

# Sandon Parish Magazine

June 2012  
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from The  
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| <b>Regular Hall<br/>Activities</b>     |  |
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| <b>Wednesdays</b>                      | 6pm – 7.15pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Sandon Brownies         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Monthly</b> | 2pm – 4pm Women's Institute                          |
| <b>Thursdays</b>                       | 5pm – 6.15pm Beaver Cubs                             |
|  | 6.15 – 7.45pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Sandon Cubs and Scouts |
|  | 8pm – 9.30pm Sandon Scouts                           |

Esther, King Ahab and Queen Jezebel and the Queen of Sheba visiting Solomon.

## Messy Church

'Messy Church' once a month on a Sunday morning from **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**. The format is very much like SALT, but on a Sunday, and with its own special themes. There will be a 'Messy Church' tent at the Flower Festival too.

There is a warm welcome for everyone and there are activities to engage all ages, a time to worship God together and a time to share food together.

We'd love to see you at either or both of these exciting all-age events.

There is no charge, but there is an opportunity to contribute towards running costs and food if you would like to.

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Jesus the humble king of kings

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

See the Light

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

Bible Roads

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

Start the Adventure

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

Spread the News

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Hoist the Sails

'You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth.' (Matthew 5:13 'The Message' Bible)

If you'd like more details, ring

Clive on 01245 243863

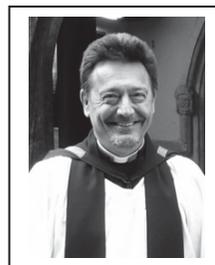
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## From The Rectory

1 June 2012



Dear Parish Friends

Often it takes two parties to make a quarrel (some of us can have a quarrel all on our own); but if I am determined *not* to take offence easily, the quarrel with A.N.Other can be averted. Why is the other person picking a fight anyway? What has upset them? Was it me? Was it my lack of thoughtfulness, or a lack of love on my part? Or has someone else upset them?

We take up our defensive positions so quickly in an attempt to avert our own hurt. But if we tried more often to be less defensive, a little more vulnerable and forgiving, rather than making a show of our strength and ability to dominate, then unpleasantness would be more readily averted and we would save the relationship with our husband, wife, brother, sister, daughter or son from potential

breakdown. Sometimes we would even discover everyone wins their cause. We all emerge without damage. Sadly, we too often care more about being right than acting rightly. Trials may not be enjoyable, but the Spirit and peace of the Lord may sustain us and hold us together through all kinds of trying circumstances.

Being determined to be a peacemaker is the characteristic of people who have changed the course of history in the world. If we can all be determined to actively live a life which continually chooses to promote peace at home instead of quarrel we will begin to see the ripples spread out and effect others. Be an agent for peace where you are.

Love and best wishes

Clive

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## Disappointed?

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the School play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen.. On the day the

parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.. 'Guess what, Mum,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me....'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'



## Pints of View

*Men's pub night  
from 8pm MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June  
2012  
at The Generals, Little  
Baddow*

*We would like as many men as possible to meet from 20:00 onwards, for a pint or two of something, fellowship and discussion. We all seem to have our own unwritten agenda to bring, so come and join us in an evening to 'philosophise' (umm and ahh) over a glass, on a current issue generally introduced by Clive the 'Rector' (for want of a better title). If you're interested please just drop in and join the madding crowd.*

## Church Services June 2012

*St. Mary's, Little Baddow and  
St. Andrew's, Sandon*

### KEY:

[S] = Sandon Parish Church  
[LB] = Little Baddow Parish  
Church  
[LB-URC] = Little Baddow  
United Reformed Church Chapel

### 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### TRINITY SUNDAY QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]

11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

#### Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

*No Services*

#### Bank Holiday Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

*No Services*

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer

[St Andrew's, Sandon]

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

#### CORPUS CHRISTI

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group

Morning Prayer [LB]

10.00 House Communion [LB]

### 10<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY

08.00 Holy Communion (*Book  
of Common Prayer 1662*) [S]

09.15 Parish Eucharist [S]

11.00 Parish Eucharist and  
Thanksgiving for the  
Ministry of Robin  
Turner [LB]



## Charlotte Fletcher's recipe

### for American Chicken

#### Ingredients:

Knob of butter

Dash of olive oil

250g mushrooms

Dash of Tabasco

US cup of sherry

US cup of chicken stock

½ tsp celery salt

2 tins of Baxters condensed  
celery soup

Heaped dessert spoon crème  
fraiche

100g mature cheddar cheese

Fresh parmesan cheese to  
sprinkle

Spaghetti for 4 people

One whole cooked chicken

#### Method:

Melt butter and oil in a large  
frying pan

Add chopped mushrooms,  
Tabasco, celery salt. Cook until  
brown.

