

Please Pray for

- **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Pray for all who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio, and all stations relating to the Diocese.
- PRAY for the Diocese of Kericho (Kenya)
- Gill Hodge, Barbara Hodges, Brian
- Baptism Family Gary & Tracey and Jessie Mead
- Marriage couple Stephen and Tarin Watson
- The residents and staff of Chelmsford Nursing Home
- For the right use of Social Media
- For all those who live on The Green
- For the families and friends of Brazilian football team who crashed in Colombia
- For those involved in the work on our church roof
- Pray for displaced people and refugees around the world, forced to leave their homes when they are no longer safe places to live.
- The work of CHESSE especially during this time of Christmas
- Please pray for those who have lost loved ones this year, for whom Christmas will be particularly difficult
- The ministry and mission of this church
- Our giving of our time, talents and money to God
- For all our preparations for our Christmas services that many will attend and hear the Christmas message anew.
- 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, for Dolly Osborne 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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See also web Site www.sandon-church.info

Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion

4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday: 10 am Parish Eucharist

8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)

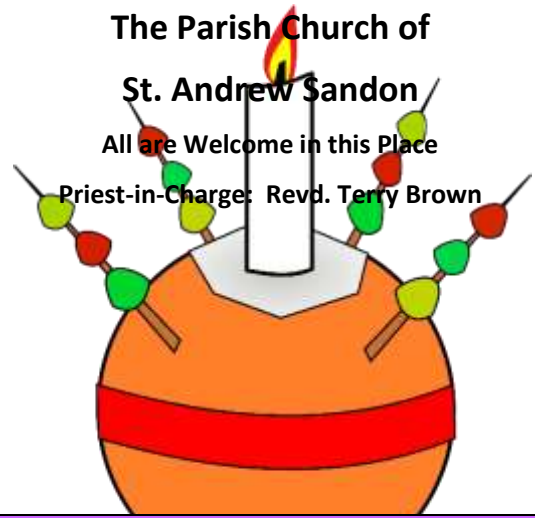
10 am Family Service 2nd Sunday of the Month

The Parish Church of

St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place

Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Terry Brown



Sunday 11th December
 3rd Sunday of Advent

Families are very welcome in Church.

8 am	Holy Communion
President	Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher	Revd. Terry Brown
Eucharistic Minister	Gill Hodge
10 am	Sung Eucharist
President	Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher	Revd. Sandy Southee
Intercessions	Terry Brown
Reader	John Gruby
Sides Person	Joan Bridger
Duty Warden	Judy Cecil
Tea/Coffee	K. Tyler/L. Bobeldijk

4 pm Christingle Service

Next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 13th 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 14th December

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

Thursday 15th December

8.30am Morning Prayer at Sandon
 5pm Beaver Scouts (Village Hall)
 6pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)
 7.30pm Carols and Readings at Howe Green URC
 8pm Scouts (Village Hall)

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

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..

Reading Isaiah 35. 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Gospel Reading Matthew 11. 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight,

the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

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.

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 20th December

This year we are going to The Ship at Tiptree for our Christmas Lunch. 2 courses £11.95 3 Courses £15.50. Please see Christine Mennie to book you place

Thursday 15th December

Howe Green URC Church have their Carols and readings service beginning at 7.30pm. All are invited to join them.

Sunday 18th December

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols. This year there will be a carol from our community choir, Sandon school choir, 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.

Christmas Cards

You will find boxes on a table in the North Aisle by the door into St. Andrew's Room. They are divided alphabetically. Please could you place your cards in the relevant letter and not put the cards on the radiator. Would members of the congregation please check regularly if they have cards to collect?

Christmas services

Please invite you friends to our services over Christmas. Please invite them to the Nine Lessons and Carols, Beer and Carols, Christmas Midnight Mass and Christmas morning Communion. Remember that this is a wonderful time to bring friends and neighbours to church.