

## Services May 2013

Date	Time	Festival	Type of Service
Sun 12 May	8:00 am	Easter 7	Said Holy Communion Rev Lee Batson
	9:15 am	Easter 7	Sung Eucharist <i>Rt.Revd. John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell.</i>
Tue 14 May	9:15 am	Mid-Week Service	Said Holy Communion Ca. Christine McCafferty
Sun 19 May	9:15 am	Pentecost	Messy Church
	10:30 am	Pentecost	Said Holy Communion
Tue 21 May	9:15 am	Mid-Week Service	Celtic Morning Prayer
Wed 22 May	9:30 am	Mid-Week Service	Sung Eucharist
Sun 26 May	9:15 am	Trinity Sunday	



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

# Please stay for a coffee



Supporting Christian Churches and Chapels in Essex and East London

### WHY CHURCHES MATTER

A talk by

**Dr Simon Heffer**

All Saints Church, Writtle CM1 3EN

Thursday 16 May 2013 at 8.15 pm

Admission free - all welcome

Advance booking is not necessary, but it would help us to plan the event if you could tell us if you hope to attend: please email [events@foect.org.uk](mailto:events@foect.org.uk)

Refreshments available from 7.45 pm

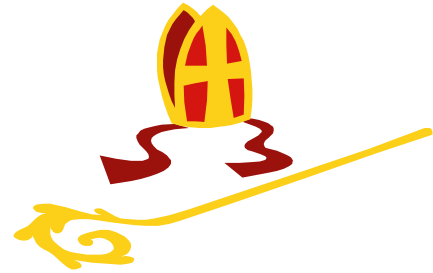
Dr Heffer's talk follows the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust, which will begin at 7.15 pm.

Kerbside parking is available in Lodge Road / Romans Place east of the church, and in the roads around The Green. There is a public car park off The Green at its south-east corner.

Please do not attempt to park in either of the narrow access ways leading from The Green towards the church.

The Friends of Essex Churches Trust is grateful to Gepp & Sons Solicitors for their generous support of this event

# The Parish Church of



## St. Andrew Sandon

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

**We welcome today**  
**Rev. Lee Batson (08:00)**

**Rt. Revd. John Wraw**  
**Bishop of Bradwell (09:15)**

**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension**  
**12<sup>th</sup> MAY 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

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

AMEN

Today's Readings

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME  
WITH YOU AS A REMINDER**

New Testament  
Acts 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17.20-end

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become com-

pletely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

**INTERVILLAGE WALK.**

**DO JOIN US FOR A  
SPONSORED CIRCULAR WALK**

**ON SATURDAY THE 1st OF JUNE 2013.**

**Morning: SANDON TO THE CRICKETERS.  
Lunch: THE CRICKETERS.  
Afternoon: THE CRICKETERS TO SANDON.**

**FOR MORE INFO. AND SPONSOR FORMS  
PLEASE CONTACT**

**DAVID FARRAR (471484)**

**THE WALK STARTS AT ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
SANDON  
AT 10.A.M.**

**PROCEEDS TO**

**ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDON FUNDS AND  
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