Add sherry. Cook for 5 minutes  
reducing slightly

Add stock, soup, crème fraiche  
and cheese

Add chopped chicken

Cook spaghetti as it says on the  
packet

Line a large roasting dish with  
the spaghetti  
Pour the chicken sauce over  
Sprinkle with parmesan cheese  
Bake in a fan oven for 25  
minutes at 180°C

Serves 4



## St Andrew's All Age Ministry

### SALT ('Sharing And Learning Together')

There are creative activities, opportunities to make new friends, to have fun, to think about God, find out what the Bible says, and to sing, pray and eat together. There is something for everyone ~ young and old. Children and adults come together (not children on their own) after school on most term-time Tuesdays until the end of the Summer school term.

This term we have already been looking at Kings and Queens in the Old Testament; Queen



**ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, SANDON NEWS UPDATE**

**PRESENTATION and OPEN EVENING**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 6.45 to 9pm** – your invitation is printed elsewhere in this magazine. Please come along and see the awards our young people have achieved and enjoy the evening's entertainment they are preparing to give our guests.

**ANNUAL CLUB OUTING TO WALTON-ON-NAZE**

**may be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
We are waiting for coach confirmation.

**NEW HELPERS STILL REQUIRED**

especially someone who knows about pool, table tennis, rounders and other out/indoor games and activities. Someone who could work with the older group – 77 Club.

We welcome Jenni Sach and Vivian Gaimster's part-time help with the Tuck Shop and Alex Dack as Junior Leader with both groups. If you can help, please contact

**Peter Ellis 01245 222682**



**ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, SANDON**

**INVITATION**

**to our PRESENTATION and OPEN EVENING Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012, 6.45 to 9.00 pm Sandon Village Hall**

**ALL WELCOME**

There will be presentations of Membership Cards, Jack Petchey Awards and National Operatic and Dramatic Association 3 year and 6 year certificates.

The ELLIS TROPHY will also be presented for best performance in the 2012 pantomime – CINDERELLA – plus some special achievement awards.

Entertainment will be by club members and refreshments including strawberries, cream, tea and coffee will be provided.

**We would be delighted to see you.**

**RSVP**

**01245 222682**

**for numbers**

**Peter and Evelyn Ellis Group Leaders**

- 16.00 Messy Church [St Andrew's, Little Baddow]
- 18.30 United Evening Worship [LB- URC]
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**
- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's Chapel, Little Baddow]
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**
- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**
- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Sandon]
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**
- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [tba]
- 10.00 Holy Communion [Spring Cottage, Colam Lane, Little Baddow]

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer 1662*) [LB]
- 09.15 Family Service [LB]
- 11.00 Messy Church [S]
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**
- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Little Baddow]

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

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Sandon]

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

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [tba]
- 10.00 House Communion [Hen Cottage, North Hill, LB]

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

- 09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
- 11.00 United Eucharist [LB]
- 13.00 Baptism [S]
- 18.30 Evensong [LB]

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [tba]
- 10.00 House Communion [1 Pledgers, High Pastures, LB]

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**ST PETER AND ST PAUL**

- 09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
- 16.00 Messy Church [St Andrew's, Little Baddow]

*Come, join, sing, enjoy the gospel choir*



**18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sandon Parish Church**

**8pm-9.30pm**

**CM2 7RQ**



## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WITHAM**

*Are pleased to host the  
**Reverend Doctor Raed  
Awad Deeb Abusahlia,***

*a Priest of the Latin Patriarchate  
(Roman Catholic), serving the  
Christian village of Taybeh in the  
West Bank of Palestine.*

**'Peace and Justice: a Christian  
viewpoint from the Holy Land'**

**MONDAY. 11TH JUNE, 2012  
Holy Family and All Saints RC  
Church, 14 Guithaven Street,  
WITHAM, CM8 1BN 7.00 p.m.  
Bring and Share Supper.  
Coffee and Tea Provided. 7.45  
p.m.  
Ecumenical Act of Worship  
8.00 p.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Born in Zababdeh in Palestine,  
Father Raed was ordained priest  
by the Latin Patriarch in 1990  
and began his priestly ministry in  
parishes in Jordan. After  
completing higher studies in  
philosophy at the Lateran  
University in Rome, Father Raed  
served as Professor of  
Philosophy at the Latin Seminary  
at Beit Jala and as Chancellor of

