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	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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*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

January 2012

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Services during January

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

Sunday 1st
NEW YEAR'S DAY
2nd Sunday of Christmas
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Morning Prayer [LB]

Monday 2nd
09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Tuesday 3rd
09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 5th
10.00 House Communion [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Saturday 7th
14.00 Wedding [LB]

Sunday 8th
EPIPHANY
10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evening Eucharist and prayers
for healing [S]
18.30 *United Evening Worship [URC LB]*

Monday 9th
09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Tuesday 10th
09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 12th
10.00 House Communion [Joyces
Corner, Spring Elms Lane
Madeleine Robertson]

Saturday 14th
16.00 Wedding [LB]

Sunday 15th
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Family Service with
Baptism [LB]
18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]

Monday 16th
09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Tuesday 17th
09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 18th
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th -25th January

Thursday 19th
10.00 House Communion
Spring Cottage, Colam Lane
Hilary Bardsley

Sunday 22nd
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
08.00 Holy Communion [S]
10.30 United Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evensong [LB]

Monday 23rd
09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Tuesday 24th
09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 27th
10.00 House Communion
1 Pledgers, High Pastures
Pat Williams

Sunday 29th
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)
10am 'Come Together Sunday'
Eucharist at St Mary's, Little
Baddow

Monday 30th
09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow]

Tuesday 31st
09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Organisations & Activities in Sandon & Howe Green

United Reformed Church Howe Green

Minister: Revd. J. Sermon 01245 601662
Sunday Service: 11.00am Morning Service (Communion 2nd Sunday)

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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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Sandon Village Hall

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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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Dear Parish Friends

Last year, I happened to have the kitchen radio playing quietly in the background when I heard Jeremy Vine pose a question to the listeners and it was this: 'If you could start the world again, what rules do you think there would need to be? So at the start of another year I pose the same question to you. If you were in charge, what rules would you want to see, if any? You may wish to argue that a 'no rules society' can work but if not, does man need some guidance, a code of conduct to be adhered too by one and all? Hearing the question on the radio made me go back and look again at the Ten Commandments in the Book of Exodus chapter 20. The first commandment being,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me"

In the beginning God establishes His unique relationship with those to whom He is communicating, the people of Israel. Later, Jesus made it very clear that He, the Son of God came for the whole world and that a relationship such as Israel had, is there for us all, He is able to deliver us too, from various kinds of entrapment to freedom. The relationship is one that is exclusive, in that He wants us to be faithful to Him as He is faithful to us. We in this part of the world may not have house, work or garden 'gods' or 'idols' in shrines or glued to our car dashboards but we do worship modern day Western equivalents and we often place them before God. Consider this, if you were to draw a circle with yourself at the centre and then placed in the circle those people, things and activities that were important to you, the most important being placed the closest to you, would God be inside the circle?

About 1,400 years after the Ten Commandments were first given they were summed up in the New Testament at Matthew 22, when Jesus was confronted by the religious "experts" of the day: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:36-40). A reflective reading of Christ's teaching reveals that the first four commandments given to the children of Israel are contained in the statement: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." It continues that the last six commandments are enclosed in the statement: "Love your neighbour as yourself." So, would you use this commandment as one of the rules in your brave new world?

The Revd Clive A. Ashley



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'Help the Heroes Charity Quiz'

It was indeed a great surprise, and I suppose one should not beat one's own drum but 'our' team did win the local 'Help the Heroes' charity quiz a few weeks ago in the Crown.

O.K: so there were only six teams at this inaugural quiz but if you don't go in for it you can't win it!!

The Team of Christine Mennie, Clive and Lesley Ashley with Christine and David Farrar scraped home by a margin of 2 points to win £50, which was re-donated to the fund.

Quiz questions were of a generous and general nature - no pop tunes thank goodness and most were straightforward. Experience therefore was an asset, for a change!

During the break and included in the £3 entrance fee we eat a very tasty curry and met more of the Locals.

Well done the Crown!!

David Farrar

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

When Alison and I offered to take on the running of the Christmas Fayre I don't think either of us realised the amount of work involved, but we took on the challenge and, with a small band of helpers, things gradually took shape. The day itself was a huge success and the atmosphere was warm and vibrant and it felt like Christmas. We took £1,300 after expenses, which I think you will all agree was a brilliant result. Just want to say a big thank you to all the stall-holders and helpers for their hard work on the day.

Liz Bobeldijk



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Recipe for bright red beetroot soup

Ingredients:

500g beetroot, peeled and sliced roughly
tablespoon olive oil
2 red onions, peeled and chopped
2 cloves of garlic, chopped
One litre vegetable stock
one pear, peeled and chopped
black pepper
tarragon leaves

Method:

Saute the beetroot in the oil for five minutes.
Add onions and garlic and fry gently for a few minutes.
Add stock to the mixture, bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes.
Add pear and simmer for another half hour before throwing in a few tarragon leaves and plenty of black pepper (and salt to taste if you wish)
Leave soup to cool for 15 minutes or so before Whizzing to smooth in a food processor.
Add a dollop of creme fraiche or yogurt to each dish of soup.
Delicious!

Judy Cecil from a friend of a friend.....

Little Baddow Churches
Pastoral Care Training Course
'Care and Share'

an introduction to pastoral care

to be run in Little Baddow on the following five Wednesdays:

11th January –What is pastoral care?

18th January – Visiting and Listening

25th January – Making Contact

1st February – Dealing with Loss

15th February – Confidentiality and getting organised

Attendance at all the evenings is ideal and preferable as each session is filled with valuable material, group work and discussion. The first and last sessions are really essential. However, a session can be missed if you cannot come to all.

