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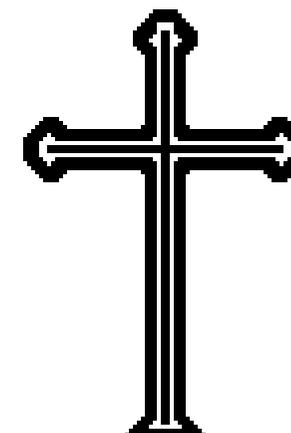
Regular Church Activities

Sundays	See page 5 for all services in Church this month
Tuesdays	10am –Noon Coffee and Chat (St Andrew's Rooms)
	7.45pm Bell ringing practice (newcomers welcome – training can be offered)
Wednesdays	1pm – 2.30pm Tiny Tots (St Andrew's Rooms)
Fridays	7.30pm -8.30pm Choir practice – new comers welcome to join (St Andrew's Rooms)

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Scouts in the Churchyard

Although we try very hard, there are some jobs in the churchyard that we never seem to get around to doing. Accordingly we were overjoyed to have a group of about ten scouts to help us for some six hours on December 1st as part of their Community Service activity.

With great energy and a considerable good humour they threw themselves into a series of boring but important activities such as barrowing soil, making good sinking graves, moving vegetation and general tidying up.

They seemed to be interested in the various aspects of churchyard management and I hope that they gained something from their day's labours.

Those of us who worked with them soon ran out of energy on what was a cold and damp Saturday and we are very grateful to the youngsters and their leader Aimee for helping us so willingly.

Mike Puffett

MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS

I am sure that the congregation at St. Andrews would welcome a stronger choir to lead the singing on a Sunday (and this is no criticism of the present members). Anyone who has seen Gareth Malone on the television will know that anything is possible and, as far as I am aware, we do not have a Gareth Malone in the parish, but I am sure that there must be some members of the congregation who would enjoy singing. We do have a very informal choir practice in the St. Andrew's room every Friday evening and I look forward to being inundated with volunteers.

Ron Woods

From the Churchwardens

When you receive this magazine we will be about to enter an interregnum – or vacancy as it is now often called. This will be a period of considerable difficulty for our little parish, coming as it does less than three years after the last one ended.

So how will we cope? Our Services for January and February will proceed as normal, being taken by visiting priests who have so kindly offered to come here. We will publish the details each week and if you are not already on our congregation database and would like to be just let us have your e-mail address. The other parish tasks will be shared out amongst the PCC members and others but it will not be easy.

Of course we will miss the Revd. Clive. In the short time that he has been with us he has left his mark on St Andrew's and we wish him well in his new parish and hope that he and Lesley settle happily in Danbury.

What does the future have in store for us? As we go to press the PCCs of Sandon and Little Baddow are shortly to meet with the Bishop and other senior clergy and the picture may become clearer. In the meantime, as our mission statement says, we must declare and show the love of Christ for all people to the people of Sandon.

Michael Puffett and Janet Terry

At the meeting, held in the Village Hall on 12 December, after the broad picture of the difficulties facing the Diocese regarding the future availability of ordained clergy had been explained to us by bishop John, it was finally decided that, subject to Clive's agreement, Little Baddow would look to forge ties with St. John's Danbury with fairly immediate effect while Sandon, being adjudged less than fully decided on the best future path for our church, would go into a position of Vacancy (Interregnum) while an attempt was made to find a non-stipendiary minister (NSM) or 'House for Duty' priest to lead us for a period of about 3 years. During this time, decisions regarding our future would need to be made. It was anticipated that it would take approximately 6 months to find a suitable candidate to lead us in the interim.

Ed.



Our giving sustains
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worship, prayer and witness.

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parish clergy across the diocese and
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compassion.

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VICKI AND CHARLOTTE'S HALF MARATHON

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning held on the 12th of October in St Andrew's Room in support of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. I think everyone had an enjoyable time and we certainly all enjoyed the delicious cakes. A total of £230 was raised which I donated to Vicki and Charlotte's fundraising. The girls completed their half marathon on an incredibly cold Sunday morning in 3 hours (a slower time than anticipated due to injury, Charlotte having to have her knee strapped after 1 mile by the St. Johns Ambulance team) so they did amazingly well to finish at all under the circumstances. Nick, Darren and I were there to cheer them on and we were all really proud of them. They raised a total of over £1,000 between them which exceeded their goal of £400 each. They received a grateful acknowledgement from the hospital for their support in helping to raise the £15 million needed towards the hospital redevelopment fund. Vicki and Charlotte would like to thank everyone for their support.

