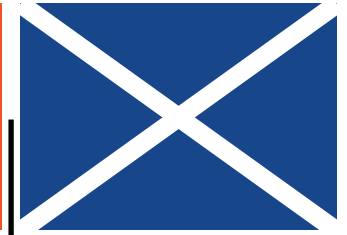
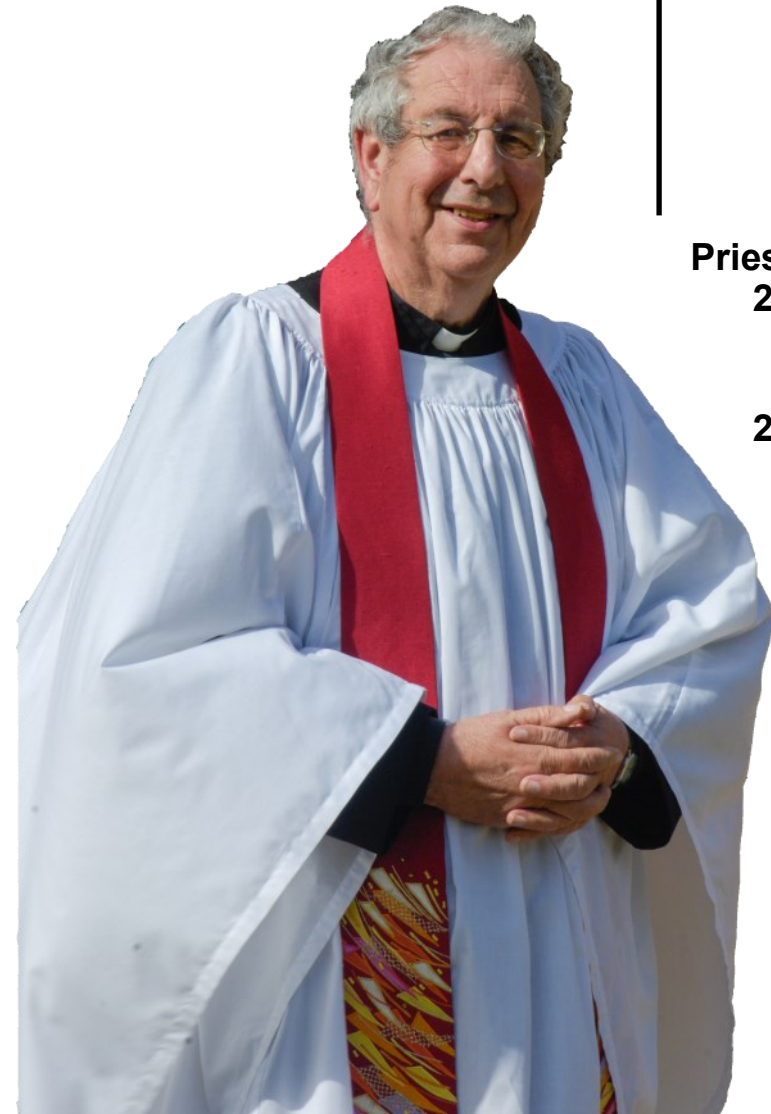


# Sandon Voice



Quarterly from St Andrew's 75p for non residents

June 2024



**Priest in Charge  
2013 — 2017**

**Rector  
2017 — 2024**

## Terry's Last Letter

It hardly seems 11 years since I wrote my first parish magazine article, when I introduced myself to you all. I remember the excitement of looking forward to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ together and getting to know one another, with the hope of moving the parish forward.

This letter unfortunately, will be my last as your Rector; not because I am moving on to another parish, or I need a change or a different challenge, but because it is time for me to retire.

As you may be aware, St Andrew's is the only parish I have been in charge of.

As your Rector it has been the most fulfilling of my priestly and Christian life and a privilege that not many people experience. Thank you for accompanying me on this journey, for your fellowship, friendship and support.

As many of you know, I was a late entrant into the ministry having been a Religious Studies teacher for 33 years. I had felt called to be a priest many years ago but it was not the right time to go forward. In 2002 this call of God

came once again and this time I could not refuse. I began training for the ministry as well as being a teacher at the same time, and finally in 2006 I took the first step to being a minister at a service in Chelmsford cathedral. I then continued to teach until 2009, and was an assistant at a church in Basildon. On retiring from teaching, I then went to Great Wakering and Barling Magna as Associate

Minister. In 2013 I was asked by Bishop John Wraw, the Bishop of Bradwell, to consider coming to Sandon as Priest in Charge and later as your Rector.

