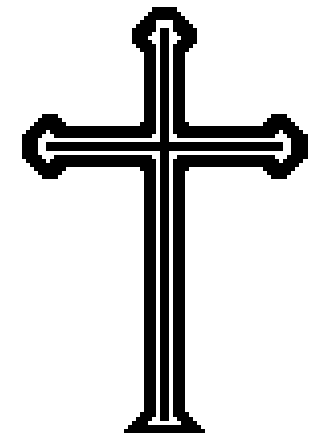


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Regular Activities		
Sundays	See page 5 for all services in Church this month	
Tuesdays	10am Coffee and Chat (St Andrew's Room)	
	6:30pm St. Andrews Youth Fellowship (in Village Hall)	
	7.45pm Bell ringing practice newcomers welcome	
Wednesdays	1pm Tiny Tots (St Andrew's Room)	
Fridays	7.30pm Choir practice (St Andrew's Room) newcomers welcome	

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presentations with the occasional quiz but
most of all we do enjoy each other's
company. There is no cost but donations are
welcome.**

**All those aged 50+ are welcome to come along and join us. You are
guaranteed a warm welcome and to feel a valued member of the group.**

Sandon should be proud of their Scouts.



I visited the Beavers and the Cubs and there was so many boys and girls all enjoying themselves with the different activities.

The Beavers meet at 5pm at the Village Hall and they are so successful as a group that they could do with a few new helpers. Do you have a spare hour to help this important work? If so please contact Janet the leader by email bernardes.trading@hotmail.co.uk

If you have an 8 year old who would like to be a cub there are a few places in September. Please contact Akela by email Jeanm.blake@yahoo.co.uk

By the time you read this article I will have been licensed by the Bishop of Bradwell at a packed Church on Friday 12th July.

It is a great honour that I come to you as your Priest. I am looking forward to getting to know you and worshipping with you in St. Andrew's Church.

Here is a bit about me. I was born in Romford, where my Mother still lives, and attended St. Edward's Comprehensive School. I worked for a couple of years in a hospital as an Auxiliary Nurse before going to train as a teacher, and then being offered a teaching career at my old school.

After 2 years of teaching I married my first wife Delia and we have 2 children Matthew and Petrina. Delia contracted breast cancer and after a long fight she finally died in 2002. By this time Matthew was at Bradford University and Petrina was a 14 year old schoolchild.

As I was growing up, I was choirboy and even then had sensed that God was calling me to be a priest from the age of 14. Sometimes things don't turn out the way we expect. I taught for over 30 years at St. Edwards Romford which is a Church of England Comprehensive school. I loved teaching Religious Studies as well as doing the school timetable. I now do Sudoku as a timetable substitute!

The sense that I was being called to be priest didn't go away and I was delighted when I was accepted for training in 2004. But that isn't all that had changed in my life, because during the same year I had fallen in love with Caroline, who also came from Langdon Hills in Basildon and was also training to be a priest. We were married in July 2006.

I continued teaching as an Assistant Head Teacher as well as being curate of Langdon Hills. Juggling a teaching career and being an Assistant Curate was hard work. In 2009 Caroline was ordained and she was offered a curacy in Southend. I knew that with a journey from Southend to Romford each day would result in me not being able to continue being fully involved as a minister. After discussions it was decided that I would take early retirement which would mean that I could for the first time work full time in ministry. The Bishop of Bradwell asked me to consider being an Associate Minister at Great Wakering with Foulness and Barling Magna and Little Wakering. At first I found this strange as I was to work in a rural parish whereas all of my life I had lived in large towns of Romford and Basildon, but I have loved my 4 years working near Southend, but now I feel it right to move on and share my ministry with you all.

When I am not vicaring I love to watch Coronation Street, enjoy a glass of Old Speckled Hen and relax in the garden. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you all for the benefit of this community. Terry



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Report of Sandon WI Meeting held on 11th July 2013

Sandon WI's July meeting was held on a glorious sunny afternoon which helped us to carry out a practice fire drill easily. Our speaker was Eve Regelous and she gave us a really interesting and amusing talk on her life as a celebrity agent. She told us about the many requirements demanded by some of the celebrities, before they would agree to come, not to mention the cost. She had had some wonderful experiences including organising the acts for the Harrods Christmas Parade.