the Latin Patriarchate of  
Jerusalem, until appointed parish  
priest of the Latin Church in  
Taybeh (biblical Ephraim) in the  
Palestinian West Bank, where he  
is active in initiatives for peace  
and justice such as the "Olive  
Branch Foundation" and "Lamps  
for Peace in the Holy Land".  
Donations to 'Living Stones of  
the Holy Land Trust', an  
ecumenical trust seeking to  
promote contacts between  
Christian communities in Britain  
and those in the Holy Land and  
neighbouring countries. UK  
registered charity No. 1081204  
For more information contact  
Colin South on 01376 510391



### **Easter Flowers.**

Thank you to the flower  
arrangers who made the Church  
look so beautiful for Easter Day  
and the for the Wedding on  
Easter Eve (Saturday). Many  
people commented upon how  
wonderful the Church looked.  
Thank you too to everyone who  
made the delicious cakes, served  
in the "tearoom" or welcomed  
visitors and stewarded the  
Church. The event was enjoyed  
by those who visited and raised  
£190 for Church funds.

*Barbara Underwood*

and the Cathedral's links with the  
local community.  
In 2004 he was appointed Area  
Bishop of Reading in the Diocese  
of Oxford. The Reading  
Episcopal Area covers the whole  
of the old county of Berkshire  
and is larger than many dioceses.  
During this time he was very  
involved in ecumenical  
developments and mission in  
Reading itself, and chaired the  
Oxford Diocesan Board of  
Education.  
Stephen's passions for ministry  
have always involved evangelism  
and teaching and commending  
the Christian faith. He has led  
many parish missions. He has  
done lots of work with children  
and young people, particularly in  
schools. He hopes all this will  
continue in the Diocese of  
Chelmsford. Stephen is on the  
Governing Body and is a founder  
member of the College of  
Evangelists. He has served on the  
Church of England's Mission,  
Renewal and Evangelism  
committee. He has been a  
member of the Advisory group  
for Anglican Church Planting  
Initiatives. He was also a  
member of the Springboard  
Executive. He chairs the Church  
of England's Religion in Media  
group. He is Warden of the  
Community of St Mary the  
Virgin in Wantage and Visitor to  
the Society of the Precious  
Blood.

Stephen has written widely about  
evangelism, the work of  
initiation and spirituality. His  
best selling I Thirst (Zondervan)  
was the Archbishop of  
Canterbury's Lent book for 2004.  
His other books include From the  
Abundance of the Heart: Catholic  
evangelism for all Christians  
(DLT); Do Nothing to Change  
your Life: Discovering what  
happens when you stop (CHP);  
Hit the Ground Kneeling: Seeing  
leadership differently (CHP); two  
books of meditations for Good  
Friday and Easter, The Things  
He Carried and The Things He  
Said (SPCK). His most recent  
book is called How to Pray  
(CHP). He has also written a  
book of children's stories, The  
Adventures of Naughty Nora  
(BRF).  
Stephen's interests include  
writing, reading, cooking and  
music. He is a keen Spurs fan,  
but also supports his local team  
wherever he lives, so at various  
points has followed Southend  
United, Leyton Orient,  
Portsmouth, Huddersfield,  
Peterborough and Reading. Back  
in Essex he plans to return to  
where he started and support  
Southend. They need it. He is  
married to Rebecca, who is a  
potter. They have three sons and  
one dog



**About The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford**

Stephen Cottrell was born and brought up in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, where many of his family still live. He went to Belfairs High School and then to the Polytechnic of Central London where he studied film and the media and then went on to work in the film industry. During his second year at college he lived in Walthamstow. Discerning a call to ordination, he worked for a year at St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham.

Stephen was ordained deacon in 1984 and priest in 1985. An ordinand of the Diocese of Chelmsford, he ended up serving his title at Christ Church & St Paul's, Forest Hill in the Diocese of Southwark having trained for ordination at St Stephen's House in Oxford. He likes to think that the Diocese of Chelmsford is, at last, getting a return on its investment. He went onto become Priest-in-Charge of St Wilfrid's, Parklands, a small council estate parish on the edge of Chichester, and Assistant

