

**Please Pray for**

- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Pray for the work of the Diocesan Evangelical Association and its Chair, Gordon Simmonds.
- Pray for the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Armagh, Ireland)
- Guy, Dessi and Anthony Speakman
- Baptism family Craig, Kathryn and Milleigh Bellamy
- Bishop Stephen, Bishop John, Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden, Area Dean Andy Griffiths and Lay Chair Christine Horton.
- For the staff and patients at Farleigh Hospice
- For the growth of our church
- For all those who live in Ladywell Lane
- For the people of this world who are in need this day as we celebrate Christmas.
- For those who will not enjoy Christmas this season, for whom life is a struggle for survival as a result of poverty, famine, disease, war, or the greed of others.
- For all those charged with the responsibility of government, both here in Britain and all over the world, that they might rule in peace, justice and mercy, that people may honour one another and seek the common good
- For all those attending our Christmas services, that they will experience the love, joy and peace.
- We pray for all involved in the work of CHES and we pray for all who are homeless this Christmas.
- 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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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

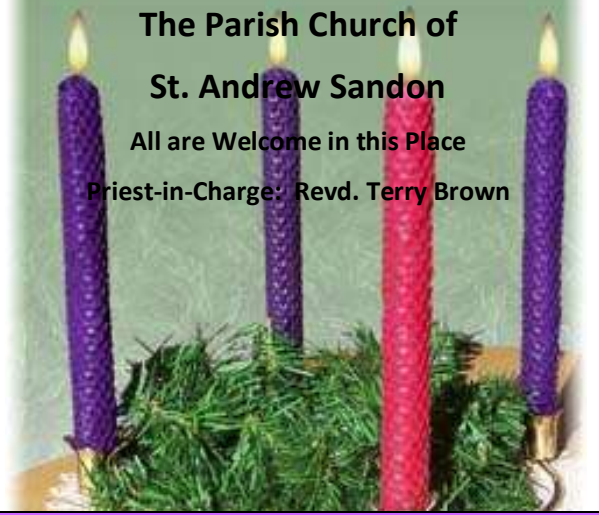
8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)

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 18th December**  
 4th Sunday of Advent

**Families are very welcome in Church.**

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| 10 am                | Sung Eucharist                |
| President            | Revd. Terry Brown             |
| Preacher             | Revd. Pat Cotton              |
| Eucharistic Minister | Janet Terry                   |
| Intercessions        | Nick Bobeldijk                |
| Reader               | Mike Harris                   |
| Sides Person         | Eileen Bartrup                |
| Duty Warden          | David Farrar                  |
| Tea/Coffee           | G. Haddington/M. Harris       |
| 6.30pm               | Nine Lessons and Carols       |
| President            | Revd. Terry Brown             |
| Sides People         | Christine Mennie & John Gruby |

**Next Saturday**

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| 4pm     | Crib Service  |
| 11.30pm | Midnight Mass |

**Next Sunday**

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| 10am                                    | Christmas Day Communion Service                                |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> |  |
| 9.30am                                  | Holy Communion   |
| 10.15am                                 | Coffee/Tea & Chat (SAR) followed by lunch at the Ship Tiptree. |
| 7.45pm                                  | Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)                             |
| 7pm                                     | Beer and Carols in the Crown                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 21st December</b>          |  |
| 7.30pm                                  | Advent Course in SAR   |
| <b>Thursday 22nd December</b>           |  |
| 8.30am                                  | Morning Prayer at Danbury                                      |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>  |  |
| 7.30pm                                  | 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

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading Isaiah 7. 10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## Gospel Reading Matthew 1. 18-end

### The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



## Post Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Advent Course Wednesday

This four week course ends this week.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.

## Tonight

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols. This year there will be a carol from our community 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. Please check to see if you have cards to collect.

## Christmas services

Please invite your 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.

## Tuesday 20th December

### Beer and carols @ The Crown @ 7pm.

Everyone invited to come and sing favourite carols and sample free mince pies.

## Saturday 24th 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.

## Saturday 24th December at 11.30pm

### Midnight Communion Service

Come and welcome the new born Christ child  
Arrive early to obtain a seat at this popular service.

## Sunday 25th December at 10am

### Christmas Day Service & Communion

Please bring an opened present to show us at the service.