One of the privileges of a parish priest is to be allowed to share in

the joys and sorrows of other people's lives. Over the past 11 years I have shared with many of you the joys of a new baby, the excitement of preparing for a wedding, the sorrows of illness or the death of someone very dear to you, and the anxieties and perplexities of all the troubles and disappointments that weave themselves into the fabric of our lives. It has meant a great deal to me to be able to share the tears and the laughter, and to contribute in some

way to the eventual outcome of these major incidents in life. At my Deacons service the following words were said by the Bishop of Chelmsford, "Deacons are

called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless,

reaching into the forgotten corners of the world that the love of God may be made visible." This is what we as a church have set out to do. St Andrew's has been for me my spiritual family. And like all families we have our ups and downs, the times when we didn't always see eye to eye. But like a family, we have a bond of love for one another through the words of Jesus Christ, who gave one of the two greatest commandments,

"Love your neighbour as yourself" and the instruction that we must "love one another as I have loved you."

I am very sad to be going and I leave with so many good

memories and having known so many of you. Please read the invitation to my final service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 3pm. I do hope you are able to come and bid me farewell.

It just remains for me to say thank you for the last 11 years. We're not going far, so I'm sure our paths will cross in the not-too-distant future. I will miss you; I wish you well, so be safe, be kind to one another and trust in God.

Yours, Terry



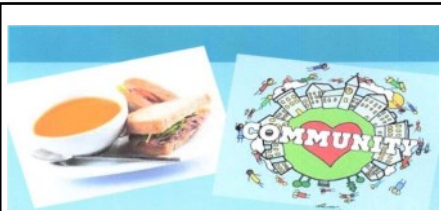
### Rector's Farewell

You are all invited.

My Final Service as Rector of St. Andrews is **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 3 pm**

After the service there is to be refreshments in **Sandon Village Hall** to which you are all invited.

I look forward to seeing many of you.



## Monthly Soup & Sandwich Lunch at St Andrews Church

We plan to suspend this until the autumn, until 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
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## Farming Today

This season's lambs are about to be weaned and the ewes then turned away to summer grazing. The first draw of lambs will happen by the end of the month weighing 40 - 50 kg.

All nitrogen has now been applied to the grassland and with the heavy rainfall there should be a good leaf and leafage crop. Hay making starts in June. The remainder of last year's hay and straw has now been sold.

The grain store is being thoroughly fumigated, swept and cleaned ready for harvest.

The Spring Barley, sown later this year owing to weather conditions, has had the first fertiliser application.

The 75 newly planted Willow trees have all taken and are in leaf and about the same number of mature willows (15 to 20 year old) are off to be made into cricket bats. Willows are low maintenance needing plenty of natural water and the few unwanted young shoots rubbed off the trunks.

*Gillian*

## Dressing

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

## David Sherry

David Sherry, who recently and sadly passed away in a house fire, has been my best friend and partner for the last 33 years.

He studied Physics and Astrophysics at university and was very talented at Mathematics, and had a keen interest in Astronomy.

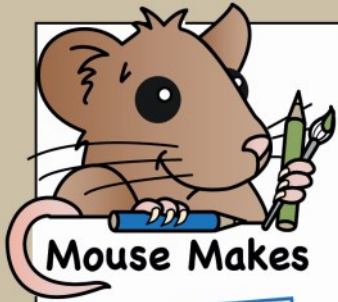
His first post-graduate employment was at Marconi working on the UK's missile guidance program. Later he did performance modelling of naval radar systems and was a senior operations analyst of soviet anti-air craft systems for the Defence Research Agency, Farnborough. I used to visit him there.

We had a lovely home life together, I loved his company. He was very knowledgeable and interesting. He spent his leisure time exploring mathematical conundrums and studying a wide range of intellectual subjects including history periods, and the geography of various countries and peoples.

We were together 24/7 and did most things together. He is sorely missed.

*Jennifer Price*





### Mouse Makes

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter before it in the alphabet.

TFF XIBU LJOE PG  
MPWF UIF GBUIFS  
IBT HJWFO UP VT  
UIBU XF TIPVME  
CF DBMMFE  
DIJMESFO PG HPE  
POF KPJO UISFF: POF

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

1 Samuel 48-50

Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?

