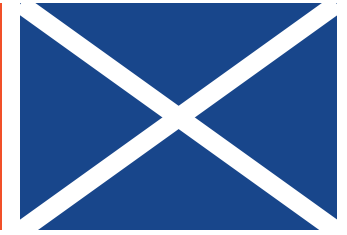


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## The Walrus

The walrus lived in the coldest  
north

A happy life led he;  
He swam and ate his fish all day  
And swam in the cold sea.

But each year the sea was  
warmer

And so confused was he  
In a warming bath he might have  
been

Not swimming in the arctic sea.

His fish were getting fewer  
As fishing ships they came  
He thought he would take a  
longer trip  
It was all a strange new game.

He swam for many miles away  
From his cold and snowy land  
He passed ships and polar bears  
He was feeling rather grand.

One day he spied a sandy shore  
That he had never seen  
He thought he would take a look  
On the beach stood a canteen.

He heard the people talking  
It was French that he had heard  
He knew he had taken a wrong  
turn

This really was absurd.

The sea was getting warmer  
And the sea was full of junk  
So his trip down south was ended  
And he quickly packed his trunk.

And went home!

19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## The Tower

The castellated tower had stood  
It's presence strong and clear  
A marker for all those who  
Held it close, held it dear.

It had weathered many storms to  
date

If truth be told to all  
It had stood the gales of  
seventeen three\*  
It had weathered every squall.

The snow, a blanket covered it  
In many winters passed  
But still it stood resolute  
Anchored strong and fast.

Many locals passed it by  
On their daily rounds  
It was so familiar in their eyes  
It stayed in the background

Through it all the tower still stood  
A beacon of its faith  
To proclaim the church beneath  
its tiles

A holy, sacred space,

14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

\*gales of 1703.

Richard Simmonds

## Rector's Letter

Easter is fast approaching, the commercial bandwagon has been rolling forward since just after Christmas but that is what commercialism does. It persuades everyone that the only way to celebrate something is to spend vast amounts of money joining an ever-increasing secular trend, which very few can actually afford.

As Christians, however, what we celebrate at Easter is far beyond monetary value and our celebrations take on a variety of emotions as we travel through Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally Easter day. However hard we try to understand the Easter story, it is almost beyond our comprehension that Jesus, should sacrifice himself to such a cruel death on the cross of Calvary so that we can come forgiven into the presence of God. On Good Friday Christians remember the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate his victory over death. On that third day after he was killed, the risen Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, then to his twelve disciples, and then to hundreds of others. As Christians we believe the risen Jesus is with us still through the Holy Spirit within

each one of us, and at the heart of the church and of the world. We live in a deeply broken world. Climate change is happening. Refugees have long fled from wars across the globe, from Syria to Afghanistan, from Somalia to Yemen. And now Ukraine, as millions of women, children and old people are forced to leave their land and their home. People are opening their hearts and their homes to those in need. They are being generous, even though prices are going up, even though all of us are facing rising costs for food and fuel, still people are reaching out to help those in need.

This is the true spirit of Easter. As Jesus was dying on the cross, he spoke to his mother and his disciple John. He asked Mary to take John as a son, and John to take Mary into his own home as if she were his own mother. Jesus did not forget those who would be left behind, and nor should we. Easter reminds us that Love is stronger than hate. Love is stronger than death. In the end, Love wins!

One of my favourite Bible stories is The Walk to Emmaus (St Luke chapter 24 verses 13 - 35). In this passage two of Jesus' disciples are walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem. Suddenly they are joined by Jesus, but thinking he is

dead, they do not recognise him. They talk about the events of the past few days in Jerusalem: of Jesus' death on the cross and of his alleged rising to life again. The stranger listens and walks with them, helping them to understand the prophecies concerning Jesus' death. As evening falls, they share a meal, and, as the stranger blesses and breaks the bread, so the disciples recognise him to be the risen Christ, and immediately – filled with the joy of the resurrection – they go into the world to proclaim this Good News.

Lent, in many ways, could be regarded as our journey to Emmaus; a time of walking with Jesus, seeking to know him more fully and living in his love more deeply. During Lent we are encouraged to ask questions about our faith, just like those first disciples obviously did as they walked. We are encouraged to spend time listening to Jesus – in prayer and through reading the Scriptures, discerning his call for each of us, and being both comforted and challenged by the transforming message he brings. We are encouraged to discover afresh the joy of the Gospel and how we can share this message of salvation with those around us. Why not join us for the Lent course at St. Andrews on a Tuesday morning at 10:30 am.

