

**Please Pray for**

- Our preparations for Christmas let Jesus Christ be the centre of them.
- The Carol and Christingle services that they are meaningful and well attended.
- The Victims of the helicopter disaster and their families and friends.
- Those who maintain, clean and prepare the Church for Sunday and throughout the week
- The residents of The Bridleway that they will know God's love
- For all those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health: Clare, Coral, Helen, Ray, Shirley Cartwright, Barbara Parish, Clive Ashley, Peter, Rachael Shelia Ardley and baby Chloe.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Michael Ashley and Pray for the families of Harry Summer, Dianne Loveridge and Michael Ardley as they mourn their loss.

And for those whose anniversary falls at this time.

**Baptism, Wedding or Funeral**

If you would like to arrange one contact  
 Revd. Terry Brown on 01245 698988  
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 He would love to hear from you.

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*Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are served after the main morning Service*

*in the St Andrew's Room*

**Please stay for a cupper**

**The Parish Church of  
St. Andrew Sandon**

**All are Welcome in this place**



*Part of the*

*Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches*

*And Churches Together in Chelmsford*

**Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent**

**8th December 2013**

**Today's service**

**08:00 Said Communion**

*Reader: Colin Bryan*

*Eucharistic Minister: Colin Bryan*

**10am Family Service**

*Intercessions: Terry Brown*

*Sides person: Judy Cecil*

**Next Week's Service**

**10am Sung Communion & Baptism**

This week

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

11am Carols at the Nursing Home

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church

6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)

6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)

8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm Choir Practice

**Welcome** – If you are new to church, please make

yourself known to Revd. Terry or one of the people who gave out the hymn books. **Families** are very welcome in Church.

**Toilets and Changing facilities**

are in the St. Andrew's Room.

## Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

## 1st Reading

Isaiah 11. 1-10

### The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

### Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## Gospel

Matthew 3. 1-12

### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the

axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## 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. **Amen.**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11:00 am

Chelmsford Nursing Home Christmas Carols. If you are free for an hour, please join us to help with the singing.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 pm

Christingle Service

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

WI Carol Service, All are welcome

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6:30 pm

Candlelit Nine lessons and Carols

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Beer and Carols @ The Crown 7:00 pm

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Crib Service 4:00 pm

Midnight Service 11:30 pm

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 am

Christmas Day Service with Communion

**Coffee and Chat** - Every Tuesday in St. Andrews Room – everyone welcome - relax and meet new people in a friendly atmosphere over a cup of tea or coffee **Posada**

I am pleased to report that the Posada found a home for every night and will arrive back at the church on Christmas Eve. Thank you to all who hosted the holy family..

**More Dates for your Diary:** 50 Shades of Rural—a workshop for Rural Churches to share ideas

Saturday 25 January 10-4—talk to Terry

A Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Cedd 7-11 July as part of the Diocesan Celebrations

**Booking by 31 December—see leaflets in Church and/or talk to Terry**