Course Contributors:

The Revd Clive Ashley – Priest-in-Charge

Mr Brian Gilders - Reader

Miss Alison Buchanan – Pastoral Assistant

The Revd Chris Poulard – Honorary Assistant Priest

To reserve a place, please contact:

Clive (243863), Brian (224524) or Alison (223181)



Pints of View

Men's pub night

Monday 9th January 2012

from 8pm at The Crown, Sandon

The Priest-in-Charge at St Andrew's Church in Sandon and St Mary's in Little Baddow (Clive) would *really* like some support in trying to start a men's fellowship group, which he has it mind to call 'Pints of View', it could otherwise come to be known as "Pub Night". He would like as many men as possible to meet on a Monday night each month from 20:00 onwards, for a pint or two of something, fellowship, the option of food for those who (a) don't get fed at home (b) don't get back from work till late (c) have got no home to go to! He's not paying! There would be no hidden agenda but a chance to 'philosophise' (umm and ahh) a little over a glass, on a given subject e.g. If you could start the world again, what rules would there need to be? If you're interested please drop him an email to either say you're coming on the 9th or that you'll be coming to a night later in the new year or that your Mother won't let you out.

Best wishes

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by Richard Hills - produced in arrangement with Jasper Publishing Ltd

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The Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the poppy Appeal. The donations were Brenda Moyes who collected from Hall Lane, Brook view and Cards Road, £98.40 and Eileen Bartrup who collected from The Green, Gablefields and the village end of Woodhill Road, 101.90.

Eileen Bartrup

We the Sandon Gordon and Allotments Association Committee wish to invite all members and non--members to the A.G.M. to be held in the St Andrews Room at St. Andrews Church on Wednesday 8th February 2012 at 7 :30pm.

The trading shed will be open again on Sunday 12th February 2012 from 10 to 12am for all your gardening needs.

The membership fee has been held at last year's price of £1.50 for seniors and £2.50 for all others. Since our last communication in this magazine, we have had a member come forward to take over the running of the day trips, so more information on this will be announced in due course.

We thank everyone for their help over the past season and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year and a Good Gardening 2012.

Mrs E. Tappin

Sandon over 60's

The club was formed through the W I in the mid 1950's. There were then over 60 members, mainly coming from the village & parish of Sandon. The meetings were held in the Village Hall every fortnight, and for those unable to make their own way, transport was arranged and volunteers collected and returned people in private cars. A homemade tea with bread & butter and cakes was the highlight of each meeting organised by the tea committee. In the early years competitions were played for the snooker, darts, whist trophies and prizes, but mainly a good chat and companionship was the attraction. Sadly in recent years there have been very few new members joining and now with only one member from Sandon attending, the present committee have decided to close the Club at the end of this year, with a farewell celebration Christmas lunch at Sandon Lodge. A decision has been made to divide the remaining funds to the WI & Sandon Church, and the china to Sandon Village Hall.
Gillian Speakman

ST ANDREW'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - DECEMBER UPDATE

This term we have restarted the 77 Club for young teenagers The membership is regular and strong. The Junior Club also has a good, regular group of members. We still need weekly help in the clubs and more male influence in our leadership. Generally, we must say our overall membership numbers are the best for years. However, we are sad that this has NOT included interest in the pantomime which has been poor.

PANTOMIME 2012 (FEBRUARY HALF-TERM) CINDERELLA
by Richard Hills

Finding a script and Cast has been a nightmare this year. There has been a distinct reluctance to commit to performing in the Youth Fellowship's major yearly fundraiser. We started with Goldilocks, then went to Red Riding Hood and have ended up with Cinderella. This will be performed by a small, but confident cast. Needless to say we have space for anyone who would like to sing and dance in our chorus.

We are happy to accept any matt emulsion paints, wood, costume materials. In fact, anything FREE!

We are now settled and in serious rehearsals. Tickets will be available around Christmas time. Come and support these young people's pantomime. As said before, this is our major fund raiser.

Contact Peter 01245 222682. Panto Bookings - Tina 01245 604732
Peter & Evelyn Ellis



D.Farrar

Dorothy Burras

I first met Dorothy when she began attending the Wednesday morning Eucharists at Sandon. This was in Fr. Bevan's time, so I've come to know her pretty well over the years. As she lived in Bicknacre and I in Danbury, it seemed logical to supply the transport to and from Church. Thus I became her helper and friend when she took over the role of Sacristan.

Dorothy's church was her whole life and as many of you realised, she was a stickler for everything in the church being carried out meticulously. It really did upset her if things were not 'Done Properly'!. However, she had a delicious sense of humour-more often than not against herself, and many laughs we had together while spending time at Sandon, preparing for a forthcoming service. Not many people knew how talented she was. Over the years she had made many sets of Vestments and there are several bishops wearing her beautifully executed mitres!

A lady with a varied life, kind and loving, happy in her little bungalow and at peace with her God.

We shall miss you Dorothy and won't forget you in a hurry.

Beryl Saltmarsh

I would like to echo Beryl's sentiments. Dorothy taught me all that I know about the Anglo-Catholic faith and instilled in me a true reverence for the Eucharist as well as teaching me much about the meaning of many of the rituals and traditions of the church.

She could be quite a hard taskmaster at times but, as Beryl says, this was from a determination that everything should be carried out to the very best of our abilities, with due reverence and care. A 'that'll do' attitude was not to be tolerated!

She was of course loving and generous, with an iron will that seemed to be able to overcome any obstacle; she often self-disparagingly referred to herself as a Rottweiler!

Her strength of faith was an inspiration, certainly to me and I am sure that, when her time came, the journey 'through the veil' held no fears for her, certain as she was of Rest Eternal, Light Perpetual and Resurrection at the End of Days.

May Dorothy rest in peace, and rise to Eternal Glory. Amen.
Nick Bobeldijk.



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