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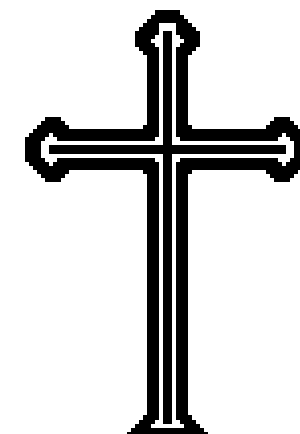
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**Regular Church Activities**

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

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**June 2013**



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## CHURCH SERVICES of THE FUTURE

**PASTOR: "Praise the Lord!"**

**CONGREGATION: "Hallelujah!"**

**PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Cor 13:13.**

**And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."**

**P-a-u-s-e.....**

**"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands.**

**Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God"**

**S-i-l-e-n-c-e**

**"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."**

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- **Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cellphones to transfer your contributions to the church account.**

**The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!**

**Final Blessing and Closing Announcements...**

- **This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.**
- **Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.**
- **You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers.**
- **God bless you and have nice day.**

**David Farrar**

## From the Churchwardens

### Priest in Charge at Sandon

Those of you who were in Church on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> will have heard the news that St Andrew's is to have a new priest, the Revd. Terry Brown.

Terry is currently Associate Minister in the parishes of Barling Magna & Little Wakering and Great Wakering and has been appointed Priest in Charge of Sandon St Andrew's.

The Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt. Revd John Wraw will be conducting the service of licensing and installation on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Church.

Our vacancy will have lasted just over six months and we have been very appreciative of the support that we have received from so many priests that has allowed us to maintain our pattern of worship during this time.

We feel sure that the future for our little parish will be bright under the Revd. Terry's leadership.

Michael

12<sup>th</sup> May 2013

### SANDON VILLAGE HALL

We are proposing a celebration to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the present Sandon Village Hall.

We will be planning the event at our next meeting on 10th June at 8pm in the hall. You are very welcome to come along with ideas and help us.

We will also be talking about storage arrangements in the hall – hoping to improve the very crowded present situation – again your help and suggestions will we welcome.

There will be tea and coffee at 7.45pm and the meeting will begin at 8pm. We hope to agree some firm plans for a party and better storage arrangements.

Judy Cecil, secretary



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## Sandon WI meeting, May 2013

As the meeting was Resolutions and the Annual Meeting, a light lunch was served beforehand and was well attended. Sue Simons and her helpers were thanked by the President Joan Southey. Joan also welcomed members and Kay Lodge and Sheila Gunson who had come to take the Annual Meeting. And thanked Frances for flowers on the top table which were later presented to Kay and Sheila. Jerusalem was then sung.

Future events were on a slip inside the Essex News, but there was discussion about the Buebell walk which had to be postponed due to an absence of bluebells, and it was agreed to cancel this event for this year.

Dorothy then presented the resolution for the Annual General Meeting, and it is concerned with the decline of our high streets. It was felt that this was not very appropriate to our area, where apart from Chelmsford High Street which does not have too many empty shops, and where the Council have made the empty shops look attractive we also have Maldon, Braintree and Billericay within easy reach. We felt that resolution applied more to isolated smaller towns, and also we would be hypocritical in voting for a resolution when many of us contribute to the closure of local shops by using supermarkets or on line shopping. However, the resolution was passed with Dorothy being given discretion to alter her vote if necessary. Dorothy also explained the new Constitution which emphasise the fact the the WI is b not only rural women, but also women who live in towns, and the Constitution was agreed.

Kay then took over for the Institute's Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer presented her report which showed the finances are in a healthy state and it was passed without question! Frances reminded us of the many excellent Speakers we have enjoyed during the last year, and mentioned other events like the coffee morning at the Crown and Theatre trips to Westcliff. Dorothy reminded us that we had knitted blanket squares for the Group meeting, and although the Spring Group Meeting had had to be cancelled, the baby caps we had knitted were still given to Broomfield Hospital for use by premature babies. Pat continues to keep us in touch with the New Zealand ladies of Palmerston North who had sent us a beautiful birthday card and several delightful gifts, and Jean still hears from the Backnang ladies. Our membership is now 46full members and 1 dual.

