

# The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place



Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

**7<sup>th</sup> December**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Please Pray for

- Pray for the work of the Diocesan Evangelical Association and its Chair, Gordon Simmonds.
- Pray for the Diocese of Kinkizi (Uganda), The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka, Bishop
- Our keeping of a holy Advent
- 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
- Those suffering from the effects of Ebola - especially those in the Kori region of Sierra Leone - and those caring for them
- Bishop John as he begins his new treatment over the next 4 months
- The elderly and lonely in our parish
- Those who live in Mayes Lane
- We pray for our Christingle Service on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and for all who will attend.
- 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, Pauline Butterworth Henry Smith, Paul Marren 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  
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### 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:**

**Nick Bobeldijk**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Michael Puffett**

**Intercessions:**

**Dennis Terry**

**Sides person:**

**Eileen Bartup**

### Next Week's Service

**Sunday 7th December**

**08:00 am Holy Communion**

**10:00 am Sung Eucharist**

**4:00 pm Christingle**

### This week

#### Monday 8th December

11:00 Lay Communion and Carols (Nursing Home)

2.30pm Funeral in Church of Clive Burgess

#### Tuesday 9th 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 10th December

1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church

6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)

7pm Advent Course with Celtic Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Morning Prayer at East Hanningfield

5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)

6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)

8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

7:30pm Choir Practice.

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

08.30am Men's Breakfast Crown Pub

10.15am Advent Quite Day at St Andrews

**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, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

## Reading Isaiah 40. 1-9

### God's People Are Comforted

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' 'All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

## Gospel Reading Mark 1. 1-8

### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

Page 33 (New Testament) Pew Bibles

## Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

### Pastoral Care in Sandon Meeting today

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 the meeting today 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.



## 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.

## Thank you

A big thank you to all who made our Patronal Festival such a success. To Ron and our Choir, to Ed and the choir of Ascension, to David, Christine F, Christine M, Eileen for the refreshments and of course to all who attended.