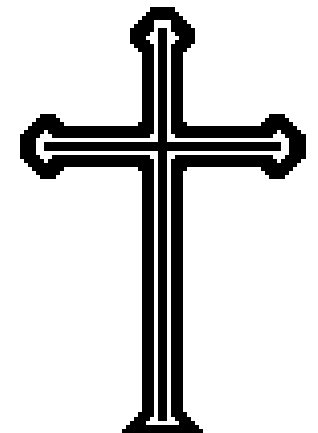


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Tuesdays	10am – Noon Coffee and Chat (in S.A.R.) 7.45pm Bell ringing practice (newcomers welcome – training can be offered)
Wednesdays	1pm – 2.30pm Tiny Tots (St Andrew's Room)
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From the Churchwardens

Greetings; Allelulia

We were very encouraged by the size of our Holy Week and Easter congregations. On Easter Day the church looked stunning with sixteen or so floral arrangements representing a great deal of skilful and imaginative effort on the part of the flower arrangers for which we thank them. Visitors who came to the service or to the afternoon refreshments must have realised how we feel about our church.

This month has Christian Aid Week. Owing to a shortage of volunteers we are unable to make our usual house-to-house collections in the parish but an envelope is enclosed in this magazine. If you wish to join with people all over the country and donate to this excellent cause please return it to one of us or put it in the wall safe in the church.

On Sunday May 12th our 9.15am service is to be taken by the Rt. Revd. John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell. We are looking forward to this opportunity to meet him and to hear him preach.

For those of you who do not get the weekly e-mail you can always read it on the Home page of our website (www.sandon-church.info) .

Churchwardens

Church cleaning and churchyard maintenance volunteers

Due to the shortage of helpers to clean the church it has been decided to gather a working party every 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

We are also having the same problem with the churchyard; subsequently we will be having another working party on the 3rd Saturday of each month till the weather gets too bad. We may even provide lunch.

If you can help at either or both of these we would be very grateful, we do not expect you to come every time.

If you feel you would like to work in the churchyard at other times you are more than welcome, there is always something to do and it is very pleasant working for an hour or so in the summer.

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Sandon WI meeting, April 2013

The President, Joan Southey welcomed members and thanked Sue Simons for the flowers. Jerusalem was then sung. She asked that someone should read last month's minutes which were at the back of the hall, and later was able to sign them as correct.

Members were then asked to judge (and taste!) the entries for the Spring Show, and to vote for their favourites. Later in the meeting, Joan was able to announce that Celia Kerslake had won the most points in both the floral and cookery classes, with Dorothy Gray getting the most points in the handicraft class. Consequently, Celia won the vase for the most points in the floral class, the wooden bowl for the most points in the cookery class, and the crystal bell for the most points overall in the show, with Dorothy getting the paperweight for the most points in the handicraft section. Joan thanked everyone who had entered, and thanked Frances for all her hard work.

While the kettle was boiling the draw was made for the Denman Bursary, and Maria Green was the winner with Jo Flight and Hazel as second and third choices. Future events. The date for the bluebell walk has had to be altered due to a complete absence of bluebells! Sue Wells has tickets for the anniversary lunch on May 16th and the Beetle Drive on May 17th, and said that the shopping trip will be on Wednesday 13th November, not Thursday as usual since Wednesday is Market day in Bury St Edmunds. She mentioned information in Essex News about a WI near Bury offering afternoon tea, and it would seem to be a good idea to stop there on the way home.

Essex News said that the new County Chairman is Pat Pratley, with Kay Lodge, Pauline Michaels and Hazel Ridgewell as Vice Chairman. Kay will be attending our next meeting to take us through the Annual Meeting. However, before that, we are asked to discuss how we would like Dorothy, our delegate to the AGM in Cardiff, to vote on the resolution concerning the decline of our High Streets.

This meeting will be on Thursday, May 11th and a light lunch, costing £2 will be served about 12.30.

