

Please Pray for

- Followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people.
- Today is World Press Freedom Day. Pray for all those involved in the Media.
- The Diocese of Ngbo (Enugu, Nigeria) and its Bishop The Rt. Revd. Christian Ebisike
- Those affected by the catastrophic earthquake in Nepal: for families who are grieving and have lost loved ones; for people facing living in difficult conditions; for relief workers rushing to provide emergency aid.
- Our Baptism Families.
- Our newly wedding couples.
- For our Churchwardens and members of the PCC.
- For those who live in Old Southend Road.
- 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



'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower'

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

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015**

**Today's Service**

10am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher Revd. Terry Brown

Eucharistic Minister David Farrar

Intercessions Richard Cecil

Reading Beryl Puffett

Sidesperson Joan Bridger

Tea/Coffee Rota Christine's Mennie & Farrar

**Next Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

10am Rogation Family Service

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

1pm Tiny Tots in Church

6pm Brownies (Village Hall)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

General Election Day

5pm Beaver Scouts (Sandon Church)

6pm Cub Scouts

8pm Scouts

**Friday 8<sup>th</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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 8. 26-end

### Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## Gospel Reading John 15. 1-8

### Jesus the True Vine

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples

## Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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

Next Sunday 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. **On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May our Churchwardens and members of the PCC will be commissioned at the 10am Service. Please attend this important event.**

### 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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### Churchwardens

Please remember our Churchwardens on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May as they attend the Visitation Service at St. Michael's Church Galleywood to be commissioned by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford.

### Men's Breakfast Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 8.30am – 10am

Our speaker is Revd. Alun Hurd who will be talking about the church in Australia. Please sign the list at the back of the church.