Further details are found elsewhere in this magazine. After the journey, after Lent, comes the clearest revelation of Jesus. He breaks the bread at his friends' table and is instantly recognised by them as their risen Lord. Every time we gather to celebrate Communion we too bless and break the bread, and the risen Christ comes among us in that bread and wine to feed us for our journey of faith in him. But more than that, we commemorate and celebrate the Easter Mystery: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

So as Easter approaches, we invite you all to join us in remembering and celebrating during Holy Week. Come and hear the story! On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus's last meal gathered around a table with his disciples, and we meet together at 7:00 pm in church as we share a meal and take communion and this will be followed by a period of silence in church to remind us of what those first disciples did when they tried to keep awake and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Come on Good Friday to take part in the last journey of Jesus as we walk round the church for the stations of the cross which tell us of story of Jesus Crucifixion. Or why not join with the many people who will

come together at 11:00 am in the city centre for an open-air service. Otherwise why not come to St. Andrews church at 2:00 pm for an hour by the cross?

Then on Easter Sunday why not come at 6:00 am for an open-air service in the churchyard where we take communion together. Finally, we will celebrate the resurrection at our special Easter morning service at 10:00 am. This is our Easter joy! I pray that this joy may be yours this Easter as we celebrate afresh the

### Rhythm of Life Lent 2023 Course

A stand-alone course that can serve as a stepping stone for further engagement with the Rhythm of Life. There are 5 sessions, with online videos. The course will on Tuesdays 28<sup>th</sup> February and then 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Timetable

9:30 am Holy Communion  
10:30 am Course begins  
11:45 am Course ends  
During the course there will be 2 videos ,2 group discussions and a time of worship.  
There are no books to buy. The 5 topics discussed are: Resting, Creating, Sharing, Encouraging, Celebrating  
Do come along to St. Andrews Room.

Resurrection of Christ. For Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Terry



### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 am

Come and be part of this special Mothering Sunday Service. It is for all ages. There will be a church parade and all are invited along. There will be flowers

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### Lunchtime Concerts

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10<sup>th</sup> March

The Remedy Band - an easy on the ear group playing popular songs and gospel from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s

14<sup>th</sup> April

Jeffery Wilson returns to us with Sam Edwards for a session of cool lunchtime jazz

12<sup>th</sup> May

The ever popular Bell Trio are with us with music for piano, clarinet and saxophones

### Lord's Prayer, updated

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer. Then she implored: "and lead us not into temptation but deliver us some e-mail."

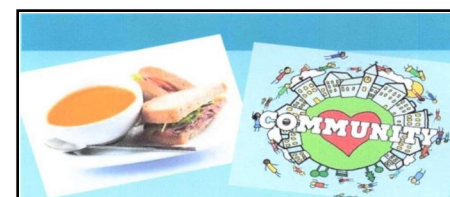
### Church officials

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled,

sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel demanded.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two big men standing by the door and glaring at you? They're hushers."



### Monthly Soup & Sandwich Lunch

#### at St Andrews Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

Next Lunch is 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Future dates 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Join us for lunch once a month, for companionship & fellowship (and food of course!!)  
We would love to see you.

No cost but  
Donations gratefully received

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:30pm  
Contact: Revd Terry Brown for more details on 01245 698988



## Easy Fundraising.

Our treasurer observes that this raised £447.34 in 2022 with over half contributed by one keen spender! And all but £11.99 coming from the top 5 spenders. His suggestion is that several electoral roll members are 'missing in action'.

## Gretna Green of Essex

Eloping couple or those in need of a shotgun wedding during the first half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century did not need to travel all the way to Gretna Green.

Sandon was the parish of Revd Gilbert Dillingham. He gained quite a reputation for his willingness to marry couples. Hundreds of runaway brides turned up on his doorstep. Word got around that the Rector of St Andrew's Church was happy to do the honours. For the right fee of course.

*From Eileen Bartrup quoting from Reg Bush's book entitled Sandon*

## Christmas Fayre

We began organizing in August, but in no time the day of the Fayre dawned.

The first thing to arrive at the church was the amazing igloo for Father Christmas, 7.30am to be precise! Gradually stallholders arrived and began organizing their goods. Some had fun trying to erect their gazebos. Thankfully

all managed eventually as the gazebos were needed. Despite the awful weather lots of cheerful people arrived throughout the day. The children loved visiting Father Christmas in his igloo and all received a lovely gift.

