

Please Pray for

- Pray for Denis Huntley, Chaplain amongst Deaf and Deafblind People and Adviser on Disability Issues, and his team.
- Pray for The Diocese of Wusasa (Kaduna, Nigeria),
The Rt Revd Ali Buba Lamido
- Our preparations for Christmas let Jesus be the centre of them.
- The special Christmas services that they are meaningful and well attended.
- Pray for all who are need of prayers due to sickness or ill health:
Clare, Coral, Helen, Ray, Shirley Cartwright, Barbara Parish, Clive Ashley, Shelia Ardley, Peter, Rachael and baby Chloe.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Harry Summer, Dianne Loveridge and Michael Ardley as they mourn their loss.
- Those whose anniversary of death 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



Welcome to Jessie Rose Mead and her family

Part of the

*Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches
And Churches Together in Chelmsford*

Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2013

Today's services

10am Sung Eucharist

Reader: Janet Terry
Intercessions: Dennis Terry
Eucharistic Minister: Richard Cecil
Sides person: Joan Bridger

**4:00 pm Christingle Service
Followed by refreshments and dressing
Of Christmas tree**

Next Week's Service

**10am Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols
Followed by refreshments. Do bring your
Family and friends.**

This week

Tuesday 17th 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 18th December
1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church
6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)
Thursday 19th December
5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)
6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)
8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)
Friday 20th 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.

Communion All are welcome at the Communion rail, if you do not normally receive Communion, please come forward to receive a blessing.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

1st Reading Isaiah 35. 1-10

The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Gospel Matthew 11. 2-11

Messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor

have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

WITH YOU AS A REMINDER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 15th December 4:00 pm

Christingle Service

Thursday 19th December 2pm

WI Carol Service, All are welcome

Sunday 22nd December 6:30 pm

Candlelit Nine lessons and Carols

Monday 23rd December

Beer and Carols @ The Crown 7:00 pm

Tuesday 24th December

Crib Service 4:00 pm

Midnight Service 11:30 pm

Wednesday 25th 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