

Church Services Jan/Feb 2013

| Date | Time | Festival |
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| Sun 13 Jan | 8:00 am | Baptism of the Lord |
| | 9:15 am | Baptism of the Lord |
| Tue 15 Jan | 9:15 am | Holy Communion |
| Wed 16 Jan | 9:00 am | Celtic Prayer |
| Sun 20 Jan | 10:30 am | Messy Church |
| Tue 22 Jan | 9:15 am | Holy Communion |
| Sun 27 Jan | 9:15 am | Epiphany 3 |
| Tue 29 Jan | 9:15 am | Holy Communion |
| Wed 30 Jan | 9:00 am | Celtic Prayer |
| Sun 3 Feb | 11:00 am | Epiphany 4 |
| Tue 5 Feb | 9:15 am | Holy Communion |
| Sun 10 Feb | 8:00 am | Transfiguration Sun |
| | 9:15 am | Holy Communion |
| Wed 13 Feb | 7:30 pm | Ash Wednesday |
| Sun 17 Feb | 10:30 am | Messy Church |
| Tue 19 Feb | 9:15 am | Holy Communion |
| Sun 24 Feb | 9:15 am | Lent 2 |
| Tue 26 Feb | 9:15 am | Mid-Week Service |
| Wed 27 Feb | 9:00 am | Celtic Prayer |
| Sun 3 Mar | 11:00 am | Lent 3 |



Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are normally served after the main morning Service in the St Andrew's Room at St Andrew's.

Please stay for a coffee

Diary Notes

The season of Lent will soon be upon us and our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7.30pm on February 13th and will include the Imposition of Ashes. On the four Wednesdays starting on Feb. 20th we have arranged for a Lent Course to be held in the St. Andrew's Room (At 7.30pm each week). These meetings will be led by the Rev. Geoff. Griggs, well-known to many of you, and we are very grateful to him for offering to do this. We feel sure that the sessions will be well worth attending.



The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

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*is part of the
Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches*
Priest-in-Charge: Vacant Position

**We welcome today
Rev. Tim Pigrem**

**Baptism of Christ
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
16th January 2013**

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 Wardens

Mrs Janet Terry or Mr Michael Puffet



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.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43. 1-7

Restoration and Protection Promised

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, ¹ and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Acts 8. 14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3. 15-17. 21-22

'The Baptism of Jesus

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,^{*} John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with^{*} the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was pray-

ing, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world

and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him in the humility

and purity of his first coming that, when he

comes again, we may be ready to greet him

with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus

Christ our Lord AMEN

NEW PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR

Every six years the Parish Electoral Roll undergoes a complete revision.

Year 2013 is such a year and as no names can be carried over from the old 2007 version it is important that all eligible people make a new application so that their names are registered on the New Roll for Sandon Parish Church.

All Members listed on the current Roll will receive an 'Application for Enrolment' Form for completion and return to the Electoral Roll Officer by

March the --- 2013.

If you are not on the current Roll and have worshipped regularly at St. Andrew's for the last 6 months you are then entitled to apply for inclusion in the new Roll. In this case please contact the Electoral Roll Officer to obtain a form, which must be completed and returned by March— 2013.

Forms can also be obtained from either of the Churchwardens :

Completed forms should be sent back to the under named or placed in a suitably marked box which will be provided at the back of the St. Andrew's Church.

David Farrar., Electoral Roll Officer. Tel 01245 471484

Church Wardens

**Mrs Janet Terry 01245 472997 or
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