

Please Pray for

- Please pray for the work of the Church Army: "There are so many people we have yet to reach, and so many broken lives still to be touched by Christ's light. That's why you find Church Army on the edges of society, meeting people where they are, often in desperate need, helping them know God's love and peace in their lives."
 - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
 - Darren & Pauline Chaplin, Andy & Penny Hilton, Richard & Sally Speakman
 - Baptism family Richard, Nicole and Mason Vallance
 - The Friends of Sandon Church
 - The Church Wardens and members of the PCC
 - Those who work in A & E at Broomfield Hospital
 - For the marginalised
 - Compass Churches St. Peter South Hanningfield
 - Those who live in Woodhill Road
 - In the Christians together prayer diary we pray for Christian Aid, and Robin Stevens (Chair)
 - For those who have asked for prayer. Martin Childs, Pam, Charlie, Mark, Matthew, James, Simon Mills, Daisy, Emily, Barbara Parish, Christine Farrar, Ken Lawrence, Henrietta Forssen, John Gruby Junior, Ian Underwood, Pat Eden, Janet Terry, Janet Green and others known to us.
 - Those who have died recently, especially, John Price, Greta Mills, Joyce Sperring, Douglas Marshall & Julie Wood.
 - Those whose yearly mind falls in April Susan Champness, Dorothy Heard, Shirley Haveron and Shirley Carlton
- 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

I AM

T Bread of Life
I Light of the World

H Door
G Good Shepherd
R Resurrection & the Life

E Way, the Truth, & the Life
T True Vine

Sunday 29nd April

5th Sunday of Easter

Families are very welcome

10am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant	Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher	Revd. Terry Brown
Eucharistic Minister	Janet Terry
Prayers	Michael Puffett
Reader	Claire Jefferies
Sides persons	Joan Bridger/Michael Puffett
Refreshments	Mike Harris/Gill Haddington

Next Sunday 10am Sung Eucharist

During the Week

Monday 30th April

2pm Churchwardens Meeting in SAR

Tuesday 1st May

9.30am Holy Communion with refreshments

7:30pm Explorer Scouts (Village Hall)

7.45pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 2nd May

1:00pm Tiny Tots

Thursday 3rd May

8.30am Compass Churches Morning Prayer at Woodham Ferrers

5:00pm Beaver Scouts Village Hall

6:30pm Cub Scouts Village Hall

8:00pm Scouts Village Hall

Friday 4th May

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. Please stay after the service for refreshments.

There is a toilet and baby changing facilities in St. Andrews Room.

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

1st Reading Acts 8. 26 - 40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south[g] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip[i] baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel Reading John 15. 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My

Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

Christian Aid Collectors

Christian Aid week is 13th -19th May.

Could you possibly give out and collect envelopes in one of our roads in Sandon. Please have a word with Michael. Thank you.

Churchyard Morning

The next Churchyard morning is Saturday 12th May from 10am to 12noon.

Please have a word with Christine Mennie to find out what gardening tools you can bring.

If you cannot manage the Saturday morning but could help on another morning or afternoon, please have a word with Christine who will discuss with you what needs doing.

Let's work together to make the churchyard look good for the summer.

From Rectors report at the APCM

3 things to put at the top of our list for 2018.

The first is a challenge. All members of the Electoral Roll will receive a copy of New Daily Light Bible notes to use from May to August. There will be a few meetings at the end of topics, which all are encouraged to attend. One on a Wednesday evening and one on a Thursday morning.

Our Second priority for the year is to increase our prayer time each day. Between Ascension Day and Pentecost we will use the Thy Kingdom Come material. We ask all members of the congregation to pray for 5 minutes each day.

Our third priority this year is the ministry of invitation. I would like us to take this seriously this year. We have lots of special services and events which we can invite someone along.

Village Walk Saturday 12th May

David Farrar is arranging for this to start at 10 a.m. from Sandon Church Car Park and going clockwise to the Cricketers, Danbury Common for lunch starting at 12 noon. After lunch say at about 2 p.m. onward to Sandon via the ford at Sporhams Lane. The walk should finish about 4 p.m. I am sure that arrangements can be made if you just wish to walk one half either a.m. or p.m. The walk is to raise money for 4 charities which this year are The Samaritans, CHESS, Water Aid and J's Hospice. Please let David know if you wish to walk, join up for lunch, or sponsor one of the walkers.