

St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place

Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Terry Brown



Sunday 31st January 2016

Epiphany 4

Presentaion of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

Please Pray for

- World Leprosy Day. Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life. Grant Wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease.
- The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Frances and Greg Fourceaud
- Mark and Charlotte Ardleigh Emma and Tom
- The Butts Green Garden Centre
- Our Flower arrangers who beautify our Church
- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves.
- For those who live in The Old Orchard
- For the women of Pakistan who read God's Word, that they will be blessed. We pray that churches will encourage newly-literate women to grow in their faith.
- For aid to reach places in Syria where it is needed to help starving people in war torn areas.
- The sick and those who care for them especially Terry Ward, Reg Horscroft, Christine Farrar, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, 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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Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion

4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday: 10 am Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of the Month

8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)

10 am Family Service

Today's Service

	10 am	Sung Eucharist
President		Revd Terry Brown
Preacher		Revd Sandy Southee
Eucharistic Minister		Richard Cecil
Intercessions		Mark Champness
Reading		Dennis Terry
Sidesperson		Pam Norrington
Duty Warden		David Farrar
Tea/Coffee		M. & B. Puffett

Next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist

Next Week

Monday 1st February

7pm Discovery Group meets in SAR

Tuesday 2nd February

9.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat

6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

8.0 Village Hall Management Meeting

Wednesday 3rd February

1pm Tiny Tots in Church

6pm Brownies (Village Hall)

Thursday 4th February

8.30am Morning Prayer at South Woodham Ferrers

5pm Beaver Scouts (Village Hall)

6pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)

8pm Scouts (Village Hall)

Friday 5th February

7:30pm Choir Practice

Families are very welcome in Church.

Toilets and Changing facilities opposite Main Door

All are welcome at the Communion rail. If you do

not normally receive Communion, please come

forward to receive a blessing.

Please stay after the Service for Refreshments.

Please take this Pew sheet home for reference.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading Malachi 3. 1-5

The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Gospel Reading Luke 2. 22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak

about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Collect

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah. May we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Have you ever considered to offer your services for any of the following?

Sidesperson, Reader at services, Lead the intercessions, on the rota for making tea & Coffee after the 10am, Server at the altar, singing in the choir. If you would like to know more or would like to volunteer please have a word with Terry

Discovery Group

We will meet for the first of six sessions on Monday 1st February at 7pm for a simple meal followed by discussion. There is still space on the group if you would like to join. We will meet in St. Andrew's Room.

Day of Prayer

Saturday 5th March 2016

During Lent, Bishop John Wraw is asking each Deanery to have a day of prayer with him. **Chelmsford South Deanery** are hosting the Bishop on Saturday 5th March.

Please consider how you might join in.

Pray at home with friends.

Pray at your church for an hour or so

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church especially if you are attending the first or last event where numbers are required for food. I hope we as a church can support this day.

Ladies Breakfast Saturday 6th February

8.30am to 10am at Butts Green Garden Centre. Our speaker is Revd Carol Ball Vicar of South Woodham Ferris. Breakfast cost is £7 made payable on the day. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church to reserve your breakfast.

Shrove Tuesday 9th February 10:30

Tea Chat and Pancakes all invited to come and enjoy the morning

Ash Wednesday 10th February 7.30pm

There will be a Sung Eucharist with Ashing. Please do all you can to attend this service as it marks the beginning of Lent.

Lent Course

The Long Road to Heaven

We will use The Long Road to Heaven by Tim Heaton, a Lent Course based on the film The Way. Please refer to Terry's letter in the magazine for more information regarding the background of this course. There will then be five sessions during Lent all held in St. Andrews Room. There will be a Wednesday evening session or a Thursday morning Session. Please sign list at the back of the church.

Archdeacon David Lowman retires today

There will be a retiring collection today for David to show our appreciation for the last 15years that he has served this church as our Archdeacon. At 3,30pm today in Chelmsford Cathedral there will be Choral Evensong and presentations made to David. If you can make it please come and give him a good send off.