Liz Bobeldijk

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WHAT A WONDERFUL OCCASION THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE WAS THIS YEAR, FULL OF ATMOSPHERE AND GOOD CHEER. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED ON THE DAY EITHER WITH SETTING OUT TABLES OR RUNNING A STALL. I THOUGHT THE HALL LOOKED VERY FESTIVE; PARTICULARLY SANTA'S GROTTO WHICH I THOUGHT LOOKED LOVELY. DESPITE THE DREADFUL WEATHER PLENTY OF PEOPLE CAME ALONG TO ENJOY THE FAYRE AND TO BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND TRY SOME OF THE WONDERFUL CAKES ON OFFER, AS WELL AS SAMPLING REFRESHMENTS FROM THE KITCHEN (WHICH WAS KEPT VERY BUSY). WELL DONE LADIES. ALL IN ALL A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY IN WHICH WE RAISED A LITTLE OVER £1300 AFTER EXPENSES.

LIZ BOBELDIJK



St Andrew's, Sandon

Church Services

January 2013

Sunday 6th	Epiphany
11:00	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 8th	
09:15	Said Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	Baptism of Christ
08:00	Said Holy Communion (1662)
09:15	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 15th	
09:15	Said Holy Communion
Wed. 16th	
09:00	Celtic Prayer (Lay led)
Sunday 20th	Epiphany 3
10:30	Messy Church
Tuesday 22nd	
09:15	Said Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	Epiphany 4 (Septuagesima)
09:15	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 29th	
09:15	Said Holy Communion
Wed. 30th	
09:00	Celtic Prayer (Lay led)

South Sudanese Adventure Part 2

Richard Cecil describes more of his trip to South Sudan. Last month we left him just as he had arrived at Marol Academy in the north of the country after a variety of set backs in the process of getting there.

There was no e-mail or mobile phone, no snail mail just the possibility of sending or receiving messengers if desperate. At night the skies were beautiful and clear with no light pollution and we saw several satellites (no planes) passing over. The nights were relatively long compared to the UK at the time but you did notice mosquitoes. They were quite prepared to bite you! There was a background perpetual noise through the hours of darkness of frogs croaking too. In the day it was flies but they were on the food chain into the lizards, who were all over the place and often appeared to be doing press-ups!

On the first afternoon there one of the Kenyans had organised a football match with the local lads. These lads came and played football hard, kicking it around with bare feet on the rather rough surface. When they were done with football he gathered them together under a tree and they had a bible study. A number of them were very enthusiastic and clearly followed these lessons

with great care. Lawrence the Kenyan teacher who did the lesson was excellent too giving encouragement and teaching and advising upon a godly course should someone seek harm to their cattle.

When I woke up on the first morning at Marol I realised that I had cellulitis in my foot. It made walking quite difficult and I began to take the antibiotics I had brought for such an eventuality. I was also aware that my thinking had been that, should I need to take those antibiotics, it was time to move somewhere better able to give you medical care.

That same morning as Thomas had got up I went with him to collect some water for washing from the water pump. On the way Thomas made it clear to me that he felt most uncomfortable me going with him or even to help him. He explained that in his culture it was for the young men to collect the water for their



The Kenyan teacher, Gordon & Joyce and me in front of the tukl I slept in fathers. I suppose the shocking



Tiny Tots Toddler Group, Sandon



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At your local Sandon Church
in the St Andrew's Room
Time: 1 pm to 2.30pm

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PCC Notes

The meeting held on 12th November was long and was dominated by consideration of the forthcoming vacancy. This is mentioned elsewhere in the magazine and is causing us all considerable anxiety and not a small amount of extra work.

