

Please Pray for

- Please pray for the members of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, and all people who serve Christ at the altar.
- Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa (New Zealand and Polynesia), The Most Revd William Brown, Archbishop, Primate.
- We give thanks for the centenary of our Diocese of Chelmsford. We pray for Bishop Stephen as he leads us in mission during this special year.
- We pray for our Parish and our Mission events to take place later this year.
- We pray for all those who live in The Lindens.
- All those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health especially Edward, Clare, Helen, Ray, Shirley Cartwright, Barbara Parish, Clive Ashley, Peter, Rachael and baby Chloe. (born prematurely at 24 weeks) and others we know
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Harry Summer, Dianne Loveridge and Michael & Shelia Ardley as they mourn their loss.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Baptisms and Weddings

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.

Parish People

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Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.15am Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer
Sunday : All except the 2nd Sunday of the Month
10am Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday
8am Holy Communion (Traditional)
10am Family Service

The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

*Part of the
Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches
And Churches Together in Chelmsford*
Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

All are Welcome in this place



**“When they saw that the star had stopped, they were
overwhelmed with joy”**

5th JANUARY 2014

Epiphany

Today's services

**We welcome today as our Celebrant and Preacher
Revd. Canon Philip Need**

10am *Sung Eucharist*
Reader: *Christine Mennie*
Intercessions: *Richard Cecil*
Eucharistic Minister: *Janet Terry*
Sides person: *Judy Cecil*

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 12th January 2014
8:00am Said Eucharist
10am family Service

This week

Tuesday 7th January

9.15am Holy Communion
10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat
6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)
7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

Wednesday 8th January

1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church
6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)

Thursday 9th January

08.30 am Chelmer Morning Prayer St. Mary's South Woodham
5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)
6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)
8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)

Friday 10th January

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, opposite the main door.

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

Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1st Reading
Ephesians 3. 1-12

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel
Matthew 2. 1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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
Why not join us for a Quiet Day at Pleshey Retreat House on Saturday 22nd February 2014
10am – 4pm with Sandy Southee our Conductor Cost £20 per person. BYO lunch
Tea and Coffee and cake provided.

To book your place complete one of the booking forms at the back of the church and place the form and a cheque made payable to Sandon PCC or cash in an envelope and put it in the wall safe by the door of the church ASAP to secure your place.

Go for Growth!

In preparation for our mission weekend in 2014, there will be a day exploring the many resources that are available to enable our church to grow new Christians

**Saturday 1st February 2014 Chelmsford Cathedral
10am - 4.00pm £6 per person
Programme for the day**

9.45am - Doors open
10.00 - Registration and coffee
10.30 - introduction to the day, Bishop Stephen
11.15 - Comfort break
11.25 - Mike Booker
12.30 - lunch (please bring your own)
1.15pm - 2.15pm Choice of seminar (enquirers and nurture courses)
2.30pm - 3.30pm Seminars repeated
3.40pm - Closing reflection (Bishop Stephen)
4.00pm - Close

Please let Terry know if you are able to attend as he will do the bookings. Telephone or email Terry