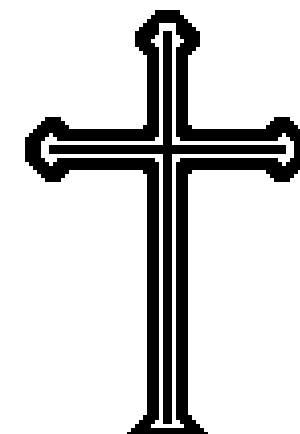


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Sundays	See page 5 for all services in Church this month	
Tuesdays	10am	Coffee and Chat (St Andrew's Room)
	6:30pm	St. Andrews Youth Fellowship (in Village Hall)
	7.45pm	Bell ringing practice newcomers welcome
Wednesdays	1pm	Tiny Tots (St Andrew's Room)
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From the Churchwardens

On various dates during May the Churchwardens designate and the clergy of the Archdeaconry are cited personally to appear before the Archdeacon and to undergo the 'Visitation of the Archdeacon'. In our case the service took place at All Saints church Maldon. It lasted about an hour and included a sermon (the Archdeacon's Charge) and the declaration required by law from wardens to the Diocesan Registrar, A. R. Hargreaves-Smith.

It is a reminder that the role of Churchwardens is not just someone who looks after the building and its contents. They are officers of the Bishop (not the incumbent or the PCC). Full details of all this can be found on line. The service was a happy occasion, an opportunity to meet wardens from other parishes, contained an inspirational Charge from the Venerable David Lowman and some excellent singing from this large congregation. We return to our parish uplifted and invigorated to tackle both the routine and the difficult matters that will no doubt arise during the next twelve months.

On Friday July 12th at 7.30 pm there will be the service of Licensing of our new priest, the Revd. Terry Brown by the Bishop of Bradwell and his installation by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford. This is an important event in the life of our parish and we expect there to be a big congregation to welcome Terry to St Andrew's.

Michael

Hylands House and Park

People often comment that they cannot get to Hylands without a car. This has been rectified - the Friends of Hylands House are running a free bus service on certain Mondays throughout the summer. It will leave from Market Road/County Hall at 11am and 12 noon, returning from Hylands at 2:30 and 3:30pm.

The service will operate every Monday of each month from 13 May to 29 July (Excluding 27 May) and 2 to 9 September.

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Ron Woods (Secretary, Friends of Hylands House)



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Sandon WI meeting, June 2013

Valerie Chiswell our new joint President welcomed members, our speaker and one visitor and thanked Barbara Hodges for the top table flowers. Members agreed to the idea of buying a new bell for the top table in memory of Margaret Gill. Sadly another long serving member, Ena Hodge has died as well as a fairly new member, Jo Flight. Members kept them in their thoughts as Jerusalem was sung. Barbara Hodges said a few words about Ena and all the things she had done for Sandon WI. The speaker, Keith Liley, was then introduced and his talk was about Narrow Boats and Canal Art.

He told us about his boat which he manages by himself, which can be hard work at times, but is something he finds very relaxing. It was a great antidote to his work in the city of London and now that he is retired he has more time, but as he gets older he is more aware of his limitations. He studied the history of the canal art and now paints objects which he sells from his boat when he is moored. Keith was thanked for a very interesting talk.

After tea the members were reminded of the trip to Hyde Hall next week as well as the Federation Quiz. On 18th July we are holding an Upstairs Downstairs afternoon and members were invited to dress up and there will be a prize for the best. There is also an exclusive shopping evening at the Quadrant in Chelmsford on 23rd October.

Dorothy then read her report of the National Federation AGM in Cardiff and said what an enjoyable trip it was with all the other delegates from Essex WIs.

The Keep Fit Club will meet on 17th and 24th June and Craft and Chat Club will meet on 27th June.

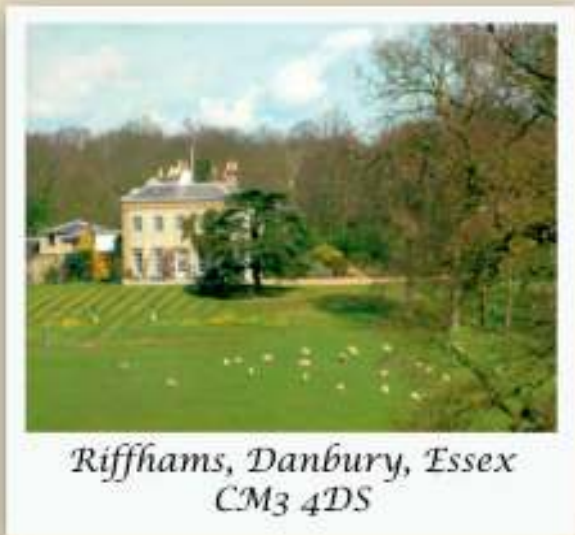
Next months meeting will be on 11th July when the speaker will be Eve Regelous and her talk will be "A year in the life of a celebrity agent". Visitors are very welcome.

Dorothy Gray.

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09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 16th

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 21st Trinity 8

10:30 Messy Church

Tuesday 23rd

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 28th Trinity 9

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 30th

09:15 Said Holy Communion

The Day of Pentecost

On Pentecost Sunday our service was taken by the Revd Canon Martin Wood. This article is a summary of his sermon, written with his agreement.

“ From 1991 to 2005 before I was appointed to my present post in the Chelmsford diocese, I was a team rector and we lived in West Yorkshire. Before that I had been in or near to London all my life and when we returned we were struck by the changes that had taken place. When we left, the Isle of Dogs was one big building site and many of you will remember that you could look down on it from the DLR. There was no Oyster card or congestion charge either. The city was cosmopolitan then as now but on my return I was still struck by the languages spoken on the tube. Many cities are like that and always have been. For Parthians, Medes and Elamites, read Latvians, Japanese and Sri Lankans. Mind you, London, like Jerusalem then also has Egyptians and Arabs and visitors from Rome.