We also discussed a number of everyday items. Finance – broadly satisfactory; banking arrangements – routine; fundraising in 2013 – much hard work to come; cleaning of the white altar frontal and the Christmas card arrangements – all in hand.

The 30 pew Bibles, funded by a donation in memory of the late Malcolm Eden have now arrived (and were blessed on St Andrew's Day). They form a splendid addition to our prayer and study.

Our charitable giving to Marsabit, Kenya is now progressing satisfactorily although the transfer of funds is quite complex.

We have received two generous donations – more of this later. One is for a Cornus tree to replace a recently-felled Whitebeam and the other is for a thurible and associated items. The PCC discussed these two matters and expressed their gratitude.

We discussed the lightning conductor and drafts for a new fire plan and child protection policy.

The meeting overran and finished at 10.00 pm with the saying of The Grace.
Michael Puffett

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to you all for contributing to this very worthy cause. A total of £197.08 was sent from the village.
Hall Lane, Cards Road & Brook View £120.94, The Lintons, Gablefields & Woodhill Road £76.14.

Eileen Bartrup & Brenda Moyse.

thing to me was being put at the



The water pump at Marol age of his father. But it wasn't unreasonable since he is younger than all our children.

The shower was a circular wall about 5 feet high and 8 feet diameter. I think the idea was to take a bucket of water with you into the shower and somehow douse yourself from that. The shower also had a branch across it carrying a black water container with a tiny little shower head underneath. I learned later that Joyce was the only one who used that but I managed as I told her to find enough water to get soap on everywhere and get it off again! I didn't know about the bucket idea!

There were two latrines at a distance from the tukls we lived in. I found them horrible to use. So I was not unhappy to leave them behind. But they are I suspect a very effective means within the context of the environment.

A striking feature of the culture there was the extended greetings that were engaged in. The

common greeting in Dinka, the most widely spoken language in the area, is "Chee-bak". Literally translated, it means, "You are well?" To greet someone close they will say, "Cheebak, cheebak, cheebak, cheebak." They also seemed to incorporate a variety of other phrases in their extended greetings namely, "Ndala" which I understood to mean "How are you?" and "Martha" (said with a soft 'th') which I never understood. I didn't quite understand what the cues were to finish a greeting either! The closer they are to each other, the longer this greeting will go on. Greetings are important in this culture and that is possibly something we can learn here too.

During the visit the 5 Kenyans teachers needed to renew their visas. So they walked off to Luonyaker with Gordon, drove the 2 hours to Wau where the immigration department, who had visas, could not issue them because they did not have receipts! The same thing happened 4 days later. With no communications there was no possibility of finding out beforehand! Such is the lack of infrastructure that things can be very slow to get organised. Gordon (a physics teacher, note) kept saying that getting a country out of poverty is rocket science.

Other things that I still do not understand include why Gordon was offered no help when he was trying to build a path. Being in swamp there tends to be large areas under water but because the area is so flat the water is not deep. So to make life more comfortable they can build a path that is raised above the surrounding ground by just a few inches and it can make a paddle into a walk. They had a path like that made of just a few bricks to get to the latrines. Gordon

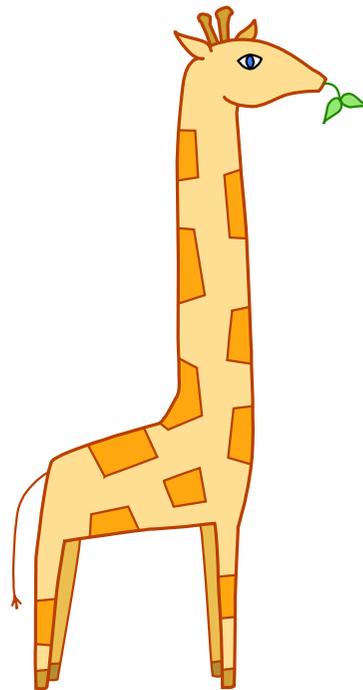


Aquip washing up in the dining room

As I had arrived the Kenyans bought a goat and hung it on a tree to kill it. They do not like sheep. They then butchered it very carefully skinning it. Many enjoyed its meat. The beautiful girl who helped with washing the dishes, Aquip, took the head and the feet away in a carrier bag to feed her family. The vultures were to be seen on top of the tukl

fighting over a piece of gut. And other locals were fed with other meat. I tasted liver and leg and it was very well done.

