

## Church Services Jan/Feb 2013

Date	Time	Festival
Sun 3 Feb	11:00 am	Presentation of <b>Christ in the Temple</b>
Tue 5 Feb	9:15 am	<i>Holy Communion</i> Revd. Robert Howarth
Sun 10 Feb	8:00 am	next before Lent
	9:15 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Wed 13 Feb	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday
Sun 17 Feb	10:30 am	<b>Messy Church</b>
Tue 19 Feb	9:15 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun 24 Feb	9:15 am	<b>Lent 2</b>
Tue 26 Feb	9:15 am	Mid-Week Service
Wed 27 Feb	9:00 am	Celtic Prayer
Sun 3 Mar	11:00 am	<b>Lent 3</b>



*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 13<sup>th</sup> and will include the Imposition of Ashes.

On the four Wednesdays starting on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Richard More**

**Presentation of Christ at the Temple**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February 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 Puffett



**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 wor-  
ship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.*

### Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

## Today's Readings

### Malachi 3. 1-5

#### The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### Hebrews 2.14-end

14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Luke 2. 22-40

#### Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord<sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the

law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### The Return to Nazareth

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. AMEN