

Please Pray

- Pray for the Church of England Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.
- The Diocese of Wyoming (Province VI, The Episcopal Church)
- On our Electoral Roll Roy and Alma Smith, Denise Carter
- Baptism Family Fletcher, Lyndsay and Arthur Kewley
- Recent Marriage William & Jemma Lyttle
- The Crown Public House
- Christine McCafferty and Sandie Southee
- Safety on Rural roads
- For broken families
- Remember those in our world suffering due to famine and drought. Pray for agencies working to bring help to these people.
- Those who live in Hulls Lane
- In the Churches together Prayer diary Moulsham Lodge & Hall Street Methodist Revd Abena ('Abe') Konadu
- The sick and those who care for them especially Matthew Horsburgh, Pam, Charlie, Mark, Matthew, Simon, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, Daisy, Emily, Barbara Parish, Christine Farrar, Dilys and Gareth Edwards, Gladys Brown, Norman & Helen Kinch and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently, especially, Liz Candy, Albert Greenway, Derek Rushen, Dorothy Bright, Mary Coleman, & Joyce Little
- Those whose yearly mind falls in December Sheila Ardley, Beryl Saltmarsh Gordon Law (Priest), Dolly Osborne
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
Revd. Terry Brown on 01245 698988
 or email tgabrown@hotmail.com

Parish People

Rector Revd. Terry Brown 01245 698988

Email tgabrown@hotmail.com

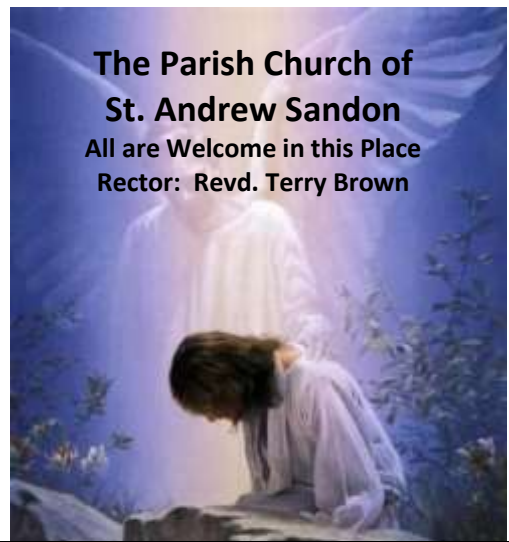
Churchwardens

Judy Cecil 01245 224747 Michael Puffett 01245 222066

PCC Secretary Anna Cosby annaedavies@hotmail.co.uk

Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion
4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer
Sunday: 10 am Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday of the Month
8 am Holy Communion
10 am Family Service



The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place
 Rector: Revd. Terry Brown

Sunday 17th December
 Third Sunday of Advent

Families are very welcome

10am Sung Eucharist

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Celebrant | Revd Terry Brown |
| Preacher | Revd Terry Brown |
| Eucharistic Minister | David Farrar |
| Reader | Richard Cecil |
| Intercessions | Nick Bobeldijk |
| Sides person | Kim Davies/Joan Bridger |
| Refreshments | Richard & Judy Cecil |

6:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Next Week

10am Sung Eucharist

4pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

10am Christmas Morning service with Communion

Next Week

Monday 18th December

10am Internment of Marjorie Ferguson

1.30pm Carol singing at Greenacres

Tuesday 19th December

9.30am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee

2.30pm Internment of Derek Rushen

12: Noon Christmas Lunch at the 'Crown'

7:00pm Beer and Carols (The Crown Pub)

Wednesday 20th December

1.30pm Tiny Tots Christmas Party

7.30pm Book Club our Advent Course in SAR

Thursday 21st December

8.30am Morning Prayer at S.W.F.

7:30pm Carols by Candlelight Howe Green URC

Friday 22nd December

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 Rector 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 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. Amen.

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring
up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and
praise to spring up before all the nations. .

Gospel Reading John 1. 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they

said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Post Communion

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 forever. Amen.

Chelmsford Foodbank

We now have a plastic box at the back of the church where you are invited to place food for our Food Bank. With Christmas coming up there are some items that would be of great benefit.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING PLEASE?

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Food items | |
| UHT Milk | Personal items |
| Jars of coffee | Men's Toiletries |
| Tins of Biscuits | (urgent) |
| Christmas cakes | Washing up liquid |
| Long Life fruit juice | Nappies, all sizes |
| Christmas puddings | Washing powder |
| Mince pies (watch date) | Ladies toiletries |
| Ham | Toilet rolls |
| Jam | |

Bible Book Club.

This week we will be looking at the Gospel of Luke. If you have not been able to attend the other nights then please join us this Wednesday.

Craft Group

Starting in the spring in the Old Dairy, Cedar Cottage, Woodhill Road. There is a list on the welcome table. The plan is to make cards for Christmas, birthday etc. Don't forget to secure your place by signing up today.

Carol Singing

We have been asked to sing Christmas Carols at Greenacres tomorrow Monday 18th December at 1.30pm. If you can help please sign the list on the welcome table.

Village Hall Church Representative

We are looking for someone who will represent the church on the Village Hall Committee. There is a maximum of 6 meetings during a year. It would be good to have the name of someone soon so that they can begin in 2018. If you feel you could do this for us, please have a word with Terry, Judy or Michael.