I think this is enough for now but intend to describe more next month including something of my stay in Luonyaker at the Vétérinaires Sans Frontières compound next month.



December 2 6.30pm	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE The death of a loved one is always very hard. Anniversaries and Christmas can be especially difficult no matter how long ago we lost them. We would like to invite you to join us for this special service of remembrance.	Church of the Holy Spirit, Forest Drive, CM1 2TS If you would like the name of your loved one read out during the service, please call Tracy Davey on:- 01245 355 989 or 07777 641 694 www.chschelmsford.com
7 Friday 7.30pm	 Flame of Revival Guest Speaker David Aldous	United Reformed Church High Street, Great Baddow CM2 7HW or tel. Roland on 07778 046562 www.flameofrevival.com
8 Saturday 10am – 4pm	Will the Love of God Save Us All? A day with Robin Parry, author of The Evangelical Universalist (SPCK) Bring your own lunch – refreshments will be provided	St Michael & All Angels Church, The Street, Roxwell, Chelmsford Essex Details available from: Rev'd Karen Best, Bradwell Area Lay Discipleship Officer kbest@chelmsford.anglican.org Tel. 01245 248157
December 15 Saturday 2pm – 4pm	CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY & TEA WITH SANTA Nativity - Santa's Grotto Christmas high tea Puppet Crew @ Christmas Various stalls and activities Christmas Quiz - Carol sing along Collect your Christmas puddings	St. Mary's Church, Broomfield Contact: Revd. Carolyn Tibbott Vicar St. Mary w St. Leonard, Broomfield Tel. 01245 440318 revcat@btinternet.com
19 Wednesday 7.00pm – 9.30pm	CHESS CHRISTMAS CONCERT With gospel music and carols (see above)	Trinity Methodist Church Rainsford Road CM1 2XB Tickets from barbara@chelmsfordchess.org Or Tel. 01245 281104
19 Wednesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm	CAFE CHURCH @ COSTA COFFEE An invitation to come and enjoy Costa's usual atmosphere with live music and light chat for people who are not used to Church or want something a bit different. Bring your non-church friends for a special evening out.	COSTA COFFEE The Meadows (opposite Argos) Chelmsford. Event organised by the Christian Growth Centre. Contact 1245 255775 or Email: enquiries@cgochelmsford.com
January 12 Saturday Café from 6.30 pm	SORTED Monthly Essex Christian Youth Event (ECYA) open to all young people in the area	Tile Kiln Church Robin Way, CM2 8AU Contact: James Hapworth james.brec@btconnect.com www.ecya.co.uk
20 Sunday 3.00pm	HEALING SERVICE In a prayerful environment in the context of worship centred on Jesus Christ, we pray for people's needs with the option to receive individual prayer.	Danbury United Reformed Church Little Baddow Road (next to St. John's Primary School) for more information contact: Jon Sermon 01245 601662
27 Sunday 4.30 pm	CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED SERVICE - 4.30pm The Salvation Army will host the annual CTIC United Service All church congregations are warmly invited	The Salvation Army Citadel 70 Baddow Road, Chelmsford CM2 0DL Tel: 01245 490998 or CTIC Sec., Pat Bruguier 01245 600225

Please send details of your events and news for the February 2013 edition (with contact details) to Pat Bruguier (pat.bruguier@blueyonder.co.uk), by post to 20 Petrel Way, Chelmsford CM2 8XH or via the Chelmsford Churches web site (www.chelmsfordchurches.net) by Friday 18 January 2013.



