

The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place



Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

14th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

Please Pray for

- Pray for Denis Huntley, Chaplain amongst Deaf and Deafblind People and Adviser on Disability Issues, and his team.
- Pray for The Diocese of Kitgum (Uganda), The Rt. Revd Benjamin Ojwang, 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 East Hanningfield Road
- We pray for our Christingle Service today and for all who will attend.
- We pray for all attending our Christmas services.
- 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 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

Today's service

8:00am Holy Communion

Reader	Colin Bryan
Eucharistic Minister	Colin Bryan
Sides person	Colin Bryan

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Reader:	Joan Bridger
Eucharistic Minister:	Janet Terry
Intercessions:	Ian Underwood
Sides person:	Christine Farrar

4.00pm Christingle Service

Next Week's Services

Sunday 21st December

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 16th 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 17th December

1.00pm Tiny Tots in Church
6:00pm Brownies (Village Hall)
7pm Advent Course with Taize Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th December

5.00pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)
6.20pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)
8.00pm Scouts (Village hall)

Friday 19th December

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 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.

Parish People

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Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday: 10am Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of the Month

8am Holy Communion (Traditional)

10am Family Service

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end

The Good News of Deliverance

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Gospel Reading John 1. 6-8, 19-28

The Testimony of John the Baptist

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Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen

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.

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.

Sunday 14th December Christingle Service 4pm

Come and experience this service as we light the candles of the Christingle. This service is for young and not so young.

Sunday 21st December Candle Lit Nine Lessons & Carol Service 6.30pm

Come again and hear the story of the first Christmas and see the church in all its glory. Sandon School Chamber choir will be joining our church choir. Arrive early to get a good seat.

Monday 22nd December Beer and carols @ The Crown @ 7pm.

Everyone invited to come and sing favourite carols and sample free mince pies.

Wednesday 24th December at 4pm Crib service

A service for all ages to gather round the manger and see the Christmas story unfold. Children please come dressed as one of the characters of the Christmas Story or as an animal.

Wednesday 24th December at 11.30pm

Midnight Communion Service

Come and welcome the new born Christ child. Arrive early to obtain a seat at this popular service.

Thursday 25th December at 10am

Christmas Day Service & Communion

Please bring an opened present to show us at the service.

Thank you to the Christingle team for all their work yesterday in preparing the Christingle's for today's service.

Sign up for the New Pilgrim Course beginning on Wednesday 7th January. The six week course is on the Lord's Prayer.