

Church Services Mar/April 2013

Date	Time	Festival	Type of Service
Sun 3 Mar	11:00 am	Lent 3	Sung Eucharist
Tue 5 Mar	9:15 am	Mid-Week Service	Said Holy Communion
Sun 10 Mar	8:00 am	Lent 4	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Mothering Sunday	Sung All Age Service
Tue 12 Mar	9:15 am	Mid-Week Service	Said Holy Communion
Wed 13 Mar	9:30 am	Mid-Week Service	Celtic Morning Prayer
Sun 17 Mar	10:30 am	Lent 5	Messy Church
Tue 19 Mar	9:15 am	Mid-Week Service	Said Holy Communion
Sun 24 Mar	9:15 am	Palm Sunday	Sung Eucharist
Wed 27 Mar	9:30 am	Mid-Week Service	Celtic Morning Prayer

New Church Electoral Roll Needed for this Year. 2013

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to undergo a complete Revision.



All members on the previous roll have now been sent new Electoral Papers. These need to be completed and returned to the Electoral Roll Officer or one of the Church Wardens by

March the 21st or placed in the well-marked box which will be at the rear of the Church between March 14th and March 21st.

Thank you. David Farrar, Electoral Roll Officer

Lent Course

The season of Lent is upon us and on the four Wednesdays starting on

Feb. 20th Lent Course to be held in the St. Andrew's Room (At 7.30pm each week). For the next four Wednesday's



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
Revd. Audrey Cozens

Third Sunday of Lent
3rd March 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 worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Isaiah 55. 1-9

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which

does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

Warnings from Israel's History

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13. 1-9

Repent or Perish

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on

them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did. 'Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

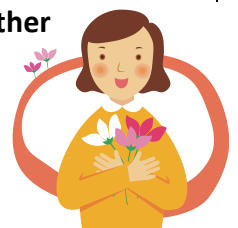


**SUNDAY 10th March
10:00 am
Mothering Sunday Family
Service**

A family Service is being prepared that we trust will be enjoyed by both Adults and children. We hope to fill the church and for everyone to have a fun time in the presence of God.

There will be Posies for every mother to take home.

And the Service will include a Church Parade for all ages of the uniformed movements



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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