Anne Nickol



St Andrew's, Sandon Church Services May 2013

Sunday 5th Easter 6

11:00 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 7th 09:15 Said Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th 09:30 Celtic Morning Prayer - lay-led

Thursday 9th 19:30 Ascension Day CCG Eucharist at Boreham

Sunday 12th Easter 7

08:00 Said Holy Communion (1662)

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 14th 09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 19th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

09:15 Sung Eucharist

10:30 Messy Church

Tuesday 21st 09:15 Said Holy Communion

Wednesday 22nd 09:30 Celtic Morning Prayer - Lay-led

Sunday 26th Trinity Sunday

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 28th 09:15 Said Holy Communion

Church Website Pictures

Judy and I were not married at St Andrew's, Sandon, nor was I baptised there but the place is the site of many memories for me going back into the 1950s. I have seen other people married there. Prayers I have said there have been answered. It has seen many happy times for me and sad times for example at my parents' and other people's funerals. I am not alone in this. For the last 5 years or so I have been collecting, not in any particularly organised way, images of people in an around church. These are what form the picture that accompanies the caption on the Sandon parish website, 21st Century Church. As I write there are 186 such pictures. When the website is visited a piece of code, written by our son James in the computer language PHP, lists all the available pictures and then randomly selects one of them.

Here are the pictures in question in black and white. If you have any views about this then do please let me know.



St Andrews Youth Fellowship Sandon EASTER 2013



CLUB NEEDS NEW MEMBERS!

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Club membership must GROW if the club is to continue in September – what can you do to increase our membership? Spread the word to your friends and people you know. Encourage them to come along and join in our games and activities. Remember NO members, NO club.

Again we also appeal for Tuck Shop help – any mums able to give an hour on Tuesdays, (rota basis if you wish) - please let us know.

Club will reopen after Easter on Tuesday 16th April. Subs will be £10 for a 13 week term, to be paid on first night please. Visitors subs are £1 per night.

TERM DATES ARE TUESDAYS - 6.30pm to 8 pm JUNIOR CLUB , 77 CLUB 9pm:

APRIL 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	MAY 7 th , 14 th , 21 st	<u>CLOSED HALF TERM May 28th</u>
JUNE 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	JULY 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	

PRESENTATION EVENING – this will be in June, date and details later.

END OF TERM SUMMER CELEBRATION – details and date later – but members MUST SUPPORT this.

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION – we will be setting up voting, and Wish Lists for over 11 year olds to organise the spending of the next round of money from the Foundation. We thank JPF for their continued support.

PANTOMIME 2014 – the Hall has been booked for February half-term and Sundays from October for rehearsals. So start thinking about taking part either in the cast or on the production side – it is great fun and our major fund-raiser. This year's Red Riding Hood was brilliant – let's try and beat it!

**We wish all our members and their families a very Happy Easter.
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Seeing Things Differently

Recently Canon Christine McCafferty took the service at Sandon. I asked her if we could publish her sermon and she agreed and passed me her sermon notes, which are below. Thank you, Christine.

At the heart of the resurrection stories lies mystery. We can none of us really explain what happened in terms that will satisfy a non-believer and never will be able to. It is an event 'too far', something beyond our mortal and cognitive minds. To come to church over the Easter period as the most important season in the church's year is in itself an act of faith.

So how do we turn that act of faith into something which really affects us, enlightens our life? I firmly believe that belief in the resurrection is something more than a belief that 2000 years ago Jesus rose from the dead and that rising is attested by those close to him and changed their lives beyond all recognition. Rather it is a belief and trust that this dying and rising has significance for all people at all times. Somehow we need to take that step of faith which makes resurrection a reality in the here and now.

To help us focus on that I want to focus on one particular element that runs through the resurrection accounts in the New Testament. That element is very much part of the mystery. It is the failure to initially recognise Jesus. In some un-understandable way he was both different and yet the same. Indeed he was not seen, or recorded as being seen, by those of no faith, for example by Caiaphas.

This seems to indicate to me that we may have difficulty in recognising resurrection when it happens in our own experience and in those around us. It seems to me that we have to be open and prepared to see things, understand things, experience things in a new way. We have to be prepared to say 'What does this experience mean for me in the light of Christ's death and resurrection?'