Director of Pastoral Studies at Chichester Theological College. This was an exciting time. The church grew in numbers and there was lots of involvement between parish and college. In 1993 he became Diocesan Missioner for the Diocese of Wakefield. It was here that he was part of a group that wrote and developed the Emmaus programme for evangelism, nurture and discipleship. Emmaus is used by hundreds of churches in Britain and around the world, and has been translated into several languages. He was also involved in the leadership and co-ordination of a very large city-wide mission to Chester. In 1997 he began working for Springboard, the Archbishop of Canterbury's and York's initiative for evangelism. This involved teaching and speaking about evangelism and leading missions and conferences in England and also in the Anglican Communion. Throughout this time he and his family were based and worshipped at the Urban Priority Area parish of St Thomas', Huddersfield, itself a great centre for worship and mission. In 2001 Stephen Cottrell became Canon Pastor and Vice-Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, where he was been responsible for the pastoral care and faith development of the congregation,



# Jubilee Fete 4<sup>th</sup> June

## HELP REQUIRED

**to man stalls at the Fete**

**Also if you have any items that can be used to raise funds please let us know**

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**Your help and assistance will go a long way in helping us to support St Andrews Church and The J'S Hospice.**

The Queen is the second longest serving British Monarch in history. Only five others have reigned for over 50 years.

The Queen's official title is "Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith".

Archbishops and Bishops are appointed by The Queen, on advice from the Prime Minister who considers names selected by a Church Commission. They take an Oath of Allegiance to The Queen on appointment and cannot resign without her consent.

The Queen first visited Chelmsford in 1958.

In 1963, the Queen distributed the Royal Maundy Money at Chelmsford Cathedral and then had lunch at the newly opened Civic Centre.

Since 1952 the Queen has conferred 404,500 honours and awards.

She is Patron to over 600 charities and organisations.

The first football match the Queen attended was the FA Cup Final in 1953. Blackpool beat Bolton Wanderers 4-3.

The Queen introduced a new breed of dog known as the "dorgi" when one of Her corgis was mated with a dachshund named Pipkin which belonged to Princess Margaret. There have been 11 dorgis - Tinker, Pickles, Chipper, Piper, Harris, Brandy, Berry, Cider, Candy and Vulcan.

The Queen is in touch with modern communications having launched the British Monarchy Website in 1997, British Monarchy YouTube in 2007, Royal Twitter in 2009, Flickr and Facebook in 2010.

## The Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival

St Andrew's Church PCC has

generously agreed to share the profits of the Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival with The J's Hospice, a local charity based in Great Baddow. The J's as it is known, is a growing charity, whose work is not familiar to

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| <b>Electoral Roll Officer</b>             | Mr David Farrar, 471484  |
| <b>Organist</b>                           | Mr Ron Woods, 268304   |
| <b>Flower Arranging Team Co-ordinator</b> | Mrs Barbara Underwood, 225756  |
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| <b>Tiny Tots</b>                          | Mrs Alison Read, 474858  |
| <b>Magazine Editor (Temporary)</b>        | The Revd. Clive Ashley, as above   |
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## Regular Church Activities

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   | 10am – Noon <b>Coffee and Chat</b> (St Andrew's Rooms)   |
|                   | 3.45pm 5.15pm <b>SALT</b> for children and their families (during school term time only until end of this Summer Term) |
|                   | 7.45pm <b>Bell ringing</b> practice (newcomers welcome)  |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | 2pm – 3.30pm <b>Tiny Tots</b> (St Andrew's Rooms)  |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | 7.30pm -8.30pm <b>Choir</b> practice – newcomers welcome to join (St Andrew's Rooms)                                   |

words:

These dear ones, O Lord, bless  
Thou and keep in every place  
where they are.

### **Canticle**

Christ, as a light  
**illumine and guide me.**  
**Christ, as a shield**  
**overshadow me.**  
**Christ under me;**  
**Christ over me;**  
**Christ beside me**  
**on my left and my right.**  
**This day be within and without**  
**me,**  
**lowly and meek, yet all-**  
**powerful.**  
**Be in the heart of each to**  
**whom I speak;**  
**in the mouth of each who**  
**speaks unto me.**  
**This day be within and without**  
**me,**  
**lowly and meek, yet all-**  
**powerful.**  
**Christ as a light;**  
**Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me**  
**on my left and my right.**

### **Blessing**

**May the peace of the Lord**  
**Christ go with you,**  
**wherever He may send you.**  
**May He guide you through the**  
**wilderness,**

**protect you through the storm.**  
**May He bring you home**  
**rejoicing**  
**at the wonders He has shown**  
**you.**  
**May He bring you home**  
**rejoicing**  
**once again into our doors.**

**+ In the name of the Father,**  
**and of the Son, and of the Holy**  
**Spirit. Amen**

*Morning Prayer is best ended*  
*with a period of reflective*  
*silence.*

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everyone. Here is an  
introduction to the work that  
they do:

The J's Hospice provides  
hospice and respite care in  
Essex for young adults aged 18-  
40 with life limiting and life  
threatening conditions. They  
provide nursing and end of life  
care, respite care, and  
psychosocial care and  
bereavement support. There is  
no hope of cure for the young  
adults the J's care for, and this  
underpins the philosophy and  
level of care that their services  
provide. It also reaffirms the idea  
that life, however short, is for  
living to the best of a person's  
ability, to have fun, feel good,  
laugh and be who they want to  
be.

