

**Please Pray for**

- The Pope to be successful in urging the international community to do more to tackle the rising number of migrants making desperate and often deadly journeys across the Mediterranean.
- Archbishop Justin Welby and his visit to Egypt as he calls for more support for Christians facing persecution. He said those living in peaceful societies should "stand as witness" to what was happening to Christians elsewhere.
- The work of the Church Army: "We're about sharing faith through words and action to transform lives by making Jesus famous. Our focus is on the 7 out of 10 people who have little or no meaningful contact with church."
- For the Diocese of New Jersey (Province 11 The Episcopal Church USA and the Rt. Revd William Stokes
- For those who live in Gablefields.
  - The sick and those who care for them especially Barbara Parish, Chloe King, Simon Bobeldijk, Liz, Simon Mills, Susannah Bedwell, Bishop John, Pauline Butterworth, Paul Marren, Donald Sergeant, Don Brown, and others known to us.
  - Those who have died recently especially Mike Mercer, Henry Smith, Sue Champness and for those who mourn.

**Christenings or Weddings**

If you would like to arrange one contact  
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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)

10 am Family Service

**The Parish Church of  
St. Andrew Sandon**

**All are Welcome in this Place**



**Priest-in-Charge: Terry Brown**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**26th April 2015**

**Today's Service**

10am Sung Eucharist

**Celebrant & Preacher** Revd. Terry Brown

**Eucharistic Minister** Michael Puffett

**Prayers** Nick Bobeldijk

**Reading** Beryl Puffett

**Sidesperson** Eileen Bartrup

**Tea/Coffee Rota** Kay Tyler/ Liz Bobeldijk

**Next Sunday**

10am Sung Eucharist

**Tuesday 28th April**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

**Wednesday 29th April**

1pm Tiny Tots in Church

6pm Brownies (Village Hall)

**Thursday 30th April**

8.30pm Morning Prayer at South Woodham Ferrers

5pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)

6pm Cub Scouts (Village hall)

8pm Scouts (Village hall)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

7:30 pm 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

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 4. 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## Gospel Reading John 10. 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Messy Church Meeting



Today at 3pm in St. Andrew's Room. Please come if you can help.

## Rogation Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

On the Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May there will be no 10am service in church as we will be worshipping at 10am in a Barn at 'Danbury Park Farm' courtesy of the Richard Speakman . PLEASE SHARE CARS AND ENCOURAGE ALL TO COME. On this occasion we will be joined by our uniformed organisations. There will be refreshments following the service.

**Directions:** you will find the barn off the Main Road (A414) between Well Lane and Hulls Lane. BRING A FOLD UP CHAIR if you wish, hay bales will also be available.

## Results of the Vestry Meeting and APCM

At the Annual Vestry Meeting David Farrar and Janet Terry were elected as Church Wardens. The following were elected onto the PCC Simon Johnson, Michael Puffett, Mike Harris, John Gruby, Christine Mennie and Colin Bryan. Following the APCM the PCC meet and Appointed David Farrar as Vice Chairman, Christine Mennie as Secretary Nick Bobeldijk as Treasurer and Liz Bobeldijk as Electoral Roll Officer.

Following these elections we have a full number of elected PCC members which is always good to have.

## Think about the Common Good

In the General Election next month Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford, has urged Christians to vote for the good of the stranger and people living with poverty, hunger, conflict and disease. Bishop Stephen has also called on voters to seek the welfare of the planet.

How should Christian men and women approach the General Election to be held on 7 May 2015? "When Christians cast their vote we should be thinking about the common good not just our own. Mapping the territory from a Christian perspective, this Pastoral Letter doesn't tell you which party to vote for, but it will help you decide what really matters."

Stephen Cottrell

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