After tea and delicious strawberries and cream and shortbread biscuits we were reminded of the many extra activities arranged over the next couple of months. There is an Upstairs/Downstairs afternoon on 18th July and members were encouraged to come in costume if they could, a Posh Tea on 8th August, both events taking place at Sandon Village Hall at 2pm, and a Garden Party on 19th September. As well as all these events there is a theatre outing in November and a shopping trip to Bury St Edmunds also in November. Keep fit and Craft and Chat meetings are also part of Sandon's activities. Plenty for everyone to do.

After knitting so many beautiful hats for the premature baby unit at Broomfield for our Group meeting, the hospital have asked if we would like to knit Trauma Teddies for children who have to go into hospital after suffering accidents. So we now have a project to keep up knitting over the winter.

Sandon WI meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except August, at 2pm in the Sandon Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Dorothy Gray
Press Officer, Sandon WI

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St Andrew's, Sandon Church Services August 2013

Sunday 4th Trinity 10.

11.00 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 6th

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 11th Trinity 11.

08:00 Said Holy Communion (1662)

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 13th

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 18th Trinity 12.

10:30 Messy Church

Tuesday 20th

09:15 Said Holy Communion

Sunday 25th Trinity 13.

09:15 Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 27th

09:15 Said Holy Communion



On 15th July the PCC decided to change the times of the Sunday Services at St. Andrews. The service times at present are as they are because our previous Priest in Charge had to be able to get to Little Baddow as well as Sandon.

From Sunday 1st September the normal service time will change to 10am.

On the second Sunday of the month there will be an additional service of Said Holy Communion at 8am and the 10am service will be a Family Service which will last for about 45 minutes.



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Do you have any photos or stories from past events in the hall?
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Put the date in your diary

More details nearer the day

Again we were very lucky with the weather! It was not sunny or very hot but it was a cloudy dry day; very suitable for walking . It was Saturday the 1st of June.

Anyone in the village and beyond was invited by web site, A4 local ads etc so it was disappointing not to see a few more 'new faces' in the 30 or so of us who started on the dot of 10 a.m. from St. Andrew's car park. By the time we had got to the end of Brick Kiln Road we were spread out over hundreds of yards as the leaders were anxious to press ahead.



The Bridge near Sandford Mill.

Our route took us down to the river at Sandford Mill and then over a footbridge to Grace's Walk for a gradual uphill stroll to Graces Lane , past Riffhams and through Linwood Common to emerge finally on the A414 at the 'S' bend opposite St. Mary's Church, Danbury. This was crossed leading to the Churchyard footpath and finally we emerged high up to see a unique panoramic view across the South Essex Countryside. From here it was a simple downhill rush to get lunch at the Cricketers Pub on Danbury Common. We had completed just over 5 miles or so!

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At the Cricketers!

There we were joined by some ‘second half’ walkers and ‘non-walkers-but -sponsors’, so much so that we filled the restaurant room and took the outside tables as well with about 42 of us all told.

The pub was then made extremely busy as about 50 cyclists from ‘Support the Heroes’ charity arrived on a great variety of bikes, all en route to the televised rally in London the following day.

After an extended lunch we moved off, going easily downhill to the ford at the bottom of Sporhams Lane

