

Please Pray

- Please pray for the members of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, and the Company of Servers.
 - The Diocese of Yola (Jos, Nigeria)
 - On our Electoral Roll Ron Woods, Chris Davies,
 - Baptism family: Peter, Tracey & Kerry Brown
 - The recently baptised and those preparing for Baptism
 - The work of the YMCA
 - For Richard and those who deliver the Church Magazine
 - All those who have lost dear ones recently
 - Prisoners recently released
 - Those who live in Rectory Chase
 - Although for many this is a time of celebration and joy with family and friends pray for those who find this period lonely, difficult and stressful.
 - Give thanks for each member of our church family and pray that we would seek God's plans for us individually and collectively as the New Year approaches.
 - 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
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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 24th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Families are very welcome

10am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant	Revd Terry Brown
Preacher	Revd Pat Cotton
Intercessions	David Farrar
Eucharistic Minister	Richard Cecil
Reader	Mike Harris
Sides person	Pam Norrington/Richard Cecil
Refreshments	Janet Terry/Pat Salmon

4pm Crib Service

Leader **Revd. Terry Brown**
 Sidesperson Anna Cosby/ David Farrar

Midnight Communion (11:30pm)

Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Terry Brown
Intercessions	Judy Cecil
Eucharistic Minister	Christine Mennie
Reader	Mike Harris
Sidesperson	Judy Cecil/ Michael Puffett

10am Christmas Morning service with Communion

Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Terry Brown
Eucharistic Minister	Christine Mennie
Reader	Michael Puffett
Intercessions	Revd. Pat Cotton
Sides person	Eileen Bartrup/ Richard Cecil

Next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 25th December

10am Christmas Day Service

Tuesday 26th December

St. Stephen's Day

No 9.30am Communion

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

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1. 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with

God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Post Communion

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed Us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

1st Reading

Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2. 1-14

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.

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 Saviour, 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 Communion

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.

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

Jars of coffee

Tins of Biscuits

Christmas cakes

Long Life fruit juice

Christmas puddings

Mince pies (watch date)

Ham

Jam

Personal items

Men's Toiletries

(urgent)

Washing up liquid

Nappies, all sizes

Washing powder

Ladies toiletries

Toilet rolls

Thank you to all who have brought gifts which have gone to the Foodbank.

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.

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.

Saturday 27th January 2018



7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Sandon Village Hall

Tickets £7 bring your own food, drink and glasses. Ring David for tickets on 01245 471484 or Christine on 01245 281305

All money raised will support our four charities, CHESS, The Samaritans, Water Aid and J Hospice