There was plenty of delicious hot food on offer which went down well, along with mulled wine and of course tea and coffee. Towards the end of the Fayre it started to rain hard so the raffles were held in the church. Well done to Janet Underwood for winning the turkey, hope you and the family enjoyed it. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Fayre, stallholders and attendees alike. A time to enjoy the atmosphere and meet friends whilst browsing the lovely variety of items for sale and anticipating Christmas.

I, along with the committee, thank all who supported the event, whether as stallholder, other helper or even an attendee. We look forward to next year's Fayre but before that we have our annual summer fete to enjoy.

*Liz Bobeldijk*

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. Can atheists get insurance for acts of God? If you can't sleep, don't count sheep: talk to the Shepherd. *Anon*

## From Ian Wright

It has been my privilege to serve local communities of Sandon, Little Baddow and Danbury as a Chelmsford Borough/City Councillor for almost 24 years. For many years I was also a member and Chairman of Sandon Parish Council.

In May this year we have Local Elections and regrettably I have decided not to seek re-election. I hate to say it, but age has caught up and I have to accept our Community needs a younger representative. Richard Ambor, another of our City Councillors is also standing down. Clearly our

successors are a matter for the people of Sandon, Danbury and Little Baddow parishes. Just as a reminder, if you are not a postal voter you will require to produce ID when you attend a polling booth!

Over the years I relied on support from local residents, Parish Council and David Pearson who chaired until recently the Howe Green Community Association. Also one or two locals who "kept me on my toes" (they know who!). Without your goodwill, help and advice I could not have carried out my responsibilities. It has been a pleasure. Thank you all.



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## Farming Today

Worrying times in the lambing shed. The ewes are housed 6 weeks before lambing (gestation period is 22 weeks). Trouble started at 19 – 20 weeks with several ewes aborting premature dead lambs. After numerous trips to the Royal Veterinary College at Potters Bar with dead lambs to be investigated, it has proved to be Borders Disease. We have never seen or heard of this before so where has it come from?

Two possibilities, (i) unknowingly brought into the farm with recently purchased additional yearling ewes or (ii) one of the 40 rams being a carrier. So now all infected ewes that have aborted are to be blood tested which is both time consuming and

expensive. Now all we can do is await the results.

On a happier note, all the grassland has now been fertilised using polysulphate (reference article BBC Countryfile 6 Feb 2023) this being a naturally occurring mined mineral is considerably cheaper and more environmentally friendly than traditional fertiliser which is a higher energy consumer. This is the first year we have used this. Time will tell if this is the right direction for the future.

Hedge cutting is now completed before the birds start nesting and we welcome the longer days.

*Gillian*

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## Lunch in the Village

We have just returned from a visit to a charity in a village. On the first Sunday we were there we were taken to church and to enjoy lunch in a neighbouring village. There were about 80 people and on the menu was rice, green leaves and chicken with herbs and spices cooked barbecue style. Before the cooking even began the ladies' ubiquitous scarf, used variously for drying hands and keeping warm, was put over the heads of the cooks as they prayed. Huge pans were made ready over the open fires. Water was taken

from the borehole and sieved. It is slightly salty, okay for cooking and good for washing the rice and chicken. It was all set cooking while we joined in with the church service, in which our friend Benedicta led prayers and Richard preached, with translation into the local language by Benedicta. Then time for the feast. Everyone brought their own plate and large scoops of rice, smaller spoons of chicken and some cooked green leafy vegetables were served. We ate outside the church with mango juice to wash it down. Then time for photos and much laughter and many giggles with the people from the village.





This was obviously not in England! We were in south India staying with friends in a Christian village called Burlavaripalem. We were privileged to be invited to go with them to bring good food and a Christian message to a group of 'tribal people' who, until recently lived next to a canal in huts made of palm leaves, with no education and living in desperate poverty. A generous man named Barry had bought them some land, the Indian Government and the charity we support, contributed towards building supplies. The men of the village worked together to build the houses in the village now known as Barrypuram.

*Judy Cecil*



This proves a reliable and versatile method of cooking



## WI Report

The November meeting of Sandon WI started with all the members standing to hold 1 minute silence for the late Queen. After Jerusalem, the traditional hymn, had been sung, the speaker for the day was introduced: it was Beth Woolston-Ramano – the granddaughter of member Iris Watts- whose talk was about her trek in the Arctic accompanied by slides and a video. With her, Beth had brought her young babe-in-arms – another new member! Beth's trek had taken her to the 'triple border' of Norway, Sweden and Finland. Along with her partner Beth raised £7,500 for the charity MIND. After the talk and the questions that arose, the cup of tea was welcomed as a means of warming up!

