

Church Services Jan/Feb 2013

Date	Time	Festival
Sun 27 Jan	9:15 am	Epiphany 4
Tue 29 Jan	9:15 am	Holy Communion
Wed 30 Jan	9:00 am	Celtic Prayer
Sun 3 Feb	11:00 am	Christ in the Temple
Tue 5 Feb	9:15 am	Holy Communion
Sun 10 Feb	8:00 am	next before Lent
	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.

NEW PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR

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

Form for completion and return to the Electoral Roll Officer by March the 13th 2013.

David Farrar., Electoral Roll Officer. Tel 01245 471484



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
Revd. Canon Christine McCafferty

4th Sunday of Epiphany
27th 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

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

⁸All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members

are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4. 14-21

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Church Wardens

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