

DEC 2012		
Sun 30	10:00	Christmas 1
Tue 8	9:15	Mid-Week Service
Sun 13	8:00	Baptism of the Lord
	9:15	Baptism of the Lord
Tue 15	9:15	Mid-Week Service
Wed 16	9:00	Mid-Week Service
Sun 20	10:30	Epiphany 2
Tue 22	9:15	Mid-Week Service
Sun 27	9:15	Epiphany 3
Tue 29	9:15	Mid-Week Service
Wed 30	9:00	Mid-Week Service
FEB 2013		
Sun 3	11:00	Epiphany 4
Tue 5	9:15	Mid-Week Service
Sun 10	8:00	Transfiguration Sunday
	9:15	Transfiguration Sunday
Wed 13	9:00	Ash Wednesday
	19:30	Ash Wednesday
Sun 17	10:30	Lent 1
Tue 19	9:15	Mid-Week Service

10:00 till 14:00
Bring the family
LAMBING LIVE
Watch nature unfold.
Refreshments available.
ALL ARE WELCOME
Danbury Park Farm CM2 7RY



The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

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is part of the

Chelmer Crouch Group of Churches
 Priest-in-Charge: Currently Vacant

First Sunday of CHRISTMAS
30th December 2012

We Welcome the Revd. Chris. Poulard

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All Baptised and Confirmed communicant members of Christian Churches are invited to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, at the Altar rail.

Communicants requiring **gluten-free wafers** are asked to identify themselves to a Sides person before the service starts.

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION

If you are not yet Baptised and/or Confirmed and would like to make some initial enquiries, please feel free to ask one of the Church Warden
 Janet Terry 472997 or Micheal Puffett 222066



For 5 minutes before our Service of worship begins together

PLEASE allow a time to be quiet and permit others to keep a time of prayerful quiet in preparation to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.



Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are normally served after the main morning Service

in Church at St Mary's

and in the St Andrew's Room at St Andrew's.

Please stay for a coffee

Introduction and Call to Worship

Let us use this time of worship to prepare the way of the Lord and to remove all the barriers in our hearts and lives that make us unready for the coming of Christ.

Collect

Almighty God,
who hast wonderfully created us in thine own im-
age
and hast yet more wonderfully restored us
through thy Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

The Child Samuel at Shiloh

18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Colossians 3.12-17

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
grant to thy Church grace to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and at the last bring us all to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
