

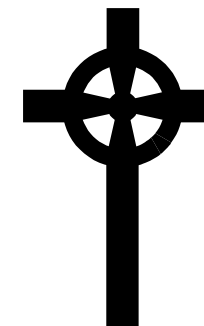
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	7.45pm Bell ringing practice (newcomers welcome – training can be offered)
Wednesdays	1pm – 2.30pm Tiny Tots (St Andrew's Rooms)
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PRAYER FOR AUTUMN DAYS

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage and your help to enter into the transformation process.

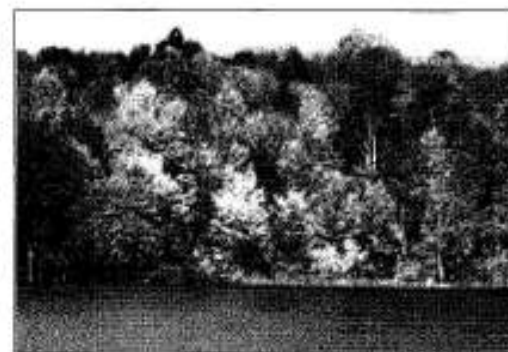
God of Autumn, the trees and bushes are shedding their green and are letting go of what has been. We, too in our lives, have our moments of surrender, with all their worries, insecurities and risk. Father, help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in amazing coloured patterns all over the ground, we realize that these reflect our own lives which also have their own individual patterns. As we look and see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence and gain strength from this.

God of the harvest and of the fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within this autumn season of our surrender. We must patiently wait for the harvest in faith and hope. Lord grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of the birds flying south for another season and of the animals hibernating for the winter. They know the seasons. Lord your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We look and yearn for insight and vision.



God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, Father, we are grateful. Amen.



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*St. Mary's, Little Baddow and
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Sunday 2ND ADVENT SUNDAY

- 09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
- 16.00 Messy Church [LB]

Monday 3RD

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

Tuesday 4TH

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 5TH

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 6TH

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer []
- 10.0 Holy Communion at [LB]
- 11.0

Sunday 9TH ADVENT 2

- 08.00 Holy Communion (1662) [S]
- 09.15 Parish Eucharist [S]
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
- 18.30 United Evening Worship [LB-URC]

Monday 10TH

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

Tuesday 11TH

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 12TH

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 13TH

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer []
- 10.00 House Communion at [LB]

Sunday 16TH ADVENT 3

- 08.00 Holy Communion (1662) [LB]
- 09.15 Morning Worship [LB]
- 11.00 Messy Church [S]
- 18.00 Carol Service [LB-URC Chapel]
- 19.30 Nine Lessons and Carols [S]

Monday 17TH

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

Tuesday 18TH

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]
- 20.00 **Beer and Carols @ The Rodney, North Hill, Little Baddow**

Wednesday 19TH

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 25TH

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [LB]
- 10.00 House Communion at [LB]
- 20.00 **Beer and Carols @ The Crown, Sandon**

Sunday 23RD ADVENT 4

- 09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
- 11.00 United Family Eucharist [LB]
- 16.00 Christingle Service [LB]

Monday 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

- 16.00 Christingle Service
- 23.30 'Midnight Mass' [LB]
- 23.30 'Midnight Mass' [S]

Tuesday 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10.00 Carols 'round the Crib [S]
- 10.00 Carols 'round the Crib [LB] followed by a shortened said Holy Communion Service

Sunday 30TH THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 10.00 'Come Together' Eucharist [LB]
- 12.15 Baptism [S]

[S] = Sandon Parish Church

[LB] = Little Baddow Parish Church

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

DOROTHY BURRAS

It is now a year since Dorothy's death and a said Requiem Mass was held on 6th November at St Mary and St Edward Church, West Hanningfield where she worshipped after leaving Sandon.

A small group of us gathered there to remember this remarkable and much-loved lady who gave so many years of service to the Church in general and to St Andrew's in particular.

