

The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place



We welcome **Christine McCafferty** as our preacher
today

Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown

**Sunday before Lent
15th February 2015**

Please Pray for

- Today is Poverty Action Sunday.
- We pray for James Bettley (Chair) and all who work for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust.
- We remember the work of Archbishop Janani Luwum Trust, Stratford.
- Pray for the Diocese of Mandalay (Myanmar) and their bishop Rt. Revd David Nyi Nyi Naing
- 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.
- The elderly and lonely in our parish.
- For those to be confirmed at Easter.
- Pray for Bishop Rob and his wife Sue Rev. Joshua and all our friends in Kenya.
- That we keep Lent as a preparation for Easter.
- The sick and those who care for them especially Barbara Parish, Chloe King, Simon Bobeldijk, Liz, Simon Mills, Susannah Bedwell, Bishop John, Mike Mercer, Pauline Butterworth Henry Smith, Paul Marren, Peter Elwell, Donald Sergeant and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently especially Theresa Frost and for those who mourn.

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

Today's service

10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher	Canon Christine McCafferty
Eucharistic Minister	Christine Mennie
Prayers	Ian Underwood
Reading	Janet Terry

Tea/Coffee Rota	Gill Haddington/ Mike Harris
	Next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist

Next Week

Monday 16th February

FIRST DAY SPRING HALF TERM

7.45pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday 17th February

9.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

Wednesday 18th February

7.30pm Ash Wednesday

Sung Eucharist and ashing

Thursday 19th February

8.30am Morning Prayer at Boreham

Friday 20th February

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.

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Old Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9. 2-9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Why not join us on a Quiet Day at Pleshey Retreat House on Saturday 7th March 2015

10am – 4pm with Jonathan Evens is our conductor

Cost £20 per person. BYO lunch

To book your place complete the booking form at the back of the church and place the form and a cheque made payable to Sandon PCC or cash in an envelope and put it in the wall safe by the door of the church ASAP to secure your place. Or Contact Terry to book your place on 01245 698988

Lent Lunch

Saturday 21st February

12noon to 1.30pm in St. Andrew's Room

Bring a friend with you

Lent Course

We will be following the Pilgrim Course on the Ten commandments. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are

Attending The first evening begins on Wednesday 25th February



Messy Church

Are you passionate about Children then please come to a meeting on Monday 23rd February at 7.30am in St. Andrew's Room. We would like to explore the possibility on setting up a Messy Church for a 3 month experiment. We need those who would like to do craft work, those who can make drinks hot and cold, those who can help in the worship, singing, playing an instrument, or just helping others in this important work.

Please come to the meeting to find out more.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday.

It can be a time of giving things up but also a time to do something extra like reading a book.

I recommend the following which can be purchased at the Cathedral Bookshop in Guy Hardings.

In God's Hands by Desmond Tutu is the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2015 Lent Book exploring the child-like simplicity which Jesus tells us characterises the Kingdom of God.

Reflecting The Glory Tom Wright explores passages from the New Testament, to help you walk closer to Jesus through the Lent period.

The Lent Factor by Graham James shows clearly and simply how the human character is best described by telling stories about people.

Meeting God in Mark by Rowan Williams

The Journey by John Pritchard

Seeing Jesus and Being Seen by Him by

Christopher Cocksworth

The bookshop has many more to look at.

Happy Reading.