Mark 5:21

A G A D A U G H T E R E G  
V A S E Z E C H A R I A H  
J M O S E S A J A C O B O  
A Z L I B O F A T H E R P  
I J O S E P H J A N O A H  
R O M A D A V I D G E H N  
U B O A E I D A S O N A O  
S V N C E E Z E A D A M A

WHO IS MY FATHER?

Who was created by God and became the first father?

Genesis 2:20

Who had a son when he was very old?

Genesis 21:5

Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?

Genesis 6:10-14

Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?

Genesis 37:2-3



This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates: "Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."

ROTAS  
OPERA  
TENET  
AREPO  
SATOR

If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

A  
P  
A  
T  
E  
R  
N  
O  
S  
T  
E  
R  
O

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

FATHER • GOD  
SON • DAUGHTER  
JOSEPH • ISAAC  
MOSES • JOB  
SOLOMON  
ZECHARIAH  
ZEBEDEE

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## The Late Passenger

The sky was low, the sounding rain was falling dense and dark,  
And Noah's sons were standing at the window of the Ark.

The beasts were in, but Japhet said, 'I see one creature more  
Belated and unmated there come knocking at the door.'

'Well let him knock,' said Ham, 'Or let him drown or learn to swim.  
We're overcrowded as it is; we've got no room for him.'

'And yet he knocks, how terribly he knocks,' said Shem, 'Its feet  
Are hard as horn—but oh the air that comes from it is sweet.'

'Now hush,' said Ham, 'You'll waken Dad, and once he comes to see  
What's at the door, it's sure to mean more work for you and me.'

Noah's voice came roaring from the darkness down below,  
'Some animal is knocking. Take it in before we go.'

Ham shouted back, and savagely he nudged the other two,  
'That's only Japhet knocking down a brad-nail in his shoe.'

Said Noah, 'Boys, I hear a noise that's like a horse's hoof.'  
Said Ham, 'Why, that's the dreadful rain that drums upon the roof.'

Noah tumbled up on deck and out he put his head;  
His face went grey, his knees were loosed, he tore his beard and said,

'Look, look! It would not wait. It turns away. It takes its flight.  
Fine work you've made of it, my sons, between you all tonight!'

'Even if I could outrun it now, it would not turn again  
—Not now. Our great discourtesy has earned its high disdain.

'Oh noble and unmated beast, my sons were all unkind;  
In such a night what stable and what manger will you find?

'Oh golden hoofs, oh cataracts of mane, oh nostrils wide  
With indignation! Oh the neck wave-arched, the lovely pride!

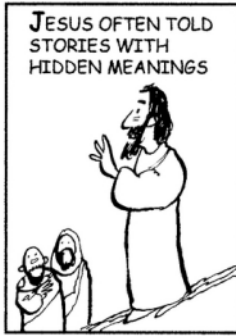
'Oh long shall be the furrows ploughed across the hearts of men  
Before it comes to stable and to manger once again,

'And dark and crooked all the ways in which our race shall walk,  
And shrivelled all their manhood like a flower with a broken stalk,

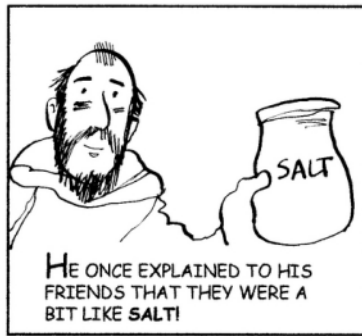
'And all the world, oh Ham, may curse the hour when you were born;  
Because of you the Ark must sail without the Unicorn.'

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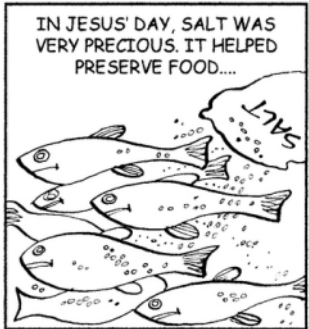
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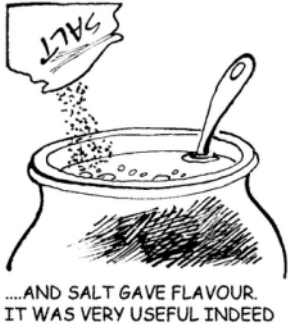
JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



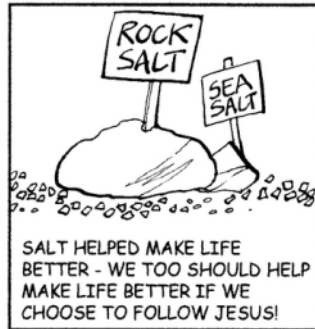
HE ONCE EXPLAINED TO HIS FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A BIT LIKE SALT!