Joan then gave the President's report and thanked all the Committee for their hard work and help, and also various members who although they are not on the Committee do other jobs. She then moved the adoption of the Committee's report. A new Committee was then elected and Val and Celia will be joint Presidents, Monica is to be the secretary and Marjorie the Treasurer. Kay and Sheila were then thanked for their help in running the meeting and presented with some flowers.

As it was also our 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, Joan then cut a lovely birthday cake which we all enjoyed. Sue reminded us about the arrangements for te birthday lunch next Thursday and said she also had tickets for the Beetle drive to be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> in the Reading Room Great Baddow.

Margaret Gill, a long standing member who had contributed greatly to the Institute had died recently, and members were asked to think of a suitable tribute to her memory.

Next month's meeting will be on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> when Keith Liley will talk about canal art and narrow boats and the trading stall will have a garden theme.

Anne Nickol



## St Andrew's, Sandon Church Services June 2013

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity 1.

11.00 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2.

08:00 Said Holy Communion (1662)

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

09:30 Celtic Morning Prayer (lay led)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Trinity 3.

10:30 Messy Church

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 4.

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

09:30 Celtic Morning Prayer (lay led)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Trinity 5

10.00 Sung Eucharist

## A Tribute to Peter Ellis

Peter Ellis served the community of Sandon with boundless enthusiasm and praiseworthy commitment. Besides his Chairmanship of the Village Hall Management Committee for over 25 years, he will be particularly remembered for his central role in the founding of the Saint Andrew's Youth Fellowship (SAYF) in 1974 and his tireless devotion, in the almost forty years since, to the running of that group as an informal outlet for the sporting, creative, intellectual and spiritual energies of Sandon's young people.

With the unfailing support of his wife Evelyn, he inspired and encouraged generations of Sandon's youth to undertake activities in support of the local church and charities including running stalls at the village fete and church bazaar. The main Youth Club fundraiser – the annual pantomime – has become an established event largely through Peter's infectious drive and determination to keep going, year on year, even as his health was failing. He always looked forward to personally compering the annual SAYF Open Evening event where the youngsters not only got to showcase their talents but also earned recognition from both their peers and the wider community through the award of prizes and certificates for their achievements.

Peter Ellis lived the Christian life in thought, word and deed, and he will be very much missed by the many whose lives he touched so positively and over such an impressively long period of selfless giving to our community.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Ron Robbin-Coker  
Sandon Parish Councillor (Youth Liaison)

*Truly, do we live on Earth?*

*Not forever on Earth; only a little while here.*

*Be it Jade, it shatters.*

*Be it Gold, it breaks.*

*Be it a Quetzal feather, it tears apart.*

*Not forever on earth, only a little while here.*

Triple Alliance ('Aztec') poem, 15<sup>th</sup> century.

## A VILLAGE GARDEN PARTY

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In most Christian groups there is an annual commemoration of the dead on 2nd November, known by various titles such as All Souls' Day or the Day of the Dead. It follows All Saints Day on 1st November, which in Western Europe and North America is preceded by Halloween, which now has become somewhat detached from the original commemoration aspect. In pre-Christian times, this cross quarter day was celebrated as Samhain, in Celtic countries, and Dziady in Slavic countries. Looking at most of the Guild's Chapter Programmes it is very noticeable that the vast majority still have their Chapter Requiems sometime in November.

