

PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW SANDON

Sunday 13th December 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15 am Sung Eucharist Hymns HON 140, 699, 766, 449 Music Es ist ein ros entspringen Brahms The truth from above arr. Rawsthorne	<u>The Week Ahead</u> Tue 15 th 10.30 am Coffee & Chat Tue 15 th 3.45 pm SALT planning meeting Tue 15 th 6.45 pm Outside Carolling Wed 16 th 2.00 pm Tiny Tots Christmas party last till 12 th January 2010
We thank R ^{ev} Tim Pigrem for conducting our worship today No Evensong – 'Star over Bethlehem' See below for more detail	<u>Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> 9.15 am Sung Eucharist 6.30 pm Candle-lit Carol Service

SANDON NEWS

ADVENT CALENDAR Have a look and read a Prayer from our giant Advent Calendar at the rear of the Church.

CAROLLING Come and join the carolling around the village on Tuesday 15th December with SAYF. Meet at the Church gate 6.45 pm - refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. Bring a torch.

CAROL SERVICE This traditional service is next Sunday at 6.30 pm. Do come along to sing, listen and pray about the Nativity of the Son of God - Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS We are again decorating the church with the traditional colours of red, green and a touch of gold. We would like plenty of holly, preferably with berries, and evergreens. Please leave at the side of church porch from Monday 14th December. Many thanks, Daphne Tovey and Barbara Underwood.

CRIB SERVICE Bring the family to see and hear of the birth of Christ at the Crib Service on Thursday 24th December at 4.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE/ DAY The Midnight Service at 11.30 pm is a Sung Eucharist and the Christmas Day service is a Sung Celebration. Saturday is a 'free day' when the church will be open for visitors and private prayer. Carols guaranteed. The next Sunday the 27th The 'First Sunday of Christmas' we have a Sung Eucharist at 9.15 am. All will be very welcome to all these services.

SALT starts again in the New Year. There is a planning meeting on Tuesday 15th December at 3.45 pm with the first session on Tuesday 19th January. Information from Richard Cecil (Ch 224747). Please include Jean, the helpers, and youngsters and their families in your prayers.

REVD CLIVE ASHLEY will be licensed by Bishop Laurie as Priest in Charge of Sandon and Little Baddow on Wednesday the 24th February 2010 at 7:30 pm at St Andrew's and installed at Sandon. Archdeacon David Lowman will install him at Little Baddow at 10:00 am on Sunday 7th March.

LOCAL NEWS

LITTLE BADDOW have a joint service with the URC at St Mary's at 6.30 pm this evening entitled **'Star over Bethlehem'** a celebration of Advent and Christmas, in words and music, presented by 'Reflections'. All are welcome.

HOWE GREEN UNITED REFORMED CHURCH is holding a Candlelight Carol Service on Thursday 17th December at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to the service which will be followed by coffee and mince pies. Collection in aid of LITTLE HAVENS.

VACANCY IN THE CHELMSFORD SEE– It is hoped that the new Bishop will be selected and introduced at Eastertide Please pray for all those involved with selecting a new Diocesan Bishop May God's Holy Spirit guide and inspire them in their search for the right choice.

INTERCESSIONS In the Churches together cycle, we are asked to pray for the Prison Chaplaincy and their team. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all who work in Radio and Television, that Gods message may be truly and joyfully proclaimed. In our own parish we pray for those who live and work in the Lintons and for those who live and work outside our parish boundaries who worship or are connected with St Andrew's.

WEB SITE: Is available to view on www.sandon-church.info. TRY IT! If you want to see detail added or include an item do let Dennis Terry know on (Ch 472997) or dennis.terry@talktalk.net.

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