The December meeting of Sandon WI was the Christmas get-together. After the business had been taken care of, Dorothy Gray explained the Craft Show exhibits to the members. There were three classes: Knitting; Cookery; and Floral. The members judged all the entries with pieces of dry pasta. The winners were: Knitting: Anne O'Riorden; Cookery: Julie Fisher; and Floral: Celia Kerlake. After tea and cake the crackers were pulled and the corny jokes

read out and shared with all the members followed by the birthday cards and the raffle. Then it was home-time but each member went home with a gift in our 'secret santa' having brought one to the meeting to exchange with many Christmas wishes.

It was Resolution time at the January meeting! The Resolution concerning the saving of water received the greatest number of votes amongst the members. If authenticated it will go forward to the WI Federation HQ to be considered alongside the votes from other branches before eventually ending up with the National AGM. After all this debate the members were ready for their cup of tea and cake! This was followed by the raffle and birthday cards.

Future Meeting Dates  
March 9<sup>th</sup>

Wills-The Unspeakable  
Conversation

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Medical History on the Doorstep

May 11<sup>th</sup>

Ploughman's lunch/Resolutions  
followed by Royal Themed Quiz

*Monica Richardson*

## Friends of Sandon Church

As a resident of our village, you will probably appreciate its history and unique qualities that have withstood the passage of time, despite the encroachment of housing developments over the past number of years. One of those unique qualities and features is, of course, our church: Saint Andrew's.

As one would expect, the church does require a considerable amount of time, help, and effort to maintain its fabric, character, and charm, so the 'Friends of Sandon Church' group was formed to help achieve this. We meet regularly to discuss various initiatives.

To date, we have made several improvements which include :

1. Contributions towards the very costly reroofing of the church.
2. Repositioning of the Rev. Gibson Memorial Cross outside the church porch.
3. Plastering and redecoration of the church internal walls.
4. Contributions towards the recent restoration of all 6 church bells.
5. Purchase of materials for the very recent addition of a yew hedge along the north and east boundary fences of the churchyard.

What about the future needs of our church ? We are looking at

1. Improved church insulation through the installation of glass front-porch doors.
2. Improved safety for the tower entrance.
3. Possible improvements to the heating arrangements those cold Sunday mornings.

There are several other projects being considered by the group and we hope to introduce them in the coming months. We cannot do this without some support from our local community, therefore we are inviting you to join our 'Friends' group for a modest monetary contribution which could be either a 'one off' donation or whenever you feel happy to do so.

Become a Friend and enjoy the varied fundraising events we organise each year, as either a Life or Annual member.  
£200 Joint/ £130 Single Life  
£20 Joint/ £10 Single Annual.  
Further details can be found here at the website <https://friendsofsandonchurch.co.uk/application-form/>  
We are looking for new committee members too. Please say if you believe you have helpful skills. We are a small informal group that meet in the Crown on pre-arranged dates so please ask.

*Revd. Terry Brown*

## A Peaceful Brief Encounter in World War II

When World War II was declared on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, William Stuart, a friend of my family, was a budding bank manager working in London for the Royal Bank of Scotland: but William, like so many others, was about to take a break from banking.

The incident I'm about to relate occurred as the war began to reach its closing stages and battles were still extremely violent. Major William Stuart, R.A. was, amid the mayhem of battle, leading a small artillery convoy which had become separated from the greater battery. His route traversed along undulating, twisty country roads somewhere in Italy: his objective was to find and re-join the rest of the battery.

With battle and skirmishes all around creating confusion, and in unfamiliar terrain, it's hardly surprising that occasional errors in map reading and navigation added to the excitement. Having described the background of events, William recalled what happened next.

As he led his convoy around a curve in the road – a ledge on a steep hillside – William was surprised when a convoy, broadly similar to his own, also rounded the bend but from the opposite

direction. The significant difference between the two convoys was that the other one was German. It seems that both commanders were so surprised that they chose to ignore the presence of the other and carried on as if encountering normal peacetime traffic on a Sunday afternoon's sightseeing - but not for long.