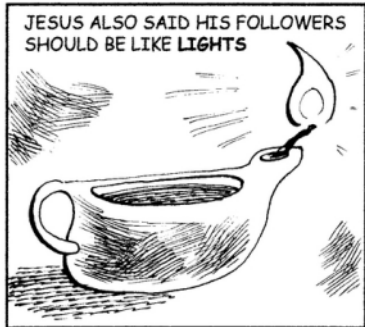
IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED PRESERVE FOOD....



....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR. IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



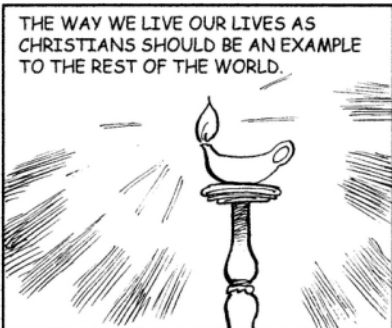
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!



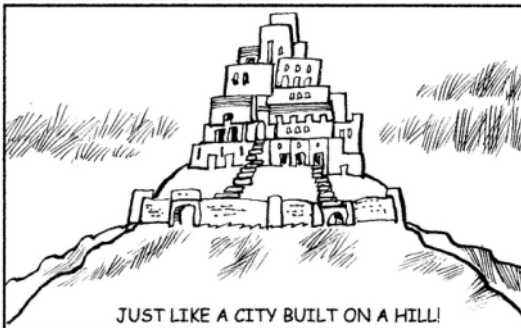
JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS



THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



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## Initium novum

In the heart of our congregation  
 You have stood with honour and  
 grace,  
 Guiding us with wisdom and care  
 A hearty smile always on your  
 face.  
 A calming presence, a guiding  
 light

A shepherd to his flock, come  
 Day or night.  
 But now the candles flicker  
 As you step down from your role,  
 And for all that you have done  
 We offer up our warm thanks  
 From the depths of our souls.  
 It's time to say goodbye, so  
 May the Lord bless your

retirement  
 Fill your days with joy and  
 contentment.  
 Always remember those whose  
 lives you  
 Have touched, to whom  
 Your presence has meant so  
 much.  
 So with a warm farewell and  
 feelings of sadness,  
 may Gods' blessings allow peace  
 within you to dwell.  
 Even when someone leaves,  
 you are never alone as God's  
 faith remains your home.

*An Artist Known to the Editor*

## A cloth of gold

A cloth of gold lay there before my  
 eye  
 Specks of green mixed between  
 There, to my left and to my right,  
 More golden fields than I had seen.  
 A rolling hill, sun shines to my left  
 For that brief moment, myself felt  
 blest.

No finery of kings and queens out  
 spread  
 No drapes of gold and silver  
 thread;  
 It's only nature does impress  
 As there she sits, the common soil  
 in golden dress.

As clouds move across the space  
 The gold that glistened, yellow  
 turns  
 And the rape field now resumes its  
 place;  
 The gold now quells its fire, no  
 longer burns,  
 But for just a second hand, tick  
 The cloth of gold all about me,  
 eclipsed.

Alas these moments are so  
 fleeting;  
 As dreamily, on some sand strewn  
 shore

I vainly try to cradle,  
 Try to catch them in my hand;  
 Those elusive, golden moments,  
 And the grains of time-trapped  
 sand.

*Richard Simmonds*  
 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Oh Humble Blackbird

Oh humble blackbird with  
such sweet song, pray  
Are you the same fellow I  
see each day,  
One of the same who  
prowls the lawn blades  
And darts back and forth  
from light and shade?

You come to splash and  
bathe in stoned birdbath  
Your flight, you land from  
shaded long grass  
Each day, the appointed  
hour when sun is up  
Into the water with  
abandon you strut.

