

Introduction to the Peace on Christmas Day

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Post Communion prayer on Christmas Day

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord

Blessing

Son of Mary, Son of God,
we have joined the worship of the angels;

may we never lose that heavenly vision.

Like the shepherds,
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;

help us to proclaim that message in word and deed,

to your praise and glory.

and the blessing.... ✕

Friday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

23.30 'Midnight Mass' [LB]

23.30 'Midnight Mass' [S]

Saturday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 Family Eucharist [S]

10.00 Carols around the Crib followed by a said Holy Communion [LB]

Sunday 26th 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00 'Come Together Sunday' Eucharist at St Andrew's, Sandon

Monday 27th St John the Evangelist

19.00 Compline [S]

Compline is a very quiet short service of prayer for the end of the day

Tuesday 28th The Holy Innocents

19.00 A Service of Remembrance for Babies and Children that have died [S]

Wednesday 29th St Stephen, deacon and first martyr

19.0 Compline [LB]

Sunday 2nd January 2011 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]

10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [LB]

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

18.30 Evening Prayer [S]

A Service of Remembrance for Babies and Children that have died

Tuesday 28th December

Holy Innocents Day

In Sandon Church at 7pm

A quiet service for anyone whose baby or child has died, whatever their age and whatever your age now. There will be an opportunity for their names to be spoken and remembered.



The Parish Churches of St. Andrew, Sandon and St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow

CHRISTMAS NIGHT and
CHRISTMAS DAY
24th / 25TH December

Welcome

If you normally receive Holy Communion you are welcome to receive Communion (the Sacraments of bread and wine) here too.

If you do not normally receive Communion you are very welcome to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing (please carry a service book with you) you will never be alone.

If you have difficulty in walking and would appreciate a supportive arm, please let a Sidesperson know before the service begins.

If you have difficulty in kneeling please do not be embarrassed to stand at the Altar rail to receive.

If you do not feel strong enough to walk to the Altar rail the Priest will

always bring the Sacrament to you., but please ask via the Sidesperson or Churchwarden.

We have Gluten Free Wafers for those who need gluten free bread, again please inform a Church Warden as soon as possible.

Introduction and Call to Worship

On this night and day of celebration of the birth of Jesus let us lift our hearts in thanks and joy to God, and praise our saviour.

Collect for Christmas Night

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading on Christmas Night

Isaiah 52. 7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,

together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Gospel on Christmas Night

John 1. 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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Christmas Night

Post Communion prayer

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on

him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.

Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing... ✠

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading on Christmas Day

Isaiah 9. 2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful
Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Gospel on Christmas Day

Luke 2. 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel

said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.