Once round the curve William quickly concluded that he'd strayed into enemy territory and at the soonest opportunity turned his convoy and retraced the route at maximum speed. At the same curve, once again the two convoys met and passed each other but this time friendly acknowledgements were evident from both sides. It seems that both commanders had come to the same conclusion. Enemies had in a sense met - but no shots had been fired.

Major Stuart's unit did eventually join the battery. After the war and demobilisation, William continued with his chosen career as an RBOS Bank Manager but enjoyed, with self-deprecating humour, relating his – and Fritz's – great escape.

*Bernard. White  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.*



## Church Services

## St. Andrew's, Sandon

*Services currently planned online via Zoom are shown in italics.*

### March

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** 8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** **Lent 2**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

9:30 am Communion

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Lent 3**

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Morning Worship

9:30 am Communion

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Mothering Sunday**

10:00 am Morning Worship

3:00 pm Service and Tea at Howe Green URC

9:30 am Communion

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Lent 5**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

9:30 am Communion

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

### April

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Palm Sunday**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Monday of Holy Week**

9:30 am Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** **Tuesday of Holy Week**

9:30 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** **Wednesday of Holy Week**

9:30 am Stations of the Cross

2:00 pm Family Activity

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 am Chrism Service in Cathedral

7:00 pm Agape Meal with Communion  
followed by watch until 23:00

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Good Friday**

9:30 am Stations of the Cross for Good Friday

11:00 am United Service in City Centre

2:00 pm Last hour at the Cross

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

### May

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Sunday**

6:00 am Sunrise Communion

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Easter 2**

10:00 am Morning Worship

3:00 pm Service and Tea at Howe Green URC

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Easter 3**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Easter 4**

10:00 am Morning Worship

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Easter 5**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Easter 6**

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Rogation Service at Cherry Farm

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

7:30 pm Sung Eucharist at Stock

**Sunday after Ascension**

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

3:00 pm Service and Tea at Howe Green URC

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

8:30 am *Morning Prayer*

**Pentecost**

10:00 am Morning Worship

9:30 am Communion

8:30 pm *Night Prayer*

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As <sup>+</sup> above and Valerie Grimwood, Gill Hodge and Michael Puffett

**Regular Events** see centre pages for full details of worship.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	8:00 am	Holy Communion in Church
Sundays	10:00 am	Morning Worship/Communion
Tuesdays	9:30 am 7:45 pm	Holy Communion Ringing Practice
Wednesday (Zoom) sandon-church.info	8:30 pm	Night Prayer
Thursday (Zoom) compasschurches.org.uk	8:30 am	Compass Churches Morning Prayer
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

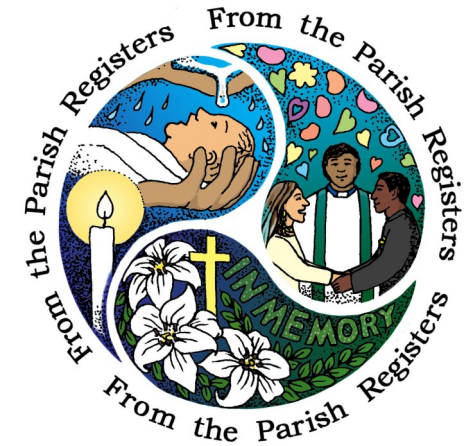
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We celebrate as these couples  
are joined in matrimony blessed in  
church  
Luke Mitchell and Daisy Clarke  
11<sup>th</sup> February

## Howe Green URC

We are continuing to worship  
monthly at the chapel so thank  
you to all who come and share  
with us. Particularly our thanks to  
those who took part in the Carols  
by Candlelight service in  
December, when we all enjoyed  
our Christmas Celebration  
together.

It is Fairtrade Fortnight from the  
end of February into March, so  
we will be having our usual Coffee

Morning to support them on  
25<sup>th</sup> February (perhaps before you  
receive this magazine). But we  
are also having a Coffee morning  
(hopefully to celebrate spring) on  
25<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 a.m. so do  
come and join us when we will  
have an opportunity to have  
conversations with friends and  
neighbours.

Our services are on 19<sup>th</sup> March,  
16<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3:00 pm  
including tea and cake, of course,  
so do come and join us when you  
can. *Pam Knott*

# Friends of Sandon Church Quiz

A considerable period of time has passed since our last quiz- due to Covid!

This may explain the lower number of teams at this year's Friends Quiz. However, even though just 8 teams competed it was a 'great fun' evening with some very amusing questions put



by quizmasters Ian and Claire.

