

Please Pray for

- **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Pray for all who work with people who have disabilities; for Denis Huntley, Chaplain amongst Deaf and Deafblind People and Adviser on Disability Issues, and his team.
- PRAY for the Diocese of Karnataka North (South India)
- Miles and Sarah Girdlestone
- Baptism Family Richard, Ashley and Ava Havelin-Rawson
- Pupils, Staff and Governors of Sandon School
- Local Press and Radio Stations
- Pray for Syria
- Butts Green Road
- For the families and friends of Brazilian football team who crashed in Colombia
- The ministry and mission of this church
- Our giving of our time, talents and money to God
- The people of the USA, and President Elect Trump.
- For all our preparations for our Christmas services that many will attend and hear the Christmas message anew.
- For those involved in the work on our church roof
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- For the homeless especially during this cold weather
- The sick and those who care for them especially Lauren, Terry Ward, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, Daisy, Emily, Alex and Joy Wilkinson, Barbara Parish, Roy Davis, Christine Farrar, Willy Lloyd, Coral Mann, Dennis Terry and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently, Ann Clark, John Houghton and for those who mourn.

**Christenings or Weddings**

If you would like to arrange one contact

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See also web Site [www.sandon-church.info](http://www.sandon-church.info)

**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

8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)

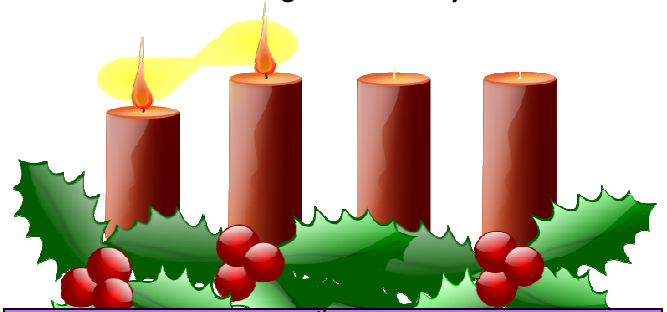
10 am Family Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

**The Parish Church of**

**St. Andrew Sandon**

All are Welcome in this Place

Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Terry Brown



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Second Sunday of Advent

**Families are very welcome in Church.**

<b>10am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Rev. Terry Brown</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Rev. Terry Brown</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>David Farrar</b>
<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Richard Cecil</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Richard Cecil</b>
<b>Sides Person</b>	<b>John Gruby</b>
<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Judy Cecil</b>
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	<b>C. Wood/G. Horscroft</b>

**Next Sunday**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Sung Eucharist  
4pm Christingle Service

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Coffee/Tea & Chat (SAR)  
7.0pm Explorer Scouts (Village Hall)  
7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

1pm Tiny Tots in Church  
6pm Brownies (Village Hall)  
7:30pm Advent Course in SAR

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Morning Prayer at East Hanningfield  
5pm Beaver Scouts (Village Hall)  
6pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)  
8pm Scouts (Village Hall)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Choir Practice

If this is your first visit here, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please make yourself known to Terry our Priest in Charge or to the Sidesperson who gave you this Pew Sheet with your hymnbook and service booklet.

Please stay after the Service for Refreshments and take this sheet home for reference.

## Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

## Reading Isaiah 11. 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## Gospel Reading Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said

to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## Post Collect

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord

### Advent Course Wednesday

This four week course will begin at 7.30pm and end at 9pm. We shall be following the book The Good, the Bad & the Ugly by Richard Wilke. More information on the welcome table. Please sign up if you intend to come.

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

4pm Christingle Service. All are most welcome

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Howe Green URC Church have their Carols and Readings service beginning at 7.30pm. All are invited to join them. Service followed by refreshments.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols. This year there will be a carol from our community choir, Sandon school choir and music group, oboe and piano, our Church choir and many carols for us all to sing. I do hope you can all come. We will be joined by our Mayor and Greenacres are kindly looking after the refreshments after the service.

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Beer and carols @ The Crown @ 7pm. Everyone invited to come and sing favourite carols and sample free mince pies.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm Crib service

A service for all ages to gather round the manger and see the Christmas story unfold. Please could children come dressed as one of the characters in the Christmas story. Sheep, Camels and donkeys also needed, as well as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Kings and Inn Keepers.