I wish, with you I could  
talk, could converse  
You would sing me your  
songs, I recite my verse  
The life of a bird, i would  
love to know more  
To fly on the wing, to loop  
and to soar  
But destined am I to  
remain earthly bound,  
Sit content, still and listen  
To your beautiful sound.

*Richard Simmonds  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2024*



## The Mundon Oaks

In a field they stand,  
Sentinels to another world, in land  
That was once a swollen river bed  
But now those trees are petrified, dead.

Their presence, strong against the blue  
Of sky, and pastures green  
Have stood for centuries long gone  
Their seeing eye, a lookout  
On times that had once been.

The oaks now stand on guard  
As though the entrance to some castle,  
scarred  
That has now long since gone  
But the tree guards linger on,  
Their arms outstretched to challenge all  
Now with the quality to so enthrall.

In those rings, now strong as stone  
Holds a history, of words intoned  
Locked away with carboned air  
There silently, as I stand and stare,  
At those trees, their magnetic power  
To while away lifes precious hour.

*Richard Simmonds  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2024*



## A Darkling Day

A darkling day, late April morn  
The streets damp from recent rain  
I espy beside the path  
A clump of irises, nature  
arranged.

They stand,  
Yellow and bluish-mauve hits my  
eye

Echoes of a gallant standard, I  
now endow  
Of the brave and lost flowers  
fighting now.

They stand,  
As standard flags, in beauteous  
refrain  
For the brave and lost lives in  
Ukraine.

The flag,  
The endless azured blue sky,  
wheat fields below  
The hope that this will return,  
And fields will see, the wheat be  
sowed.

*Richard Simmonds  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

## Tea on the Green

3pm–5pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Did you miss it last year?

If so make sure you come along this  
year. Over 180 people came last year  
and we look forward to seeing more  
this year.

At 3 pm you will be served a free cup  
of tea or coffee and homemade cake.

At 4 pm we will be joined by the Chelmsford Salvation Army Band for  
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## THE SID BOLAN BIG BAND NIGHT



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**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

12 – 3:00pm

The fête will be held in the churchyard.

Do come along to our Summer Fête.

Grand Draw at 3:00 pm. Stalls include:

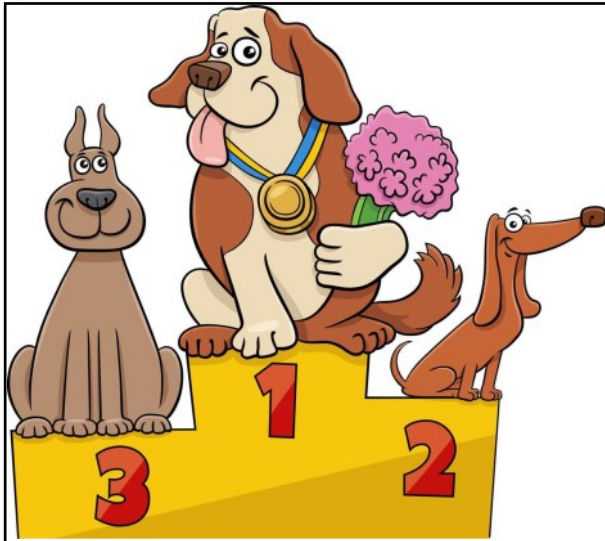
- Homemade Cakes and Jams
- Tombola
- Children's Corner including face painting
- BBQ
- Tea and Coffee
- Puzzles and Games
- Nearly New
- Plants
- Dog Show—see page 14 for details
- Grand draw tickets
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Hamper and many other prizes.

It was a great success last year and with your help we hope to do the same this year.

Please contact Christine or Judy on 281305 or 224747 respectively if you would like to:

- take responsibility for either a stall or sideshow or help to set up,
- have a stall, as a charity it will be free, otherwise £15 per stall.

It is always a fun day and friends are made.