The winner's team was coincidentally called 'The Friends'! They scored a brilliant 98 points very closely followed by 'Knowledge Free Zone' with 96 points and third 'Just the Four of us' with 93 points.

Alison again excelled with her raffle tickets sales of £157, even though there were only 38 competitors. So at an average spend of about £4 a head on

raffle tickets Sandonites and their friends certainly are generous!

With ticket sales of £313, the Friends of Sandon Church were able to put into their funds a total of £470. Many thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy this event.

Do please join us for our next quiz. Details of which will be announced in the New Year.

The Friends of Sandon Church recently gave Sandon Church £741 to finance the purchase of 200 small yew bushes. They have already been planted inside the churchyard fences to provide a yew hedge in a few years' time.

*David Farrar*



The winning team won 6 bottles of wine.

Team name	1	2	3	4	Diagrams	Cartoons	5	6	7	8	Bonus	total	Rank
Just the four of us	9	10	9	4	13	16	J 5	8	7	7		93	3
Wanderlust	7	7	6	J 8	17	9	9	7	6	4		88	5
Ali's Angels	J 8	3	7	5	12	14	7	8	9	8		89	4
Knowledge free zone	8	7	8	J 8	16	10	7	10	6	8		96	2
Help from above	7	4	6	J 6	13	9	8	8	6	6		79	6
The Friends	8	7	8	J 5	16	16	10	8	6	9		98	1
The Challenged	6	6	4	4	9	13	3	9	J 5	8		72	7
Deliverers	8	3	8	J 7	5	2	8	6	7	4		65	8
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The Score Card

