

PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW SANDON

Sunday 2nd May 2010

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00 am Parish Eucharist Hymns HON 625, 223, 120, 556	<u>The Week Ahead</u>
6.30 pm Choral Evensong Hymns HON 14, 839, 287, 399	Tue 4 th 10.30 am Coffee & Chat
Next Sunday <u>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>	Tue 4 th 3.45 pm SALT- 'In the Room.'
9.00 am Parish Communion	Wed 5 th 9.15 am Said Holy Communion
	Wed 5 th 2.00 pm Tiny Tots
	Thu 6 th General Election Day

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK runs from the 9-15th May. This is the week when the Church works alongside many local groups to empower people in poor communities around the world to find solutions to the problems they face. This is an opportunity to make a small dent in the problem. In some parts of the parish and adjoining areas collections have been arranged but if you live outside these areas and would like to contribute please collect an envelope from the rear of the church and return to it either to our organiser Michael Puffett, Ian Underwood or use the wall safe.

ASCENSION DAY is on Thursday 13th May and this year it is the turn of St Andrew's, Sandon to hold the Chelmer-Crouch Group Joint Service which is a Sung Communion Service. The service commences at 8.00 pm and will be followed by Coffee/tea/biscuits in the St Andrew's Room afterwards. Some assistance will be required.

BELL RINGING Our bells will ring this evening in celebration of the life and example of Daphne Tovey now with God.

LOCAL NEWS

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE is on Saturday 3rd July starting from Bradwell Village at 11.00 am to St Peter's on the Wall. It will be led by Bishop Laurie and the Guest Speaker is The Archbishop of York John Sentamu.

OPEN GARDENS St Mary's Little Baddow are holding this event on Saturday 8th May from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Adults £5 Children under 16 free.

Sandon Open Gardens are on Saturday 23rd May from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm cost as above, proceeds to Farleigh Hospice.

PLESHEY DIOCESAN RETREAT HOUSE Monday May 3rd Open Day 10am- 4pm. Craft Sales and Demonstrations, Plants, House Tours, Chapel Services, Refreshments and Ploughman's Lunches.

INTERCESSIONS In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray for our representatives on National Synod as the Church is faced with problems, both financial and spiritual. May God guide them in all they do.

In the Churches together in Chelmsford Cycle we are asked to pray for the Danbury, Howe Green and Great Baddow URC.

In the Chelmer Crouch Group cycle we are asked to pray for the schools that serve the children of our parishes. May teachers and pupils together learn more of God's world and how to take care of it.

In our own Parish we pray for those who live and work in Mayes Lane and Butts Green Road.

Please pray for the outcome of the General Election on Thursday that whatever government is elected it will make real efforts to help the weak and the vulnerable, banish unfairness, inequality and injustice throughout Gods world.

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