As we move through life, our abilities, our situations, our experiences change and quite often it seems not for the better, particularly as we get older. Then it is that we need to be faithful enough to find the hint of resurrection in the new situation and allow that hint to be fanned into a flame, an Easter light, which will take us forward. It is not easy. I know too from my own experience that it is very hard and at times feels impossible. But if we can catch a glimpse of that new and different life, then we can with much prayer and God's grace allow that new life to be a reality and a new way of seeing things.

And what is true for individuals is true for the church as a whole and our own church in particular. Can you look at your church afresh and find the points of light and help them to grow into a new church quite different perhaps from what you have known and loved? But it is the church of today which has to take into account its context and its resources in order to become more fully the church of God for today. Sometimes we get so caught up in our own agenda of building the church of tomorrow or holding on to the church of yesterday that we forget today.

Resurrection is about today. Pray that you may have the grace to look at life in that light and be prepared to grow and change.

Richard Cecil

Diocesan Eucharist with Blessing of the Oils

This service - often known as the Chrism Mass – is held on Maundy Thursday in the Cathedral. It is a glittering, moving and impressive occasion and in addition to the Blessing of the Oils has a section where Priests, Lay ministers, Deacons and Bishops (three were present) in turn renew their ordination or licensing vows.

This year the Cathedral was full with several hundred ministers, mostly robed, and a smaller number of people from the whole church. The word Chrism means an anointing and churches have oils of three types. These were in turn blessed by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Firstly the Oil for the Sick, used in churches to anoint the sick and dying, then the Oil of Catechumen, used for signing with the cross at Baptism and lastly the Oil of Chrism which contains a fragrant oil mixed with the olive oil.

Richard Cecil and I were in the congregation and heard a sermon from the Bishop before the Eucharist. We had taken the St Andrew's Chrismaria (vessels for the storage of the oils) and at the end of the service had them filled with the blessed oils before bringing them back to church and placing them in the aumbry where there is also a ring stock which clips on to the priest's finger for ease of use.

All in all on this solemn day perhaps the Church of England at its best and an occasion to be treasured.

Michael Puffett

Easter Flowers.

A big "thank you" goes to everyone who decorated the Church for Easter from the top of the Tower down : to Nick for raising a new flag on the mast; to the flower arrangers who created all the beautiful arrangements; and to the children from Messy Church and the Easter Garden Service who, with a few adult guiding hands created the imposing Easter Garden and Altar Frontal that depicted the Easter Story. Visitors to the Church said how stunning it all looked.

Another big "thank you" goes to everyone who made cakes for the Easter Teas, prepared (and cleared) the St Andrew's room, served refreshments or stewarded the Church. Fewer visitors than usual were received, however £132.60 was raised for Church funds.

Barbara Underwood

Danbury Parish Church CORONATION COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY 1st JUNE

10.00 to 12.00 CORONATION COFFEE MORNING
Come and enjoy your morning refreshments in the Church Meeting Room.

10.30 BELLS
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10.00 to 12.00 EXHIBITION
While you enjoy your morning refreshments recall the year of the Coronation as you view our exhibition of 1950's memorabilia.
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6.00 ROYAL MUSIC
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11.00 SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION
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Jack and Su Whinney

50 years ago this month a young couple moved into the area. Nothing special in that, you might correctly say. But this couple have made it their business to contribute to the community in a whole variety of ways. And this is an attempt to acknowledge that, now that they have left to live in Maldon. They have brought up two children here in that time, Camilla and Richard, both now left the area and living with their respective families. For many years Jack worked not quite in the city but in Waterloo travelling there from Bank on what is sometimes called the 'Drain' a long underground line. Su was always ready with her engaging smile to offer a hand or help. She for many years helped with the over 60s and is well known to a large number of folk in the village and continued helping even when she became eligible for membership by virtue of her year of birth! I remember, as a young lad, that I liked to chat to Su in those days, as I occasionally saw her in Butts Green.