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Dog Show  
at the Summer Fete**

Register on the day from 1:45 pm then enjoy the BBQ and sideshows .  
Judging will begin from 2:30 pm

Classes are as follows:

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3. Cutest Canine (under 24 months old)
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**Sundry Quotes**

God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. - *Billy Graham*

God knows what He is going to make of us. - *James Montgomery Boice*

Godliness is nothing but Godlikeness. - *George Swinnock*

Goodness is the only investment that never fails. - *Henry D Thoreau*

Man is most free when controlled by God alone. - *Augustine*

Of what does life essentially consist? The Bible answers that life is composed of relationships. - *Robert Horn*

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Suspicious subtract, faith adds, but love multiplies. It blesses twice – him who gives it and him who gets it. - *CT Studd*

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray. - *S D Gordon*

Successful marriage is always a triangle: a man, a woman and God. - *Cecil Myers*

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis. - *Anon*  
Acupuncture is a jab well done. - *Anon*

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds. - *Anon*  
If at first you succeed, break it and start over again. - *Anon*

*The following appeared in a church bulletin.*

Miss Charlene Mason said, “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation. T

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Further information  
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## Worship and Services beyond Terry

As we thank God for the last 11 years with Terry, first as Priest-in-Charge and then Rector, we also have to ask, "what now, in terms of the worship of the church?" Actually, as wardens, we have been asking that question since January. First, we asked it of the Bishop of Bradwell, the Archdeacon and the Area Dean.

The Bishop, Adam Atkinson, and the Archdeacon, Jonathan Croucher, both took up their posts in November 2023. So they are relatively new. The Area Dean, Tim Ball, has been in post longer and has made it his business to merge the 2 deaneries of Chelmsford into one Deanery. This means that what was Chelmsford South Deanery, which included Sandon, and Chelmsford North are now Chelmsford Deanery. There are groupings within the Deanery and Sandon is part of the Compass Group of Churches which extends to South Woodham Ferrers, Downham, Stock and Little Baddow.

The PCC were able to meet with the Bishop and the Archdeacon on 5<sup>th</sup> March. There was no obvious plan but there was a call to prayer. The Archdeacon indicated he would ask a recently retired minister if they could help us. In the event, that has not

proved possible. There are some possibilities. There is an elderly priest who is keen to help us once a month, in particular with discipleship. We have just 3 services covered after Terry retires and we have asked an extensive range of ministers for help. No comprehensive plan has emerged as yet. Therefore the PCC have appointed a group to consider the worship pattern for June, July and August. This will inevitably involve fewer communion services and even those that are listed will not necessarily happen. In the light of this, we have tried to plan so that services that will be fresh and honouring God can proceed. We will attempt to keep the website as up to date as we can.

To get to specifics:

The group concluded that the 8:00 am services on the second Sunday of the month are not viable and will not be continued. Those who prefer to come at that time, as shown by past attendance, have nearby alternatives and the means to get there. Night Prayer at 8:30 pm on Wednesdays on Zoom and Morning Prayer at 8:30 am on Thursdays, also on Zoom will continue. We also aim to pray regularly in church each morning at 8:30 am for about 30 minutes.

All are welcome to this. We will continue to aspire to communion on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. While we intend to have a service it will not always be Holy Communion. At 10:00 am on Sundays we aspire to have a Eucharistic (Communion) service on the first Sunday of the month. On the second Sunday we plan to have a new style, 'Worship Together' service, with more hands on, teaching and worship. On the third Sunday we plan, in general, to have what is called an 'Agape Meal.' This is not formally recognised as a Communion service but nonetheless involves the Word, i.e. teaching, breaking bread and sharing wine. On the fourth Sunday we plan to keep Morning Worship much as we have had in recent months. On a fifth Sunday, when they occur, we

plan to have Songs of Praise. We are trusting that God can make these services and our time together one that will be helpful to all who serve God in their lives and can be a help to many in the community.

It is obvious that challenging times lie ahead. Now is the time to let God take the lead and trust him to lead us, as a church, in the direction he wants us to follow. So we ask you to support this as we work to develop God's work here in Sandon.

Additionally we plan to maintain Tea on the Green at 3:00 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July where we expect Ian Mountford, from the Salvation Army, to be the speaker.

*Andy Horne and Richard Cecil  
Church Wardens*

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## Church Services

## St. Andrew's, Sandon

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

Also, we hope to say Morning Prayer in church at 8:30 am each morning.

