

## The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

Welcome to your Church



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.

**16th March 2014**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

### Please Pray for

- Thank God for spring and signs of new life and colours in nature.
- A time of reflection and refreshment during Lent.
- The Ukraine that a peaceful settlement will be reached.
- The refugees and all those suffering from strife in the Middle East especially Syria and South Sudan.
- All those in the Diocese who work with youth and in schools.
- Farmers and those who grow our food.
- For those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health especially Shirley Cartwright, Barbara Parish and Chris Poulard, Peter, Rachael and baby Chloe.(born prematurely at 24 weeks) Simon Bobeldijk, Lee Howell and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Robert Meers & Frances Ewers 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](mailto:tgabrown@hotmail.com)

### Parish People

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### Churchwardens

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### PCC Secretary

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### Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday : All except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

10am Parish Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

8am Holy Communion (Traditional)

10am Family Service

### Today's services

**10:00am**

**Sung eucharist**

Will include the renewal of marriage vows of  
Nick & Liz Bobeldijk

**Reader:**

**Gill Haddington**

**Intercessions:**

**Dennis Terry**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Janet Terry**

**Sides person:**

**Eileen Bartrup**

**6:30pm**

**Choral Evensong**

### NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

**10am**

**Sung Eucharist**

### This week

#### Tuesday 18th March

**9.30am** Said Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

7.30pm Singing group in St. Andrew's Room

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

#### Wednesday 19th March

1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church

6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)

7.30pm Lent Course The King's Speech

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am C.C.G. Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Sandon

5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)

6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)

8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)

#### Friday 21<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Choir Practice New members most welcome

**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

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

### The Example of Abraham

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

### God's Promise Realized through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Gospel

John 3. 1-17

### Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen

**Coffee and Chat** - Every Tuesday in St. Andrews Room everyone welcome.

**Lent Course Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March-9<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm – 9pm**

Based on the 4 times Oscar winning film 'The King's Speech'.

It's not too late to join. See you next Wednesday.

**Choral Evensong Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm**

We welcome the choir of St. Mary's Maldon to our Church tonight. Please come and join in this wonderful Service. Why not bring a friend or two?

### Lent Lunch

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 12 noon to 2pm in St. Andrew's Room. There is no cost, but donations will go to charity. Please support by bringing friends.

### Taize and Celtic Music group

Terry has been asked by the Chelmer Crouch Group to plan a Taize Service for Ascension Day. Would you like to join in the singing at this service as well from time to time singing some of these beautiful songs in our own church services?

Please come and try it on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's Room**. I do hope you are able to come. If you would like to sing but cannot make it on the 18<sup>th</sup> please let Terry know. We may well find a different time for singing.

### Easter Workshop for children of Primary School age.

This will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-12.30pm. If you can help have a word with Alison, Liz Bobeldijk or Terry.

### Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am in the Crown for Full English Breakfast Followed by a talk by Lee Batson. Please reserve your place by contacting Dennis on [dennis.terry@talktalk.net](mailto:dennis.terry@talktalk.net) by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.