News and Events

December '12 – January '13

When	Event	Where
<p>Chelmsford CHESS & The BIG Sing™ Community Choir has pleasure in inviting you to A celebration of Christmas Gospel music & carols</p> <p>Address to be given by Rt Rev John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell</p> <p>Wednesday 19th December Trinity Methodist Church Rainsford Road, Chelmsford CM1 2XB</p> <p>Reception with refreshments 7:00pm Performance starts 7:30pm To receive your tickets to this special occasion please contact: barbara@chelmsfordchess.org or call 01245 281104</p> <p>Discretionary ticket price, please give as a donation to Chelmsford CHESS at the performance.</p>		
<p>November 28 Wednesday 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm</p>	<p>CÉLEBRATE JESUS THE WESLEY CELEBRATIONS Wesley's sermons transferred into modern English and preached by a Methodist minister The 1st (of 4) by Rev. Sue Lambert entitled 'The Cure of Evil Speaking'</p>	<p>Witham Methodist Church Guithavon Street CM8 1BJ Meetings are very upbeat with Spring Harvest type worship with testimony, prayers and music which lasts about two hours and includes a time of ministry for those requiring some time to speak quietly to those who love and care. Contact: Mike Shelbourne 01245 601478</p>
<p>28 Wednesday 8pm</p>	<p>KEENE LECTURE Lord Harries takes as his title 'Spiritual or religious? Moral objections to Christian faith' Bishop Richard was Bishop of Oxford from 1987 to 2006, and on his retirement was made a Life Peer, so continuing as an active member of the House of Lords.</p>	<p>In The Cathedral Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection</p>
<p>30 Friday 7.30pm</p>	<p>JOURNEY OF THE MAGI A spectacular Christmas treat to be presented by the Springs Dance Company.</p>	<p>Central Baptist Church Victoria Road South, Chelmsford Tickets: £12 Groups of 5+ £10pp Contact: Jackie Turner e-mail: jackieandsteven@btinternet.com Or phone - 01245 422187</p>
<p>30 Friday</p>	<p>CHESS SLEEP OUT Will you choose to sleep rough for one night to help those who have no choice? Why not bring your sleeping bag, cardboard box or polythene and get sponsored to make a difference to the needs of homeless people in Essex this winter.</p>	<p>Grounds of Chelmsford Cathedral www.chelmsfordchess.org</p>

Sandon WI Christmas meeting.

The President welcomed members and a guest to the Christmas meeting, thanked all who had helped decorate the Christmas tree outside the Church and Angela Harvey for the flowers on the top table. We then sang a carol instead of Jerusalem.

The Treasurer said subscriptions of £33 for full members and £14.80 for dual members would be due in January, and asked that we could pay by cheque if possible.

Correspondence. Dorothy read out the resolutions that had been put forward for AGM next June.. one on keeping our high streets full and busy and one on protecting young people from getting suicidal information from the internet, and members were most anxious to support the one about the high streets. A delegate is wanted to go the County meeting in Colchester and there was a discussion about the future of Denman College which is in doubt. There is to be a walk at Maldon on March 27th and a coffee morning to celebrate our 95th birthday to be held at the Crown, Sandon on January 24th.

After the business the party started with games, cracker jokes and quizzes, with tea and mince pies served at tea time. The Rose Bowl was presented to Celia Kerlake who had got the most points for the Flower of the Month over the year, and the raffle was drawn. The Christmas stall had made approximately £110 for Farleigh Hospice.

The next meeting will be on January 10th and will be a talk and workshop on patchwork presented by Dorothy and Rose. The display will be any item of patchwork finished or unfinished. The President then thanked everyone for their help and wished all members a Happy Christmas.

Anne Nickol

Come and see SAYF's 2013 Pantomime



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!

This is a traditional pantomime set in the Tyrolean Mountains where Gerty, Idle Jack and Maria (Red Riding Hood) run the local inn. Liesl, the Postgirl, brings a letter to say that Prince Bernard and Count Frederick will lunch at the inn. Whilst at the inn, love blossoms between Gerty and the Count and the Prince and Maria. Jealous Horrible Hilda, a Witch, bewitches Red Riding Hood and steals her beauty so that she can marry Prince Bernard. Red Riding Hood is further thwarted by Colonel Von Heinstien and henchmen Hans Knees and Bumpy Daisy and attacked by the Wolf. Rescue finally comes with the help of Fairy Twinkle to ensure a happy ending.

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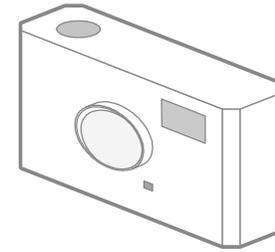
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