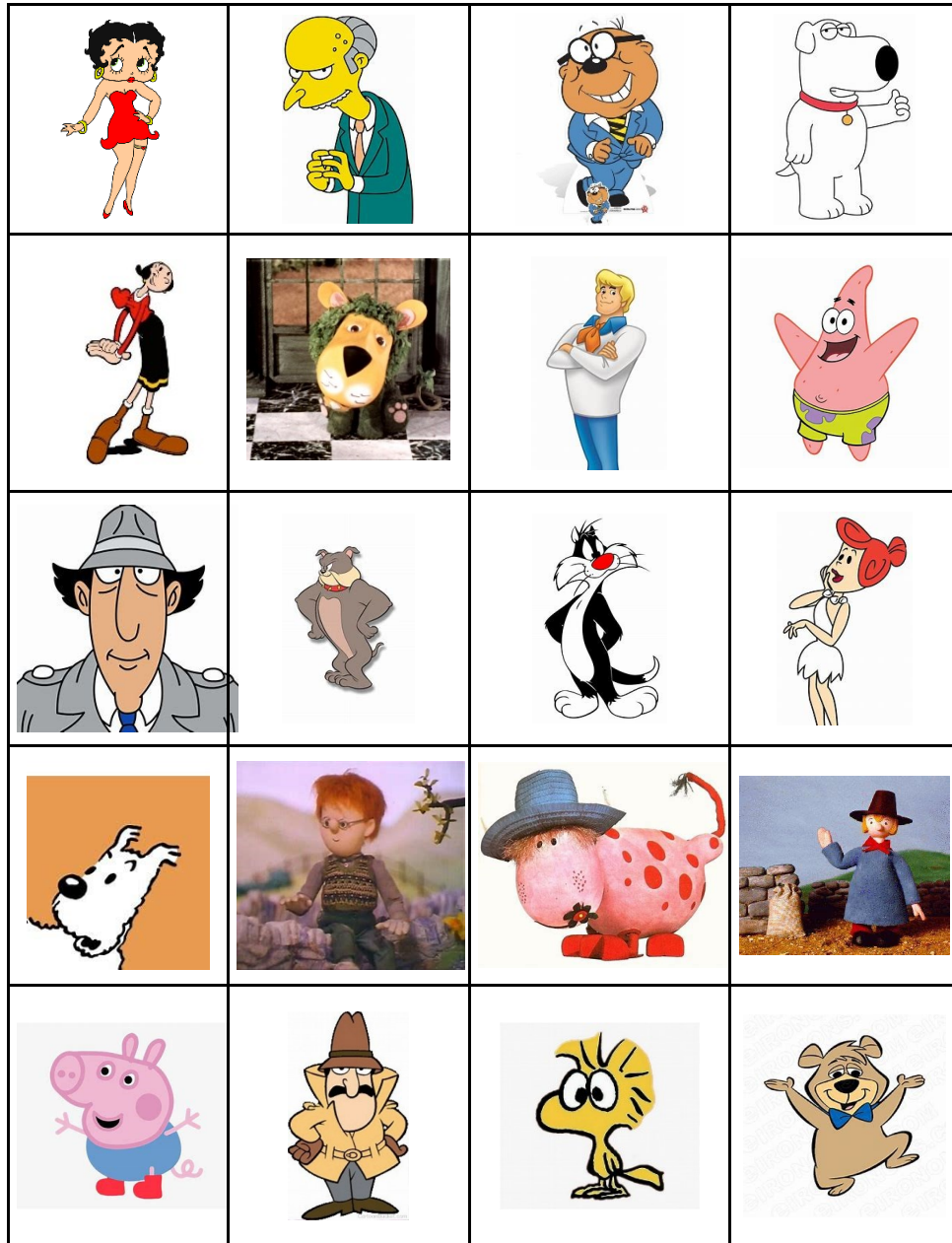


The Winners



## Cartoon Quiz.

At the Quiz participants were asked to identify the characters represented by these cartoons and their show. See how you get on on page 31.



## Danbury and Villages Rotary

Since Christmas, planning continues. We will be holding another quiz night on Friday April 21st 2023. This will be at the Danbury Leisure Centre. Tickets will be £12 each and include a fish and chips supper (or chicken). We would welcome teams from any Sandon clubs or groups of friends for a fun event. Anyone on their own, or couples or small groups attending will be given a place in a friendly team. Why not mark the date and join us for a pleasant evening?

The main beneficiary for any profit will be Smile Train, our President's chosen charity alongside Kids Inspire. Smile Train is a charity that specialises in rectifying problems such as cleft lips in young children. A cleft is a serious birth condition, that can prevent babies from eating, drinking, hearing and smiling properly. They have supported treatment for over one and a half million children throughout the world, working with teams of specialists.

We have been asked to assist Danbury Parish Council in organising an event to mark the King's Coronation in May. We will be working closely with them to ensure a great event. Keep a lookout for more details.

In June we hope to hold a Race Night. Sandon residents will be welcome. Again, keep an open-eye for more details. Other events are under consideration too.

We welcome visitors interested to learn more about Rotary at any of our meetings. Linda Browning will be happy to take your bookings, so please contact her to attend any meeting at:

lcbrowning@hotmail.com We also welcome general enquiries which can be raised on our website: danburyandvillagesrotary.co.uk, or by emailing us at: info@danburyandvillagesrotary.co.uk

The earthquake in Turkey and Syria is devastating. We have paid for a Shelter Box to be sent to the disaster area. Shelter Box is a charity linked to Rotary that send tents, tools, blankets, tarpaulins, water filters and carriers and kitchen sets to help those made homeless. To contribute towards a shelter box, please donate to the Danbury and Villages Rotary Charitable Trust. Our bank details are:

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Then please email steve.jen@talktalk.net to notify him of your donation and if we can claim Gift Aid. Grateful thanks for any help you can give.

*Eric Cater*



## First crossing of Antarctica

The first land crossing of Antarctica was completed 65 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1958, by the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by Vivian Fuchs. The team of 12 men travelled 2,158 miles from Shackleton Base to Scott Base (via the South Pole) in 99 days, using six vehicles.

The journey – nearly 22 miles a day, much of it in appalling conditions and obstructed by huge crevasses – started from the Weddell Sea and ended at McMurdo Sound. It was well-prepared and strongly supported. The advance team at the Shackleton Base had to over-winter in weather much more severe than they had anticipated, but still they remained healthy.

Mount Everest conqueror Edmund Hillary, starting at the 'end', was responsible for laying

supplies for the crossing party and forging a route for vehicles through the western mountains, but he and his group also made an unscheduled dash for the Pole, in the process becoming the third group to reach it, and the first to do so in vehicles.

The expedition had been timed to cash in on the worldwide interest created by the International Geophysical Year, a global project designed to stimulate scientific co-operation. Under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth II, the expedition was funded by the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. The continent was not crossed again until 1981.

Fuchs, whose determination was key to the expedition's success, was the son of a German immigrant and his British wife. He was educated as a geologist – a profession he chose so that he could pursue his interest in the

outdoors. He was knighted on his return to the UK and became one of very few explorers to whom the Royal Geographical Society has awarded a Special Gold Medal. He also became Director of the British Antarctic Survey until 1973 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society the following year.

