

Please Pray for

- Please pray for the Church of England Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.
- Pray for the Diocese of Kontogara Lokga, Nigeria The Rt. Revd. Jonah Ibrahim Bishop
- 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 sick leave
- The elderly and lonely in our parish
- 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, Peter Elwell 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
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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



Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

21st December

4th Sunday of Advent

Today's service

10:00am Sung Eucharist
Reader: *Beryl Puffett*
Eucharistic Minister: *David Farrar*
Intercessions: *Judy Cecil*
Sides person: *Eileen Bartrup*

6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

During the Week Services

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

Wednesday 24th December

4.00 am Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Service

Reader: *Richard Cecil*
Eucharistic Minister: *Dennis Terry*
Intercessions: *Nick Bobeldijk*
Sides person: *Christine Mennie*

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

*10.00 Am Family Service with
Communion*

Reader: *Janet Terry*
Eucharistic Minister: *David Farrar*
Intercessions: *Richard Cecil*
Sides person: *Christine Farrar*

Sunday 28th December Sung Eucharist

Reader: *Michael Puffett*
Eucharistic Minister: *Richard Cecil*
Intercessions: *Dennis Terry*
Sides person: *Eileen Bartrup*

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

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading

2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16

God's Covenant with David

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1. 26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called

the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

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

New Year's Day: Bring the family to '**Lambing Alive**' at Danbury Park Farm CM2 7RY from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations are to go to the 'Friends of Sandon Church' for The St. Andrew's Church Roof Fund.



Revd. Terry along with the Church Wardens and Congregation wish everyone a very Happy Christmas