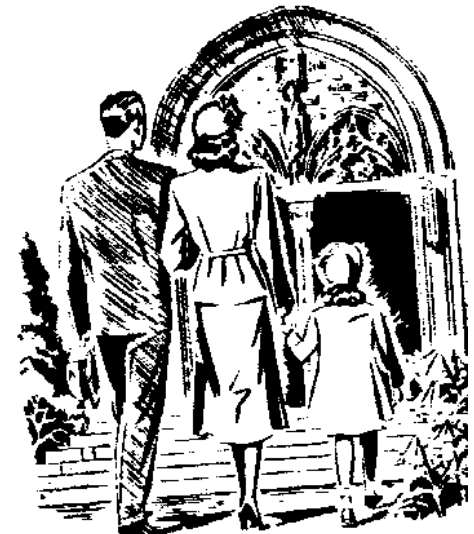


On the contrary, we would welcome a properly thought-through settlement between the state and the voluntary structures of society, including the Church, as a way of building up communities and promoting neighbourliness.” Emphasising the Church’s involvement in social welfare provision for centuries, and the theological grounds for the Church’s support for a “welfare state”, Welfare Reform and the Church recognises that no structure for ensuring the welfare of all citizens is perfect and that reform is a continuing necessity. It notes that the balance between state and voluntary action has become distorted and notes that, contrary to the apparent direction of policy in the early days of the Coalition, “three years on we have seen very little of The Big Society in policy or practical terms”. Unpacking the concepts of fairness, generosity and sustainability, the report also looks at public perceptions of welfare, pointing out that “the distinction between ‘strivers’ and ‘scroungers’ has entrenched harsh attitudes towards those whose benefits are being targeted for cuts”. It agrees that welfare dependency is a problem that “cannot be ignored” but argues that a “society which allows large numbers of its citizens to live in poverty is unlikely to be sustainable”.

The debate included contributions from the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Ripon and Leeds. The motion, including amendments from the Bishop of St Albans, the Bishop of Burnley and Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford), was clearly carried following a division of Synod (331 for, 1 against, 7 abstentions)

Article submitted by

Dennis Terry



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Women Bishops legislation restarted

General Synod has reaffirmed its commitment to women bishops and called, less than a year after the previous proposals were rejected, for new draft legislation to be introduced. It will be considered by the Synod in November 2013, with the aim of reaching the stage of Final Approval in July or November 2015.

This was the first time Synod members had met since November 2012, when the previous draft legislation narrowly failed to secure the requisite majority in the House of Laity, despite enjoying the support of 73% of the Synod's members overall. The Synod reached its decision at the end of a day's debate, after its members had devoted much of an earlier day at Synod to facilitated discussions on the options available. Introducing the debate, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who chaired the Working Group set up by the House of Bishops to advise on new legislative proposals, said, "I believe that option one, together with a mandatory mediation process and including as it does a declaration or, possibly, Act of Synod deserves to be taken very seriously as a means to provide the basis for securing the

necessary majorities in the lifetime of this Synod."

The House of Bishops had recommended that draft legislation be prepared on that basis described as 'option one' in the report of the Working Group. That involved:

- a measure and amending canon that made it lawful for women to become bishops;
- the repeal of the statutory rights to pass Resolutions A and B under the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993, plus the rescinding of the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993; and arrangements for those who, as a matter of theological conviction, are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests, set out either in a declaration from the House of Bishops or in a new Act of Synod. Accepting the proposal made by the House, the General Synod passed the motion, by 319 votes to 84.

Synod invites Government to re-open Big Society talks

A motion calling for a "renewed settlement between the state, the churches and civil society", and for "close attention to the impact of welfare cuts on the most vulnerable, and for support for those not in a position to support themselves" was approved by General Synod. Mission and Public Affairs Council chair Mr Philip Fletcher, who authored the report Welfare Reform and the Church, said, "We don't claim ... that the whole responsibility for the welfare of our citizens should fall on the shoulders of the state.

and along the length of the lane to Mayes Lane.



Crossing this we passed Sandon Hall and went over the A12 to go down the noisy raised footpath next to the main road and down into Hall Lane and so back to the car park- an afternoon stroll of 3 miles or so! The total distance walked, I was told by a well-informed cartographer was just over 8 miles! So well done to everyone who walked- whether it be just one half or not- and especially those children, down to 6 years old. who completed the course. They were given a special achievement certificate- courtesy of Alison!

The walk's sponsorship was particularly important this year with the proceeds to be equally split between our Charity for the Marsabit Diocese in Kenya and our own Church Fabric Funds. These we now need especially to cover immediate Church Roof Repairs but much more will be needed for future major roof restoration!

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