The population of young adults  
with life limiting conditions is  
growing due to improvements in  
medical care and improved  
technology. These young adults  
are normally discharged from  
children's services by the age of  
19. A children's hospice  
environment may not be suitable  
for someone who is over 18, but  
often, adult hospices are not the  
right environment either.

Nationally, it is recognised that  
there is a lack of age appropriate  
facilities, with only a handful of  
young peoples' hospices in the  
UK. It is acknowledged that  
there is a wide variation in  
availability of services across  
the country, in particular access

to short break care that is  
appropriate for young  
adults. The J's aim to address this  
issue by raising £5 million to  
provide a purpose built hospice  
for respite and end of life care  
for the young people of Essex  
and the surrounding counties.  
Their vision is for an in-patient  
building that will have ensuite  
bedrooms, facilities for  
recreation, entertainment and  
study in an attractive and  
relaxed environment, with  
accommodation for family and  
friends. Fulfilling this aim will  
take some time. However, since  
2010, the J's have worked in the  
community with a pioneering  
service called The J's @ Home.  
This service provides respite  
care in the comfort and security  
of the patient's own home. They  
employ a small team of Nurses  
and trained Healthcare  
Assistants, who provide  
practical nursing care and  
specialist advice and support. A  
Chaplain, counsellor, music  
therapist and complimentary  
therapist provide spiritual and  
emotional support. The J's  
works closely with the patient's  
GP, District Nurse and other  
carers to provide an holistic  
approach for the whole family.  
In April 2011 The J's started  
a Young Adult Group, where  
the young adults in it's care  
can have some time away  
from their carers to socialise  
with people their own age.

It is not difficult to see that The J's provides a vital service to it's users. To maintain and expand it's role and to provide the much needed hospice building it needs our support. Please support the festival and help

## **An eye witness account from New York**

.....on a cold day in December,  
Some years ago: A little boy, About 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the Roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes, 'was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed His little feet, and dried them with the towel.  
By this time, the clerk had

us to help The J's.  
**Information from  
The J's Hospice website  
[www.theishospice.org.uk](http://www.theishospice.org.uk)  
and publicity materials.**

**- J. Underwood.**

returned with the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes.. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him.. She patted him on the head and said, 'No Doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'  
As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her, 'Are you God's wife?'

*Life isn't about how to survive  
the storm, but how to dance in  
the rain.*

## **Advertisers**

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the absence of your adverts.  
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## **Celtic Morning**

**Prayer** is said or sung all together except for the sentences marked 'Call' which are for the Leader only. Morning Prayer is best begun and ended with a period of reflective silence.  
+ indicates that you may make the sign of the cross.

**+ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit. Amen**

### **Opening sentences**

**One thing I have asked of the  
Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of  
the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the  
Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.**

*Call:* Who is it that you seek?  
**Response:** We seek the Lord  
our God.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all  
your heart?

**Response:** Amen. Lord, have  
mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all  
your soul?

**Response:** Amen. Lord, have  
mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all  
your mind?

**Response:** Amen. Lord, have  
mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all  
your strength?

**Response:** Amen. Christ, have  
mercy.

### **Declaration of faith**

To whom shall we go?  
**You have the words of eternal  
life,  
and we have believed and have  
come to know  
that You are the Holy One of  
God.  
Praise to You, Lord Jesus  
Christ,  
King of endless glory.**

### **Scripture Readings**

*Readings are introduced by the  
leader. We listen to the readings  
and keep a time for silent  
meditation after each is read.*

### **Meditation for the day of the month**

*We listen to a Meditation and  
keep a time for silent reflection  
after the Meditation is read.*

### **Prayers for others**

*After the scripture readings and  
meditations, there is an  
opportunity to pray whatever is  
on your mind and heart, offering  
to God the concerns of the day,  
your personal needs and prayers  
for other people. Prayers of  
intercession close with these*