At the start of Acts, Jesus told the apostles to stay in Jerusalem and He said that they would be baptised with the Holy Spirit. After this they were to be his witnesses in **Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.** And then he ascended and they saw him no more.

Today is an end and a beginning. It is the end of Easter; the last act of the fifty days from the resurrection to the coming of the Spirit. Further it is the beginning of that great commission to take the message out to all people. After they had heard the wind and seen the fire the apostles began to tell the story to the world.

So when did they leave Jerusalem and go out into the world? Not in the rest of this chapter, nor in chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7. Only in chapter eight were they spurred into action. What spurred them into action? Had they devised a strategy? No! They had settled into their new routines of life as a church until.....Steven was stoned and martyred. I wonder if they would otherwise have begun. Did they, like us, prefer fellowship to mission.

It is frightening out there – and comfortable in here.

We are not confident to talk to our neighbours about our message: in hard times it is easier to blame the Medes for the financial mess than to tell them the good news.

Why is this important to us, here in Sandon today? Firstly because this church as been shaken up in the last six months and the Spirit has been working. Secondly, can we now look forward to Terry’s licensing and get back to our old ways; routines, the round of parish events and the occasional falling out?

I don’t somehow think that the Holy Spirit will allow that. As we compiled the parish profile we prayed and He showed us his priorities. He showed us where we are weak and He showed us where we are strong.....and he called Terry to minister among us.

All of us are called to look ahead, to be His witnesses outside these walls and to seek His mission afresh.

Amen”

I felt taken to task by these words. I felt humbled and yet inspired; eager to open the next chapter and to explore the future that is in store for our parish. Thank you Canon Martin.

Michael Puffett

News from Marsabit

As many of you will know, St Andrew's church is committed to supporting the pastor of a small church in a village called Kargi, in the Marsabit diocese in the Northern part of Kenya.

The children of our Messy Church recently wrote some cards and prayers for the children and young people of Kargi. We posted them off to Kenya with a letter, wondering whether they would arrive safely. After a short wait we received an email from the Bishop of Marsabit, Robert Martin, letting us know they had indeed arrived and thanking us.

Even more exciting we received a letter this week from the pastor the Reverend Joshua Borano. He says: 'Receive many greetings in Jesus Name from Christian youth at Kargi. We are really happy that you are thinking and praying for us here. Our young people have received your greetings, prayers and gifts that have encouraged them and they wish it will not be once for all, they would wish the same will go on. Hoping this will reach Christians of St Andrews church Sandon ... and the believers there. Youth of Kargi loves you all – Christine Kolotho, Narau, Lawrence, Yohana Derache, Chris. Receive many greetings from Rev. Joshua and his family. Thank you.

There is a newsletter displayed in church if you would like to know more about Marsabit. We support Joshua and James an evangelist who is working in even more remote conditions than Joshua.

Bishop Robert asks: Help us grow churches! In 2008 we had 38 churches, now 51; help us to build them up. Churches need people to lead them – pastors and evangelists. Churches need buildings - he notes that 17 of the congregations have no buildings yet – Can we help them more?

Richard & Judy Cecil

what is called the Eucharistic prayer, meaning prayer of thanks, there are 3 responses.

'The Lord is here,' to which the response is 'His Spirit is with us.'

'Lift up your hearts,' followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.'

'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,' and the congregation replies, 'It is right to give thanks and praise.'

Our Response

Whatever our response to this situation and whatever solution might be adopted I hope that we will do so in the light of the Lord's presence with us lifting ourselves, and perhaps our puny offerings, to Him. And in doing so please keep giving thanks for all He has done for us, for all He is and for all He gives us.

Richard Cecil

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What does a Quinquennial Inspection mean?

The Context

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Sandon Church has just undergone such an inspection. The Architect's report shows that there is some upkeep to be done which the wardens are progressing with. That is normal. Few of us could have a visit on our house and not find we are having some sort of work suggested even if it is work to prevent a problem several years into the future.

The Specific

The inspection which was done in May also included the advice that parts of the roof will need re-tiling and verbally, I gather, some 5 figure sums were bandied about. (Could this be a new aspect of what quinquennial means?!) Well, the Church's reserves might stretch to a 4 figure sum. The PCC has been advised of this and will in due course be considering what course of action should follow.

The cause of concern is that there is some moss on the roof and the suggestion that some of the tiles, which are clay tiles, are what is called shaling. That means apparently that they are separating into layers, presumably originating from the layers in the clay from which they were formed. Apparently this process can be exacerbated by the presence of moss which can hold moisture and so increase damage in the event of a frost. What is unclear at this stage is the extent of the roof that might need repair and whether any tiles themselves can be re-used. There is of course the possibility that removing tiles could expose other problems but there is currently no suggestion that the roof is allowing water or moisture to enter the building. To date there has not been an opportunity to seek alternative solutions and part of the purpose of this article to find if there is advice available from those who are friends of the church.

So this particular Quinquennial inspection has begun to make us ask what it means and how to proceed both prudently in terms both of the longevity of the building but also in terms of a sensible cost which can be funded.

A Bigger Picture

I write this as you may know having, within the last year, gone to church under a tree. So there are too the questions about what the church is for and what we mean by church. So often, what comes to mind is the building. But of course, what is meant, in scripture, is the people of God and surely that is the church that really counts in the context of eternity. So in our concern for the building we might reasonably ask how this fits with a suitable place to meet and worship God. I suggest that a few phrases used in many church services could be helpful. At the start of