This period also marked the start of time and in many of the early cultures, including the Celtic traditions and the Hebrew culture, the standard reckoning of time considered the day to start with the darkness and then as it gradually becomes lighter the day begins; dusk was therefore the start of a day and not an indication that it was approaching its end. Similarly, in Celtic countries the year was considered to begin in winter at Samhain, and it was thought that the start of the year was a time when the world of the dead met with that of the living and, this seems to me, to be a rather celebratory than a sinister event but was considered a time when a feast should be laid on for the supposed temporary visit from the souls of the dead. The Orthodox tradition, deals rather more with the zealous prayer for the dead, whom they believe are allowed to visit the living during 40 days after the moment of death and always are greatly comforted and even saved from hell, through these prayers.

In catholic traditions, this night is the one when the graves of dead relatives are visited, with candles being lit and various ceremonies undertaken to remember the dead and these very often included a picnic and party at the graveside. The Christian festival was originally held annually on the week after Pentecost and is still held at about this date by the Orthodox churches, but in Western Europe, churches began to hold it at the same time as the pre-Christian festivals commemorating the dead and it was eventually officially moved by Pope Gregory III. The pre-Christian Romans also had festivals concerning the dead 9th May, 11th May and 13th May, known as the Feast of the Lemures, which cultural historians have identified as the source for All Saints Day.

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**Lammas Day** falls on 1st August and was the first-harvest festival and derives from Lughnasadh, the pre-Christian Celtic first-harvest festival. It is still celebrated in Ireland and Europe with special fires and dancing and in Scotland the Highland Games are always held around Lammas Day.

**Walpurgis Night** is on 1st May, which in Christian tradition is dedicated to the Eve of the feast of S. Walburga, but was previously Beltane, the Celtic spring festival, when people would ritually purify themselves by walking on glowing coals. Since this pre-Christian tradition survived in the popular form of lighting large fires, the Church did its best to allow this harmless practice, although disapproving of its origin as it was also closely associated with the interest in witches and their relations with demons during this specific night. Walpurgis Feast actually refers to the translation of the relics of S. Walburga to Eichstatt 870 A.D., whereupon medicinal oil miraculously began to pour from the rock around her tomb. The day is often celebrated with evening parties and bonfires.

**Candlemas** on 2nd February, celebrates the ritual purification of the Virgin Mary in the Temple in Jerusalem and according to ancient Hebrew Tradition, has long been considered a day on which future prosperity, or not, can be prophesied. This is probably due to the startling prophesy of the aged Simeon, to whom the Holy Spirit had revealed that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah. In America the association with Mary and Simeon has been reduced to a level that the day is mostly known for the prophecy ritual, and is now known as Groundhog Day.

**Imbolc** was the Celtic festival held at the same time as the onset of lactation in ewes that were due to give birth to spring lambs and was consequently seen as a time when animals had the ability to indicate future prosperity. The day was also celebrated by lighting lamps or candles, representing the lengthening of the day an event, which becomes noticeable around the time of Imbolc. Conversely, Lupercalia on 15th February was the Roman festival concerned with the ritual purification of women.

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## Jack and Su Whinney



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## NEW ARCHDEACON OF SOUTHEND APPOINTED

Essex communities will be strengthened by the new Archdeacon.

The Revd Mina Smallman, currently Team Vicar – Christ Church, Thames View, Barking has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Southend. The Archdeaconry of Southend comprises the Deaneries of Southend-on-Sea, Rochford, Basildon, Thurrock and Hadleigh.

She succeeds the Venerable David Lowman who has already been appointed as the first Archdeacon of Chelmsford.

The appointment of the first Archdeacon of Southend follows a pastoral reorganisation which was widely supported in a comprehensive consultation of the Diocese. This reorganisation of the Diocese into seven Archdeaconries was funded by the phasing-out of adviser posts and resulted in a net saving in 2012.

As part of this reorganisation, two other new Archdeacon appointments have also been made:

- Archdeacon of Stansted – The Revd Robin King, currently Vicar of Bures, Little Cornard and Assington and Rural Dean of Sudbury
- Archdeacon of Barking – The Revd Dr John Perumbalath, currently Vicar of All Saints' Church, Perry Street, Northfleet, Gravesend.

