

Please Pray for

- **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**
 - PRAY for the Diocese of Mityana (Uganda)
 - On our Electoral Roll Liz and Nick Bobeldijk, Marjorie Ferguson
 - Recent Baptism Family Alexander, Alexandra, Ava-Grace and Harry Ingham
 - Recent Marriage Couple Thomas & Hollie Biney
 - Scouts, Group Leader Jean Blake, Beavers - Janet Bernardes, Cubs – Steve Eatly and Scouts – Aimee Agombar and Explorer Scouts - Charles Richardson
 - For all who live in Brick Kiln Road
 - The ministry and mission of this church
 - In the Churches together in Chelmsford we pray for St Mary's, Broomfield for Revd Carolyn Tibbott and people of that church
 - We pray for the victims, their families, and for all affected by the Westminster attack.
 - The sick and those who care for them especially Bishop John, Lauren, Liz, Charlie, James, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, Daisy, Emily, Alex and Joy Wilkinson, Barbara Parish, Christine Farrar, Coral Mann, Dilys and Gareth Edwards, Keith Porter and others known to us.
 - Those who have died recently, especially Terry Ward and for those who mourn.
 - Those whose yearly mind falls in April Susan Champness, Dorothy Heard and Shirley Haveron
- May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace: And rise in glory.

Christenings or Weddings

If you would like to arrange one contact
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See also web Site www.sandon-church.info

Regular Pattern of Worship

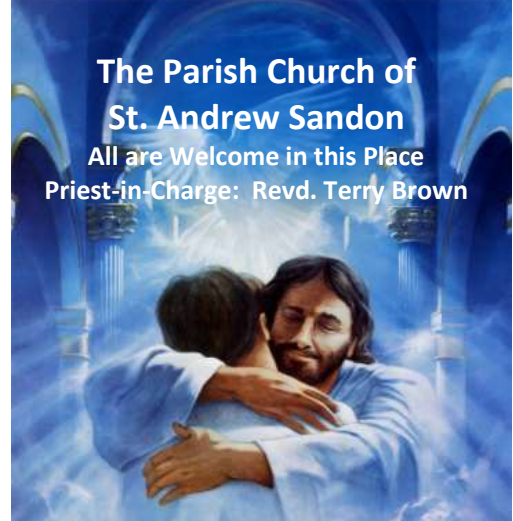
Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion

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 2nd April
 5th in Lent

Families are very welcome

10am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant	Revd. Canon Dr. Graham Hamborg
Preacher	Revd. Canon Dr. Graham Hamborg
Eucharistic Minister	Revd. Pat Cotton
Sides Person	John Gruby
Reader	Nick Bobeldijk
Prayers	Michael Puffett
Duty Warden	David Farrar
Tea/Coffee	Denise Carter/Michael Puffett

Next Sunday 10am Palm Sunday

Tuesday 4th April

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.15am Tea and Chat in SAR
- 11.30am Lent Course in SAR

Wednesday 5th April

- 3pm Fete meeting in SAR
- 7.30pm Lent Course in SAR

Thursday 6th April

- 8.30am Morning Prayer at S. Woodham Ferrers
- 5pm Beaver Scouts (Village Hall)
- 6pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)
- 8pm Scouts (Village Hall)

Friday 7th April

- 7.30pm Choir Practice (New Comers welcome)

Saturday 8th April

- 10am – 12noon Church yard morning
- 12:0am Lent Lunch

Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday

- 10am Palm Sunday Service meet 9.50am on the Green
- 6:30 pm Stainers Crucifixion with Sandon and Maldon Choirs.

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.

Collect

God of our salvation, help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies and poison our minds and to choose again your gift of life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen

Reading Ezekiel 37. 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Gospel Reading John 11 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will

be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him. "When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world. "When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go. "Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Collect

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at **8pm on Monday 10th April 2017** in Church. This is preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our Churchwardens.

The APCM is when the PCC report on its activities during the year and the financial state of the church.

A booklet with the reports will be available the week before the APCM

Elections also take place PCC Members and this year 2 Deanery Synod members

Nominations are now required for the 2 Churchwardens, 4 PCC Members and 2 Deanery Synod members. The nomination forms for all the elections are on the table at the rear of church. Please complete the appropriate form with your nomination and place in the folder provide. DON'T forget that the person you are nominating has to sign the form agreeing to their nomination.

Saturday 29th April Ladies Breakfast

at Butts Green Garden Centre @ 8.30am

Book your place by ringing Janet on 01245 472997 or signing the booking sheet at the back of the church.

Thursday 6th April

10am in St. Andrews Room Mark Tiddy who is the Bradwell Area Youth Advisor is visiting Sandon to talk about setting up of a Year 7 drop in after school once a week. We have a few people interested. It would be good to have a few more on the rota. If you are interested please come to the meeting. If you are interested but cannot come on Thursday please let Terry know so that you can be updated after the meeting.

Tuesday 11th April Come Dine with Me

JESUS invites you to an Agape Supper on Tuesday 11th April In St. Andrew's Room @ 7.30pm prompt.

This meal will commemorate Jesus' last meal with his friends and the institution of the Eucharist. We will share our meal within the service of Holy Communion.

For catering purposes please book by signing the form on the welcome table by Sunday 9th April.

MENU

Soup

Traditional Israeli Lamb Casserole

With Potatoes and Vegetables

Followed by fruit

£4.00 for each person

Thanksgiving Service Sunday 30th April at 10am

Please could I remind you if you have not already done to RSVP your letter you received recently. We need to know numbers for the celebration refreshments.

Next Sunday Palm Sunday

We will begin our service next Sunday (weather permitting) on The Green. Please could you assemble at 9.50 am. If you would prefer not to walk, then please go straight into Church.

Saturday 8th April

We have our monthly Churchyard morning from 10am to 12noon. Please come if you possibly can to help maintain our lovely churchyard.

Then at 12 noon we will have our Lent Lunch in St. Andrew's Room. All donations will go to the Bishop's lent Appeal.

Sunday 9th April 6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion

Please support our choir as well as the choir of All Saints Maldon as they come together to sing. Modelled on the great passion settings of J.S. Bach, Stainer's Crucifixion is amongst the most popular of all English choral works and vividly portrays the events of the Passion of Christ. Scored for tenor and bass soloists, organ and mixed choir, the piece combines recitatives, solos, and masterful choruses that range from the graphic mob shouts of Crucify Him to the ethereally beautiful meditation at the work's centrepiece God so loved the world'.

Easter Services

Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday Service 10 am

We will meet on The Green at 9.50am and then process into church with or without the donkey!

6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion with

St. Andrews choir and All Saints choir Maldon

Monday 10th April

9.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Stations of the Cross Followed by the APCM at 8pm

Tuesday 11th April

9.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Come Dine with Me Passover Meal.

(Please sign list in Church)

Wednesday 12th April

9.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 13th April

Maundy Thursday

9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer

11am Chrism Service in Chelmsford Cathedral

7.30pm Sung Eucharist followed by stripping of Altars and meditation in Church.

Watch until 11pm

Friday 14th April

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross.

11am United service in centre of Chelmsford.

2pm Final hour at the cross.

Sunday 16th April

Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion

8.45am Easter Breakfast for 8am & 10am Congregations.

10am Sung Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt.