Lux perpetua luceat ei May she Rest in Peace.

Michael Puffett

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Thank you. Eileen Bartrup.

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS GIVE IT BACK MAK!

BY PAUL BURBRIDGE
A RUMBUSTIOUS NEW CHRISTMAS PLAY
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Out on the hills, under a sky full of stars, it is most bitterly cold. The twinkling lights of the town look very inviting. But no such luck for the shepherds who must keep an eye out for all kinds of unusual predators at winter lambing time...

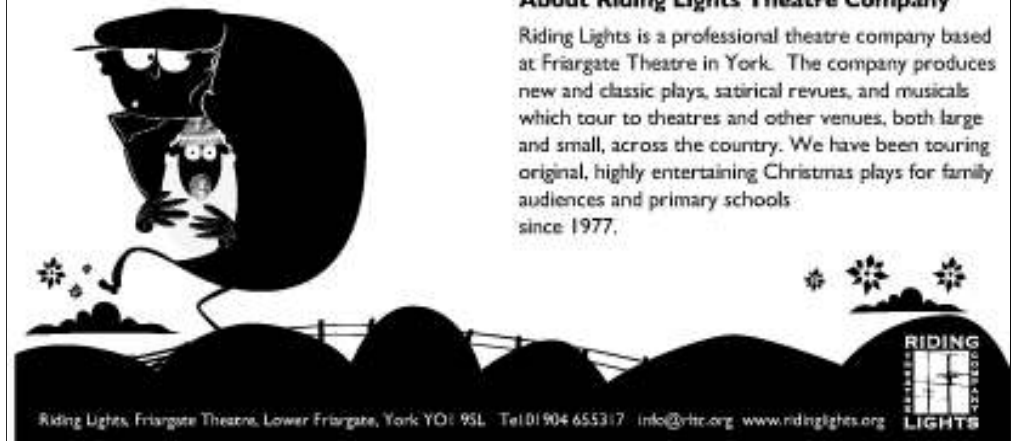
The Lamb Chop Inn is full to bursting. Worse still, they've nothing to serve for Sunday roast. Mak, who runs the place, has put up a sign, 'NO VACANCIES AT ALL'. Another underneath says: 'NOT EVEN THE TEENSIEST ONE', but a young couple whose car is stranded in the snow knock on the door anyway...

A warm-hearted and funny story unfolds of desperate deeds, sheep in prams and people that glow in the dark, while out in Mak's potting shed something is happening which will change everything and everyone for the better. With puppetry, hilarity and extraordinary story-telling, 'Give It Back, Mak!' is the quintessential Riding Lights Christmas Experience.

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Riding Lights is a professional theatre company based at Friargate Theatre in York. The company produces new and classic plays, satirical revues, and musicals which tour to theatres and other venues, both large and small, across the country. We have been touring original, highly entertaining Christmas plays for family audiences and primary schools since 1977.



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The Start of an Adventure

On 9th July 2011 South Sudan celebrated becoming a new separate state from the rest of Sudan. This followed a very bloody war over many years with many dead and many refugees and many hiding for their lives. In 2005 a Comprehensive Peace Agreement had been signed which made provision for a referendum of the South about forming the new separate state. This referendum took place in January 2011.

Also in July 2011, Naomi Pendle had an article published in HART International's newsletter which described something of a small school about 80 km from Wau where a new secondary school was starting alongside a primary school. In it she invited teachers to offer to help for 3 months. I suggested to Judy that I might do this and thus began a correspondence with Naomi about this possibility. Judy and I met Naomi at her parents' house in January of this year with Gordon and Joyce Lovering too. Gordon had run the school during 2011 were they had 5 Kenyans helping with the teaching too. Both Gordon and Joyce are in their late 60s and Joyce is able to cope with cooking in the bush and between them they held this group of staff together as a small family. So armed with confidence in these three godly people, who

had been in South Sudan, and peace in prayer over this, I resigned my job to go in the autumn.

