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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,
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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.*

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ST ANDREW'S SANDON

February 2012

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Services during February

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

Thursday 2nd

- 10.00 Holy Communion
[St. Andrew's Chapel,
North Hill. Little Baddow]
- 13.00 Wedding [S]

Sunday 5th

3rd Sunday before Lent

- 08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
- 10.30 United Morning Service [URC -
LB]
- 16.00 Messy Church [St. Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill.
Little Baddow]

Monday 6th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St
Andrew's Chapel, North Hill
Little Baddow]

Tuesday 7th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 9th

- 10.00 House Communion [The Fold,
High Pastures, Little Baddow]

Sunday 12th

2nd Sunday before Lent

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
- 18.30 Evening Eucharist and prayers
for healing[S]
- 18.30 *United Evening Worship*
[URC LB]

Monday 13th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St
Andrew's Chapel, North Hill
Little Baddow]

Tuesday 14th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 16th

- 10.00 House Communion [Hen
Cottage, North Hill]

Sunday 19th

The Sunday next before Lent

- 10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
- 11.00 Messy Church [S]
- 10.00 Family Service [LB]
- 18.30 Evening Eucharist and prayers
for healing [LB]

Monday 20th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St
Andrew's Chapel, North Hill
Little Baddow]

Tuesday 21st

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 22nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 10.00 Holy Communion with the
Imposition of Ashes [LB]
- 19.30 Holy Communion with the
Imposition of Ashes [S]

Thursday 23rd

- 10.00 House Communion
Mill Mead, Mill Lane

Sunday 26th

1st Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 27th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St
Andrew's Chapel, North Hill
Little Baddow]

Tuesday 28th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 1st March

- 10.00 Holy Communion
[St. Andrew's, Little Baddow]

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)

Sandon Parish Council

Meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday of the month and are held alternately in Sandon Village Hall and at Howe Green.

- Chair: Mr. I. Wright
- Parish Clerk: Mrs. S. Dobson. 01245 227734
- Parish Office: Crack Willows, Mayes Lane,
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Sandon Village Hall

- Chair: Mr. P. J. Ellis 01245 222682
- Secretary: Mrs. J. Cecil 01245 224747
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- Treasurer: Mr. N. Bobeldijk 01245 471756

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- Cub Scout Leader: Mrs. J. Blake 01245 603155
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- Girl Guides: Ms. J. Ronaldson 07939 047987
- Sandon W.I.: Mrs. A. Harvey 01245 474294
- Group Scout Leader: Mr. N. Paul 01245 474891
- Sports Club: Mr. G. Lucas (Secretary) 01245 283730
- Youth Fellowship: Mr. P. J. Ellis 01245 222682

Regular Activities

- Wednesdays 6.00 - 7.15pm 1st Sandon Brownies in the Village Hall
- 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

Consider what the world would be like if there were no traffic rules at all. Would people be able to travel by car, buses and other vehicles on the roadways if there were no traffic regulations? The answer should be obvious to all rational members of the human species. Without basic rules, no matter how much some would like to avoid them or break them, there would be chaos. The fact that some people break the rules is quite clearly and obviously not sufficient to do away with the rules. The rules are needed for transportation to take place.

Why are moral rules needed? For example, why do humans need rules about keeping promises, telling the truth and private property? This answer should also be fairly obvious. Without such rules people would not be able to live peaceably amongst other humans. People could not make plans, could not leave their belongings behind them wherever they went. We would not know who to trust and what to expect from others. What we understand today as 'civilized', social life would not be possible. So, the question is: why should humans care about being moral?

The reasons are sociological, psychological and theological. Without morality social life is nearly impossible. People are normally concerned about what others think of them, their reputation matters. Most people have a conscience and care about doing the right thing, even though sometimes they fail to do what they know to be 'right'.

Some people care about what will happen to their soul or spirit after death. For many religions there is belief in an afterlife that involves a person being rewarded or punished for what they have done.