Su is a keen and knowledgeable gardener and regularly prepared plants for plant stalls and was often contributing to the flowers in church. She has over the years got Jack trained up to be a flower arranger in his own right and he too in latter years has been doing his own arrangements for the church and has been keen with their not insignificant vegetable patch. It was a great crime for any wild life to scrimp any of their produce so up went a scare crow. Jack was very proud of his scare crow and encouraged its development over the years. The scare crow is still living at Shrublands. Jack and Su would often recount how their latest trip with the Hardy annual Society had gone and which gardens they had seen.

I also remember as a youngster the young couple appearing in church and when I began to realise that there was a PCC, there was Jack helping them. His contribution continued over many years. An early retirement project of his was enabling the St Andrew's Room (SAR) to be built. It was not his idea and he did not initiate it but he began to fund raise for it. As this was progressing it became clear to him that someone needed to manage the spending of the money too. There was a design and the wardens of the time did not have the time to devote to actually getting bids, negotiating with authorities and engaging contractors as well as extracting decisions from other church members in a coherent form for others to work to. Jack did all that and the SAR can reasonably be considered his project.

With Judy Cecil he coped with an interregnum following the illness of Tony Matty and his subsequent resignation, when Judy and he were both church wardens, Jack from 1994 till 2000. Then in the interregnum from 2008 till 2010 Jack kindly chaired the PCC. He was a great asset in holding together a diverse group as we struggled to engage with a variety of issues. He was always ready to listen and to encourage and gave people freedom to develop. I am sure many of you know that Jack took an active interest to ensure that the finances of the church were healthy. It is partly due to his encouragement that Sandon has been able to pay its full Parish Share to the Deanery for as long as any of us can remember.

Jack served a total of 32 years on the PCC. Thank you, Jack, for that sterling effort.

In that context I recall how for several years around 1992 he and I cycled vast distances around Essex to raise funds for the Friends of Essex Churches and even before that they were both involved with the organisation of various parish walks, either within the parish or between parishes.

There were funny times too. Have you heard the story about how they visited the theatre in Southend in their new car? Jack dropped Su off at the theatre and went off to park the car. I think it was Su's car and so she had the 'key'. When Jack got to the car park he realised that without the 'key' he could not stop the car or indeed lock it. So he left it with the engine running and hot-footed it to the theatre to get the 'key' off Su. By then she was far from the aisle and the performance had started. So Jack had to get the key from Su, rush back to the car, sort it out and breathlessly return to the theatre. They never did tell us much about the performance itself!

Jack and Su were key motivators in the more local community too. Last year they formed a small group in Butts Green to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. By then their house was on the market and it seemed likely that for them this was a valedictory event too. All bar about 2 households from the road got involved and we had a good knees up in a marquee in the Griffiths-Jones garden. Jack was seen jumping along in a sack and I believe won one of the races we had on the Green. His near rival fell over!

Now Gillian Speakman is offering the village as a whole, an opportunity to say their goodbyes to Jack and Su. She is hosting an Informal Garden Lunch at Cedar Cottage on 27th July which Jack and Su have agreed to attend. All from Sandon are invited to attend, as well as their friends from further away both in time and distance. Please put the date in your diary.

In more recent years Jack and Su have both shown great fortitude recovering from different accidents. They were both to be seen together and at different times exercising themselves back to health as they walked up and down Butts Green. Su's was a motor accident when she was pulled from their damaged car when it left a dual carriageway and Jack's was when he fell off his bike whilst dismounting it. He was making deliveries locally and was proud of the fact that he had one of the largest 'rounds' of magazines to deliver.

Jack and Su threw themselves into other ventures, helping host the Chernobyl visitors, supporting Reg Bush's award of an MBE, helping to provide the food for the SALT mid week group in church, providing plants for village fêtes, opening their garden for Open Gardens, to name a few. They were always most cheerful and sociable. Jack and Su, thank you for all you have contributed to Sandon and its people. May God bless you both in Maldon.

Richard Cecil.