The new Archdeacons will be Collated and Installed on 15 September 2013 in Chelmsford Cathedral during Choral Evensong at 6pm.

Commenting on the three new Archdeacon appointments, the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, has said:

“This is a stirring and stimulating time of change for the church in Essex and East London. In restructuring the Diocese of Chelmsford into seven smaller and more cohesive archdeaconries we are looking to bring leadership closer to the parishes and local communities we serve. And we do this so that Christ may be made known and his kingdom established. This meant creating three new archdeaconries, and now I am happy to announce we have appointed three new archdeacons.

“Robin, John and Mina come to us with a track record of effective ministry and mission, and with specific experiences that will fit the different contexts of our large and diverse diocese. They will be part of a strong and united leadership team. They bring additional variety and experience. I pray that God will bless and guide them in their new ministries, and that the church in our diocese may be faithful to Christ.

“I am really looking forward to welcoming them to their new posts in September. As far as I'm concerned the Diocese of Chelmsford just got a lot more exciting.”

Before being Ordained Mina Smallman was trained as a drama teacher.

Her final position was as an assistant principal in a large secondary school in Brent.

Mina is currently a priest at Christ Church on the Thames View estate which is one of the largest regeneration areas in the country.

Since arriving there she has worked alongside some of the most dedicated Christians and non-Christians who have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the people in Thames Ward and the

London Borough of Barking & Dagenham. The economic downturn has severely affected the lives of the people in this area.

Commenting on her new appointment, the Revd Mina Smallman said:

“I am thrilled to be appointed as the new Archdeacon of Southend, against all odds I had a strong sense that God was calling me to this post, despite the fact that I loved being on Thames View in Barking and working alongside the people of Christ Church.

“As a wife and a mother I realise just how important it is to encourage your children to do even better than the previous generation and the importance of creating a supportive family life. If we are not careful and attentive to the needs of the people, we will see social conditions deteriorating to that of the 1940 and 50s. My passion has always been for mission, equipping and training and social cohesion and it will continue to be so.

“I have learnt that when God wants you to do something you must be obedient, because we do all things in His strength. I have likened my journey in recent weeks to that of Jonah. God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh and he refused and because of this, Jonah ended up in the belly of the whale, not a great place to be.

“I only know one way and that is to be obedient and follow the Lord's prompting. That's why I applied for the post. I had no desire for the title of Archdeacon, but was excited at the Diocese's focus on Mission and Ministry, through Transforming Presence.

“I am excited to see what new adventures God has in store for me over the next few months and years.”

Welcoming the appointment, the Rt Revd John Wraw, Area Bishop of Bradwell said:

“I am delighted that Mina has agreed to move to the Bradwell Area as Archdeacon of Southend. Mina brings significant gifts in leadership from her time in education and a passion and energy for the Gospel. The Southend Archdeaconry is an area of great contrasts of poverty and affluence challenging us to recognise the riches those who are poor have to give and the poverty of those who are affluent.

“Mina's strong commitment to people and communities who find themselves on the margins of society and to be a voice for the voiceless will support and challenge us as Church in the Area to remain outward focused locally, nationally and internationally. “

Canon Dr Sue Atkin, Chair of the House of Laity – Chelmsford Diocesan Synod commented:

“I am delighted that we have been able to appoint three new archdeacons as part of the Diocese's plans for re-imagining ministry and, in particular, bringing leadership closer to parishes. These appointments mark the first major step in implementing our exciting new strategy for ministry and mission up to the year 2025.

“I know that John, Mina and Robin each bring a wealth of experience and gifts to their new roles. I am especially pleased that they all have considerable experience of encouraging, developing and working with lay ministry which will form such an important part of our future strategy. I look forward to working with all of them when they join us later this year.”