We know that we should be moral and so should others and without some sense of morality it would be very difficult if not impossible for large numbers of humans to be living with one another. We need rules to live by, rules we all sign up to and respect. They need to be taught from infancy and seen from an early age to be valued by their elders, their parents and grandparents. Shouting, "Do as I say, not as I do" achieves nothing but resentment. Is it too late for a New Year resolution? Aim to be a role model for the younger generations so they can see the difference.

The Revd Clive A. Ashley

Lent Study Groups

'The Creed'

Commencing Wednesday 29 February and Friday 2 March

This year the Churches in Little Baddow and Sandon are sharing in their study of 'The Creed', asking, what do we believe? You are of course warmly invited to join a group at either St Andrew's Church, Hall Lane, Sandon or at St Andrew's Rooms/Chapel, North Hill, Little Baddow.

The Revd. Chris Poulard will lead the morning group at Little Baddow on Fridays at 10am and the Revd. Clive Ashley will lead the evening group at Sandon on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. There will be a hot drink (maybe a biscuit if you smile sweetly) on arrival.

You may, if you need, attend Sandon one week and Little Baddow the next. Sandonites and Little Baddowites are allowed (and encouraged) to cross the parish boundary and you are welcome EVEN if you live and / or worship elsewhere!

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| Study 1 | We believe in one God |
| Study 2 | For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven |
| Study 3 | On the third day he rose again |
| Study 4 | We believe in the Holy Spirit |
| Study 5 | We believe in one Church |

If you have any questions about the groups please feel free to contact either of the clergy or churchwardens, details in the Church Magazines and websites.

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Recipe for Parkin from Gill Haddington

Melt in a pan:

8 oz butter
4 oz soft brown sugar
2 oz treacle
7 oz golden syrup

Mix in a bowl:

5 oz oatmeal
7 oz self raising flour
3 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp mixed spice
2 tsp ground nutmeg
1 tsp baking powder

Then mix in bowl together
Gradually mix in 2 beaten medium eggs

Line a square 8 in tin with greaseproof paper or baking parchment
Cook the mixture in the tin for 1 1/2 hours at mark 1/275F/140C

Best to keep a few days before eating.

Church Christmas Tree

The beautifully decorated Christmas tree we had in the Church in front of the altar in the Lady Chapel was kindly donated by Richard Doubleday of The Garden Company, Butts Green. It was a particularly elegant specimen of the sort that does not drop its needles and the Church community is indebted to Richard for his generosity in providing such a lovely tree. It looked great.

Jack Whinney

Let's Celebrate! Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

We are holding a JUBILEE CELEBRATION at St Andrew's over the weekend 2nd to 5th June 2012. There will be a Flower Festival in Church, stalls in the Church grounds and other attractions.

We require help stocking and running the stalls as well as stewarding the church. If you would like to join our team or would like any further information please contact:

Barbara Underwood (Ch. 225756 or E-mail iunderwoQd@talktalk.net).

Barbara Underwood



Pints of View

Men's pub night

Monday 13th February 2012

from 8pm at The Generals, Little Baddow

The Priest-in-Charge at St Andrew's Church in Sandon and St Mary's in Little Baddow (Clive) *really* appreciated the wonderful support given by twenty blokes in trying to start a men's fellowship group. A good night was had by all, I think! The consensus of opinion was, let's do it again, so please come and join us if you can. We would like as many men as possible to meet Monday 13th February from 20:00 onwards, for a pint or two of something, fellowship, discussion and 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 and there is no fee or subscription! The only agenda is the one you bring, with a chance to 'philosophise' (umm and ahh) over a glass, on a given subject e.g. What on earth are we here for? Do we have a purpose in being? When does life begin and where does it end? If you're interested please drop him an email to either say you're coming on the 13th or that you'll be coming to a night later in the year or that your Mother won't let you out. *Please also arrange to take someone special out the following night (14th Feb - Valentine's Day), that could be your wife!*

Best wishes

Clive Ashley

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Lambing Live

Living in Sandon we often describe ourselves as being semi-rural. In fact we generally rely on the urban centres of Chelmsford and Maldon for most of what we do and indeed most non-retired residents work well away from the village.



