

**Please Pray for**

- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves
- Our preparations for Advent and Christmas Services
- Our stewardship of time, talents, and money
- Christians living in the Holy Land
- Brenda Moyse, Gillian Speakman, Bernard Richmond.
- Baptism family Christopher & Bonnie Slade and Alex
- Wedding Couple Charles and Susan
- Our Brownies and Brown Owl Susan Little
- All Hospital Chaplains
- For those involved in the floods in Cumbria.
- For all those who will attend our Christingle service today.
- For those who will be alone this Christmas or the first one without a loved one.  
The sick and those who care for them especially Reg Horscroft, Christine Farrar, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, Pauline Butterworth, Bishop John, Daisy, Emily, Alex and Joy Wilkinson, Kingsley, Barbara Parish, Ian & Barbara Underwood, Roy Davis, Dave Crawford and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently, June Berry 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 9.30 am Holy Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer  
Sunday: 10 am Parish Eucharist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month  
8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)  
10 am Family Service

**St. Andrew Sandon**

All are Welcome in this Place

Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Terry Brown



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Today's Service**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>President</b>	Rev. Terry Brown
<b>Preacher</b>	Revd Terry Brown
<b>10 am</b>	Sung Eucharist
<b>President</b>	Revd. Pat Cotton
<b>Preacher</b>	Revd Terry Brown
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Dave Farrar
<b>Intercessions</b>	Richard Cecil
<b>Reading</b>	Gill Haddington
<b>Sidesperson</b>	John Gruby
<b>Duty Warden</b>	Janet Terry
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	C. Mennie/ C. Farrar
<b>4pm</b>	Christingle Service
	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>10 am</b>	Sung Eucharist
<b>6:30</b>	<b>Candlelight Nine lessons &amp; carols</b>
	<b>Christmas Week</b>
	SEE Notices on Last Page See also web Site <a href="http://www.sandon-church.info">www.sandon-church.info</a>

**Tuesday 15th 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 16th December**  
1pm Tiny Tots in Church  
6pm Brownies (Village Hall)  
**Thursday 17th December**  
8.30am Morning Prayer at Little Baddow  
5pm Beaver Scouts (Village Hall)  
6pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)  
8pm Scouts (Village Hall)  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
7:30pm Choir Practice

**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

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 Philippians 4. 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God? And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## Gospel Reading Luke 3. 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## Post Collect

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.

## Church Surveys

Please could you bring back your completed Survey sheets as soon as possible and place them in the box marked Church Surveys. If you need a new form please have a word with Terry.

## Posada

Please sign the Journey Rota at the back of the church so that each day has a home for the Nativity scene. Please make arrangements for the Posada to be collected or delivered. There are a few dates available.

## Message from Cllr. Ian Wright

For those new to the area:- Every year at this time as your elected City Councillor I am happy to visit anyone who needs support and may not have friends or relatives in the area. This is often a very lonely time for people on their own especially the elderly and those who have recently been bereaved or are vulnerable in some way or another. Some families go away over this holiday period and have to leave elderly relatives behind and my offer may be of help! I am only to pleased to make a visit or two, have a coffee and mince pie over a chat or even just make a telephone call just to check everything is ok. I am very mindful of security, as should anyone passing on details of any vulnerable person so my telephone number 01245 226289. E-mail [ianwright903@gmail.com](mailto:ianwright903@gmail.com) can be verified by Sandon PC or Chelmsford City Council also David Pearson of the HGCA. Or just call at my home and see me. Many resident of our Parish are not members of the HGCA and Sandon forums so if you know anyone who could use my service please pass on my details. I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Ian.

## Christmas Services

**Sunday 20th December**

**Candlelight Nine lessons & carols 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 22nd December**

**Beer and Carols in the Crown 7pm**

**Thursday 24th December**

**Crib Service 4pm**

**Thursday 24th December**

**Midnight Communion 11.30pm**

**Friday 25th December**

**Christmas worship and Communion  
10am**