

**Please Pray for**

- Christmas Eve pulls us all in different directions! Doing the last bits of the shopping; getting ahead with Christmas dinner; welcoming family home.
- And for us as Christians it's a different kind of preparation too – great services for children; awe and wonder at Midnight Communion; the celebrations of Christmas Day. We need to be eager and enthusiastic about both – for we celebrate the Christ who comes to embrace this extraordinary world. But also find a place to be still and ask God to prepare your heart for this amazing mystery. .
- The Diocese of Kita Kanto (Japan)
- To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name will be called the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)
- The Diocese of Kitale (Kenya)
- Pam Norrington, Frances and Greg Fourgeaud
- All responsible for maintaining and cleaning the church
- For all involved in the planning and working on the church roof
- The work of the Schools Youth Ministry
- Those preparing for Confirmation
- Pray for Afghanistan
- All those who live in Sandon Brook Place
- 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, Liz, Charlie Lequesne 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 25th December**

**Christmas Day**

**Families are very welcome in Church.**

**Saturday 11.30pm**

President  
Preacher  
Eucharistic Minister  
Intercessions  
Reader  
Sidespersons  
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**Midnight Mass**

Revd. Terry Brown  
Revd Terry Brown  
Richard Cecil  
Judy Cecil  
David Farrar  
Christine Mennie/John

**Sunday**

**10 am**

**Sung Eucharist**

President	Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher	Revd. Terry Brown
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Puffet
Intercessions	Revd. Terry Brown
Reader	Christine Mennie
Sides Person	Christine Mennie
Duty Warden	David Farrar or Judy Cecil
Tea/Coffee	G. Haddington/M. Harris

**Next Sunday New Years Day**

**10am Sung Eucharist & Covenant Renewal**

**Tuesday 27th December**

7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

2.30pm Wedding of Andrew and Sarah

**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

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

### Reading Titus 2. 11.14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce sin and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds..

### Gospel Reading Luke 2. 1-14

#### The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

#### The Shepherds and the Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

### Post Collect

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**



**Saturday 21st January 8.30am – 10am**  
**Butts Green Garden Centre**

Speaker Canon Stephen Carter  
Subject Christian-Muslim relations in Maldon?  
All men are invited to this event. You need to reserve your place by Monday 16th January. Please book with Dennis Terry on 01245 472997 or Sign list on Welcome table in Church.



#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 22nd January Pam Knott from Howe Green United Church will talk at the 10am Service at Sandon  
Sunday 29th January 4pm Joint service at Howe Green This will be Café Church Revd. Terry Brown will speak at this service Do try to support this.



#### Quiz Night

Saturday 28th January 7.30pm Quiz Night in Village Hall@ 7.15pm for prompt start at 7.30pm  
Come as a team of 6 or join a team on the night. Bring your own Drinks and Nibbles  
Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment  
Tickets £7 – school age children £3  
Available from Christine 01245 281305 or David 01245 471484

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