My first attempt at getting there did not work. Although Naomi had told me she went via Nairobi to Juba, Kampala is nearer to Juba and it seemed a good idea perhaps to go and visit Andrew Guy, Dessi and Anthony Speakman on the way and then start to figure out how to go on from there. So I filled in an application for a visa to Uganda but was turned down by the embassy because I did not know where the Speakmans were staying. The next morning I was encouraged by reading the following in 2Chronicles. "In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." (15:5-7). Further e-mail communication the next week with Naomi and Gordon encouraged me to book a flight to Juba via Nairobi on 4th September with a return on 12th December. I got a Kenyan visa and knew from those there that you got your rather expensive (\$US100 per month) South Sudanese visa when you arrived

at Juba. Judy went with me to Heathrow and I checked in and took my bags to baggage drop. The lady looked through my passport for my visa and I assured her that I had the Kenyan one and was getting the South Sudanese on when I got to Juba. "No," she said, "we are not allowed to fly you without a visa otherwise we, the airline, are fined." After the amazement of a phone call on mobiles from Heathrow to Juba with the government minister due to meet me, Judy and I concluded that the

no problem and was met by the government minister, Professor Jok Madut Jok, who took me to a place called Afex camp where I paid \$US150 for a container that is a room, for one night. It was hot but it was a clean bed, I took a short walk to the Nile hoping I could walk along the bank. It is quite wide there, I guess 400 metres, and fast flowing. Ahead of me, I saw some swimmers. They don't seem to have anything on and they were splashing the water around in enjoyment. I tried another walk



only thing to do was come home. Over the next week I did get a visa from the new South Sudanese embassy in London and flew on 12th September. I changed flights at Nairobi with

to the town but reception did not have a map and I realised I did not want to get lost in a foreign place so returned to the 'camp' to wait for Jok to bring the ticket for the onward flight. He did

Sandon WI November meeting.

The President, Joan Southey, welcomed members and four visitors to the meeting and thanked Barbara Hodges for the flowers which were later sent to Susan Simons who is recovering from a hip operation. Jerusalem was then sung.

Frances' Elliott's husband had died recently and a card of sympathy had been sent, also one to Colette Blair who is far from well.

Members were asked to decide which local charity the Christmas stall should support, and the choice was Farleigh Hospice. The trip to Cambridge will be on 15th November and Little Baddow are going to Bury St Edmunds on November 23rd and having a Christmas lunch on 6th December. Dorothy has details of both these events. Eves Corner Christmas meeting will be on 4th December and there is a list for anyone wanting to come to the Mildmay group Carol Service on December 12th at Boreham. Money will be collected at the January meeting for the 95th anniversary lunch to be held on May 13th.

Tickets are still available for the Christmas Concerts at the Marconi club on December 10th.. apply to the Federation Office if you wish to go. It is Sandon's turn to send a delegate to the National AGM in Cardiff in June 2013 and a delegate is also needed for the County Annual general Meeting in Colchester with Adam Hensen as the Speaker. Members can visit Hyde Hall during December at a reduced rate and a Christmas lunch is also available.

After the business Celia Kerslake and Anne Nickol demonstrated calendar making and how to make crackers, and the results were very successful. Dorothy gave the Vote of Thanks.

The Keep Fit group continue to meet and the next Craft and Chat afternoon will be on November 22nd The Flower of the Month was won by Celia Kerslake and Marlene Bishop, and with 68 words Val Chiswell won the competition for the mist words that could be made from "New Zealand"

The next meeting will be on December 13th and will be a Christmas party with a Christmas theme for the trading stall

Anne Nickol



SANDON CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sandon Village Hall
Saturday 24TH November
12pm - 3pm

**Santa is coming
to visit**

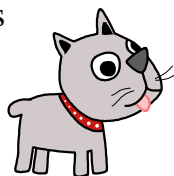
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The Annual Pet Service

