

Please Pray for

- Please pray for the Church of England Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.
- Pray for the Diocese of Yokohama (Japan), The Rt Revd Laurence Yutaka Minabe
- In our preparations for Christmas let Jesus be the centre of them.
- The special Christmas services that they are meaningful and well attended.
- Remember all those volunteers who will help the homeless this Christmas both locally and in London. We especially remember the work of the Salvation Army.
- Pray for all who are need of prayers due to sickness or ill health:
Clare, 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
or email tgabrown@hotmail.com
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*

4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2013

Today's services

10am Sung Eucharist

Reader: *Eileen Bartrup*
Intercessions: *Judy Cecil*
Eucharistic Minister: *Gill Hodge*
Sides person: *Dave Farrar*

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

NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 29th December
10am Sung Eucharist**

This week

**Monday 23rd December
Beer and Carols @ The Crown 7pm
Tuesday 24th December
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion Service
Wednesday 25th December
10am Christmas morning service with Communion**

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.

**Revd Terry and the Churchwardens wish you
all a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful and
healthy New Year**

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

^{1st} Reading Isaiah 7. 10-16

Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel Matthew 1. 18-end

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU AS A REMINDER

LET THE BELLS RING OUT FOR
CHRISTMAS



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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

Saturday 25 January 10am-4pm. Talk to Terry for more information. Leaflets at the back of the church

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