive Ashley at St Andrew's Church, Sandon starting at 7.30pm on the following evenings: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. If you'd like to come, add your name to the list in Church, call Clive and tell him or leave a message, write to him or simply email [cliveashley@btinternet.com](mailto:cliveashley@btinternet.com).

## Parish Ministry Workshops

Three 90 minute 'training workshops' will be held in St Andrew's Church during July, the first will be:

11<sup>th</sup> July 'How to lead prayers (intercessions) in a Church service'

19<sup>th</sup> July 'How to assist with the Chalice at Holy Communion'

25<sup>th</sup> July 'How to read the Bible in a Church service'

they will all begin at 7.30pm and end at 9pm. As above, if you'd like to come, add your name to the list in Church, call Clive and tell him or leave a message, write to him or simply email [cliveashley@btinternet.com](mailto:cliveashley@btinternet.com)

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## THE LAST WEEK

3 MAY 2011

Ian Underwood  
Treasurer, St Andrew's Church  
Sandon  
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Dear Ian

Our Holy Week Presentation, The Last Week, was very well received and appreciated by those who came to see it. As usual, we are disappointed by the audience numbers which are 60% less than 'Zealot' in 2009.

I thought the standard of the readers, choir and soloists exceptionally good, even the film received high commendation. The experience for all certainly prepared us for Easter.

After expenses we enclose cheque for £131.75 for general church funds and the St Matthew Gospel CD is available for church use. The whole Gospel on the CD lasts 2 hours 48 minutes. We must also be thankful for our own author, Christine Wass, whose material is always available for us.

Regards and best wishes

Yours sincerely

Peter



### THE LAST WEEK 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011

	Collection	Attendance	Production Team	Total
Palm Sunday	£53.20	17	16	33
Holy Monday	£58.20	19	18	37
Holy Tuesday	£78.85	21	17	38
	<u>£190.25</u>			

### Expenses (charged)

St Matthew CD	£14.99
36 stamps	£11.52
Envelopes	£2.99
Refreshments	£8.00
Part print cost	<u>£21.00</u>
	<u>£58.50</u>

<u>Income</u>	£190.25
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>£58.50</u>
<u>PROFIT</u>	<u>£131.75</u>

## Golfers Are Crazy People!

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses with a heart attack!

"Help me dear," she groans to her husband.

The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter and lines up his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him.

"I'm dying here and you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you.

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly.

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

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The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.

She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?"

He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

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A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?"

The young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?" The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, "I don't know about you, father, but when we pray in my church, we keep our head down."

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Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes" says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know -- five, six, maybe seven times....just put me down for a five."

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A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through.

Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?"

The man replied: "Got here in two, didn't I?"

David Farrar