They say you should never perform with children or animals, but throwing caution to the wind Clive did both. It was lovely to see all the animals with their owners at the pet service. The majority of them were dogs, all beautifully behaved, and I cannot remember them all but I know we had Lily, Honeysuckle, Bruce, Darcy, Chubs, Charlie and Jasper. We had a lovely hamster, which if I remember was called Hammy. There was only one cat a beautiful ginger called Violet (of course I am biased), who I think was totally bored. The star by far was Nigel the cockerel. After a brief service we all retired to the churchyard for individual blessings. It was a lovely afternoon. Oh by the way one owner fell to sleep and forgot to bring his two dogs and one of the congregation to rather misbehave, but my lips are sealed and money has exchanged hands.

Christine Mennie.



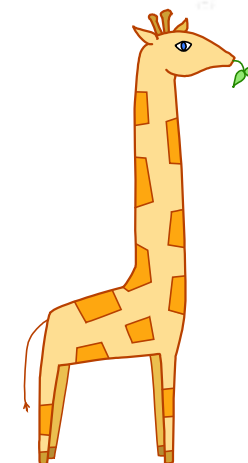
bring it eventually that evening and the next morning he took me to the airport. All the motorcyclists with no helmets



Leaving Luonyaker

dodging through the cars were amazing and a bit scary. The pilot on the flight to Kuajok, which is quite near Wau, announced we needed to turn back to Juba because there was a problem with the aircraft. We did get to the Kuajok murrum (a type of red gravel/hogging material) airstrip later that day and I was met by a driver from Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany (VSFG) who took a number of us to Luonyaker via Wau. Wau airport was closed but there were a couple of planes that looked as though they had inadvertently got where they were and had little prospect of moving on. One was an Antonov, possibly which had been used out of Wau by the Khartoum government to bomb places like Luonyaker during the war. We met up with Naomi in Wau and she came with us on the second half of the 4 hour drive to Luonyaker. I was invited to rest the night at the VSFG compound in Luonyaker. They had a mess

room with food and a television. It was hard to eat the ram's meat and, unlike Naomi, I was not comfortable eating vegetables and rice with my fingers! The following morning Joyce and Gordon walked the 4 miles from Marol and met me in Luonyaker. That afternoon Gordon and Joyce walked with me through the heat of the afternoon to Marol. Actually Naomi drove us a short way to the edge of Luonyaker but it was too wet to drive further. The locals lads made use of the water to swim in a large pond sized puddle, but again unashamedly no trunks! At Marol I was introduced to the 5 Kenyan teachers and my hut or tukul that I was to share with Thomas. A round say 9 foot diameter building with walls about 4 foot high and a conical thatched roof. I hope to write more next month but suffice to say that trouble was there when I awoke the next morning!



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RED RIDING HOOD

by Richard Hills - produced in arrangement with Jasper Publishing Ltd

Last year's Cast of Cinderella has been strengthened so we are expecting a brilliant show with lots of fun, music and audience participation!

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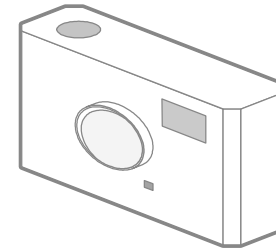
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Film Night!



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Film Night!

First of all, on behalf of the Sandon Village Hall Committee of Management, I would like to thank all those who attended and supported our first FILM NIGHT. The turnout was better than we anticipated. Without your support we would have been lost.

I would like to think, from the comments that were made on your way out, that you all enjoyed the evening.

Comments written on the suggestion sheets have been noted. Thank you. From these we will make some changes for our next show. Sorry but comfy armchairs is pushing it! More suggestions on film choices would be helpful. We have only booked three FILM NIGHTS at the moment, so as they say, 'if you don't use it, we may lose it'.

Thanks to all committee members who worked hard to set up and clear up, giving their time for free to make the evening go so well.

So we now look forward to 3rd November for our next film

THE IRON LADY.

Hope to see you all again at SANDON FLICKS!

Julie