Accordingly it was with great delight that over 300 people turned up for the lambing live session arranged by the Speakman family in their lambing shed on the Maldon Road on January 1st..

Of course a lamb was born 10 minutes or so before the session opened and no more until after it closed. Such is nature!



The organisation was impressive. Sheep in labeled groups - those expecting 1 lamb, those expecting twins and the almost smug group expecting 3 lambs: captivating lambs that nuzzled one's fingers and a calm, clean atmosphere that most of us only know from 'The Archers'.



There were refreshments available and family members were on hand to welcome and explain. A New Year, new life, new thoughts and for most of us a new experience. Well done the 'Speakmans' and thank you.

Michael Puffett

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Sandon WI January 2012 meeting.

The President, Joan Southey, welcomed members, a visitor, and the Speaker to the meeting and thanked Norma Monck for the lovely spring like flower arrangement which was later given to Frances Elliott who had a fall and was unable to be at the meeting. Jerusalem was then sung. Joan asked for someone to read the minutes of the December meeting so they could be signed and the Treasurer reminded members that subscriptions of £31.50 were now due.

The Speaker, Mr Howgate was then introduced. He is Blue Badge Guide for London, and started by saying the he always tried to arrange his walks so there were adequate public toilets available, and recommended starting at Bank Underground station, exit three and ending at Southwark Cathedral where there are not only toilets but an excellent coffee shop. In between those two points he showed us the Royal Exchange built by Sir Thomas Gresham and opened by Queen Elizabeth in 1571. In front of it there is a statue of the Duke of Wellington who, when he was Prime Minister, had grand plans for a road from the Bank to London Bridge. We also looked at pictures of the Bank of England, and then went down Cornhill to look at a plaque marking the first coffee house to open in London and the Rum Tavern, a reminder of the West Indian merchants, and also the inn where the Pickwick Society still meet. From Cornhill we went to Leadenhall Street market visiting the hairdresser who has part of the London Roman walls in his basement and cannot refuse entry to anyone who wishes to look at it (and you do not need a hair cut) and we also saw the shop where Harry Potter bought his magic equipment. We then went to the Monument and then down Fish Street and saw where the original London Bridge had stood. Mr Howgate also said that while there is a lot of demolition and rebuilding going on in the City unexpected views often open up and the Guides have a magazine telling them about these, and he showed us one Church spire that had not been visible for about five hundred years. He was thanked by Anne Nickol who said how nice it had been to do a Blue Badge walk while sitting down.

After tea, Joan said that due to a Brownie Holiday, the date of the April meeting had to be changed, and it will be a week earlier on April 5th and not 12th but the Speaker and subject are unchanged. The County Office need to have numbers for the County Annual Meeting and the Olympic tour this month while Val Chiswell said that WI Life were asking members to submit articles about their crafts or their gardens, and perhaps to volunteer to be cover girls! She also gave us the dates for this year's Federation quiz which will be on Wednesday 9th May with the final on Friday 22nd June, both at Hatfield Peveril Village Hall.

The next craft meeting will sew the blanket squares together, while Keep Fit, which is well supported, will continue on Monday mornings. The May meeting will be when the resolutions for the AGM will be discussed, and will be preceded by a light lunch, and Joan asked for people to help with that. The Summer Show will be at Writtle College on July 13th and there will be another meeting to plan for this at Barbara Hodges on Monday, February 6th at 2.30.

The Flower of the Month was won by Jean Galbraith, and the next meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th when the Speaker will be Mrs Cass Edwards on Colour Magic with a display of your favourite accessory.
Anne Nickol



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