*Tim Lenton*



He has outsoared the shadow of our night;  
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,  
And that unrest which men miscall delight,  
Can touch him not nor torture him again. – *Percy Bysshe Shelley*

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption... It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

*1 Corinthians 15:42-44*

The man of few words and settled mind is wise; therefore, even a fool is thought to be wise when he is silent. It pays him to keep his mouth shut.

*Proverbs 17:27-28 Living Bible*

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## At Blackwater Creek

The rusted hulk at dawn it lay  
Sunken bough in silted sand;  
It's rusted frame - now brown  
decay,  
Gently returning to the land.

The sun, on rising, caught the  
shape;  
Highlights, when it was young and  
free.

Flashes of a gleaming barque  
When it had roamed a turbulent  
sea.

Alas, no more those days now  
gone  
It's twisted frame - with gulls  
upon.

Deserted ships no longer sail  
But now steered to their resting  
place;

In sleepy creeks,  
By Essex shores,  
Their shapes and frames -  
A certain grace.

Think back - when on this soft  
silted shore  
And betwixt land and sea, battles  
roar.

The flashing Norsemen's ships  
asail

Set to land their roaming hordes,  
When despite gallant Essex  
men's avail

Who failed to resist those Viking  
lords.

Before my eye this winter's day  
The rusty wooden remnants, lie  
spilt;

Now neither man nor sea marine  
Require these craft, half buried in  
the silt;

But close your eyes and in your  
wilder dream

Think when wind raced through  
their sails - full tilt.

The ships now lay retired, at final  
rest,

A home for gulls and seafaring  
bird;

To spend their days, lying two  
abreast

Memories of seas afloat -  
Today now undisturbed.

*Richard Simmonds  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

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## Recipe Sour Cream and Blueberry Cake

Ingredients	150g Self raising flour
2 eggs	1 teaspoon baking powder
225g caster sugar	½ teaspoon salt
225g sour cream or plain yogurt	100g blueberries
Zest and juice of 1 lemon	200g icing sugar
100g ground almonds	

Preheat oven to 170°C and line an 8" x 12" tin.  
 Crack the eggs into a mixing bowl together with the caster sugar.  
 Beat until it looks pale and airy with air bubbles on the surface.  
 Gently fold in lemon rind and sour cream.  
 Sieve in the ground almonds, flour, baking powder and salt and fold gently into the mixture until combined.  
 Finally carefully mix in the berries.  
 Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 20 minutes until golden and risen.  
 Set aside to cool.  
 Whisk together lemon juice and icing sugar to make a smooth glaze.  
 Pour over the cake and leave to set.

*Narelle Arnold*

## Cartoon Quiz Answers

1. Betty Boop	2. Mr Burns (Simpsons)	3. Penfold (Danger Mouse)	4. Brian Griffin (Family Guy)
5. Olive Oyl (Popeye)	6. Parsley the Lion (The Herbs)	7. Freddy (Scooby Doo)	8. Patrick (Spongebob Squarepants)
9. Inspector Gadget	10. Spike (Tom and Jerry)	11. Sylvester (Looney Tunes)	12. Wilma (The Flintstones)
13. Snowy (Tintin)	14. Naughty Norman Price (Fireman Sam)	15. Ermintrude (Magic Roundabout)	16. Windy Miller (Trumpton / Camberwick Green)
17. George (Peppa Pig)	18. Inspector Clueso (Pink Panther)	19. Woodstock (Snoopy)	20. Boo Boo (Yogi Bear)

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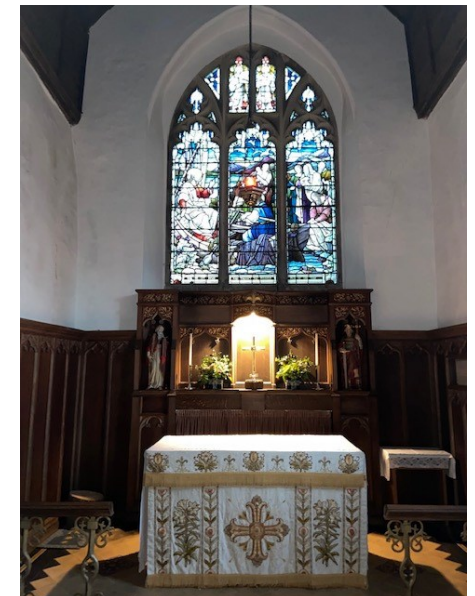
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