

## The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place



Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

**30th November 2014**

**Advent Sunday**

### Please Pray for

- **ADVENT SUNDAY**  
Father, through John the Baptist you tried to prepare your people for the coming of Jesus. Will you prepare us too? Prepare our hearts and minds that we may know what to look for in his coming into our world. May we show the joy of the Advent message in our lives day by day
- Pray for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), the Rt. Revd Stephen Venner.
- Those who live in Gablefields.
- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves.
- Our work with children and young people.
- Our financial offering to the church.
- For our preparation for our Christmas services and events.
- The elderly and lonely in our parish.
- The sick and those who care for them especially Barbara Parish, Chloe King, Simon Bobeldijk, Liz, Simon Mills, Susannah Bedwell, Edward Gilder, Bishop John, Mike Mercer and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them, especially Nigel Mills, Marion Brown, Ethel Wright, Lee Howell, Clive Burgess and all others known to us.

### Christenings or Weddings

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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### Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday: 10am Parish Eucharist

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

8am Holy Communion (Traditional)

10am Family Service

### Today's service

10:00

Sung Eucharist

*Reader:* Gill Haddington

*Eucharistic Minister:* Dennis Terry

*Intercessions:* Nick Bobeldijk

*Sides person:* Joan Bridger

### Next Week's Service

Sunday 7th December 10:00 Sung Eucharist

### This week

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

7.30pm PCC Meeting

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

9.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church

6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)

6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)

8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

07:30pm Choir Practice.

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

5pm Lighting of Christmas Tree

followed by refreshments in church.

**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 opposite 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, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of Holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

## Reading Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait or him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on our name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## Mark 13. 24-37

**The Coming of the Son of Man.  
The Lesson of the Fig Tree.  
The Necessity for Watchfulness**

Page 48 in the Pew Bible

## Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Pastoral Care in Sandon

At a recent meeting of those who attended the Listening Course, it was decided that we should hold an open meeting on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** after the 10am Sung Eucharist. At this meeting we will set out ideas and ask members of the congregation to give their views or help in any way. Please stay for a brief meeting over a cup of tea.

## Confirmation 2015

Confirmation classes will begin in January. If you would like to be confirmed or would like to know more about it please have a word with Terry.



## Posada

Please sign the rota at the back of the church for the passing round of the nativity figures. Let's make sure every night is covered.



## Advent Quiet time

This is a chance to focus on the waiting of Advent and to get away from the bustle of Christmas and prepare our hearts and minds to invite Jesus to come.

Quiet time, poems, reflective time, lovely music.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.15am – 1.30pm**

**St. Andrews Sandon.**

Jointly led by Revds. Terry and Caroline Brown. £5 recommended donation to cover costs. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

**RSVP** Revd. Caroline Brown 01245 364081 or email [cjbrown42@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjbrown42@hotmail.co.uk)



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 8.30am -10am**

**Crown Public House**

Speaker Andrew Merchant from BBC Essex His talk in entitled **Faith on BBC Essex**. Please book your place either on the list at the back of the church or ring Dennis on 472997

**Shoebboxes:** Thank you to everyone who filled a box, supplied gifts to help fill a box, or donated money to help with transportation costs. This year we are sending out 30 boxes which will be given to some of the world's poorest children this Christmas. Thank you again.

## Christmas Services and events

Please take a leaflet with our Christmas services and give it to a friend or neighbour. Christmas is a time when we can welcome your friends and neighbours.