### June

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity 1	
	3:00 pm	Rector's Farewell Service
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Holy Communion Revd Terry Brown
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 2	
	8:00 am	No Service
	10:00 am	Worship Together
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		Revd Andrew Merchant
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 3	
	10:00 am	Agape Meal
	3:00 pm	Worship at Howe Green URC
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 4	
	10:00 am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 5	
	10:00 am	Songs of Praise

### July

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 6	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist - Revd Sandie Southee
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 7	
	8:00 am	No Service
	10:00 am	Worship Together

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity 8	

	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist - Bishop Rob Martin
	3:00 pm	Worship at Howe Green URC
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 9	

	10:00 am	Morning Worship
	3:00 pm	Tea on the Green
	4:00 pm	Tea on the Green Service
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>

### August

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 10	
	10:00 am	Sung Eucharist - No minister found
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 11	

	8:00 am	No Service
	10:00 am	Worship Together
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 12	

	10:00 am	Agape Meal
	3:00 pm	Worship at Howe Green URC
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 13	

	10:00 am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Morning Prayer or Holy Communion
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<i>Night Prayer</i>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>

We are in a vacancy and so some details will change. But please turn up!

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**Regular Events** see pages 18 & 19 for full details of worship.

Sundays	10:00 am	Morning Worship/Communion
Tuesdays	9:30 am 7:45 pm	Morning Worship/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	3:00 pm	Choir Practice

Zoom services links can be found at the websites just prior to the service.

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Goodness is the only investment that never fails.  
*Henry D Thoreau*

## Howe Green URC

Here at Howe Green Chapel we have had our usual monthly services, and been led by a variety of preachers who have given us many new thoughts to consider. We plan to continue with those services on the third Sunday of each month at 3 00 pm. – followed by tea and cake – and look forward to welcoming all friends who are able to join with us on those occasions. (16<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August) .  
On 22<sup>nd</sup> June we plan to have our Strawberry Tea afternoon. No coffee mornings fixed yet, but we will publicise them whenever they are.  
*Pam Knott*

We welcome to the Lord's family at their baptism  
Roman Steward Rees Rayment  
Halliday Delia Rayment  
28<sup>th</sup> April

Lucy Hubbard  
Florence Jessie Bull  
Reanie Wizzie Bull  
5<sup>th</sup> May

We commit to God at the interment of their ashes  
Graham Albert Kemp  
Sylvia Kemp  
7<sup>th</sup> May

This is correct at the time of publication.  
Others planned will appear in September's magazine.



## Councillor surgeries

In May there were two Councillor Surgeries. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at St Andrew's Church in Sandon and on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May in Howe Green at the United Reformed Church. Both surgeries ran from 10 am until 12:30 pm to give the public the opportunity to meet Councillors and discuss any areas of concern.

At the Surgery in Sandon, there were Chelmsford City Councillors Julia Jeapes and Stephanie Scott, representing the Little Baddow, Danbury and Sandon Ward and Charlotte Lyons, Parish Councillor from Sandon Parish Council. Charlotte joined Sandon Parish Council at the start of this year and has been working closely with the City Councillors on the key issues affecting residents in the Parish. She was keen to attend her first Surgery which she thoroughly enjoyed. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May was one of the first warm and sunny days which might explain the low public attendance. This was despite the home baked cakes and biscuits being offered! The main concerns raised at this Surgery relate to outline planning application for the 9 huge warehouses in the Sandon and Great Baddow area and the current levels of congestion around the A12 Junction 17 Howe Green Interchange.

The Surgery in Howe Green on

11<sup>th</sup> May was attended by many more. Perhaps word had got out about the delicious home baked cakes on offer! At this surgery were Julia Jeapes and Charlotte Lyons and key concerns were again related to the outline application for the 9 warehouses. In addition to this, there was great concern raised by members of the public relating to the proposed Hammonds Farm development for 3,000 houses plus 43,000 m<sup>2</sup> of 'employment space.' Although the public consultation period for the outline warehouse application (reference 23/01939/OUT) finished on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the public consultation for the outline planning application for the Hammonds Farm development runs until 4 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Many residents are concerned about the impact of the proposals in their effect on the environment and increased traffic and the strain on local services. A few other topics raised in the Howe Green surgery related to St Peter's Hospital in Maldon and the proposal to relocate the health services from the hospital and also some highways issues. Please feel free to contact your Parish or City Councillors who will be happy to help. The next surgeries will be in August, at dates to be decided, and we look forward to seeing you then.

*Charlotte Lyons*

## News from Farleigh Hospice Farleigh launches 2025 Art Trail

Chelmsford will be buzzing next summer when 40 colourful bee sculptures land in the city centre, raising money for Farleigh Hospice. The bees will be decorated by local artists and installed outside places of interest, forming 'Buzz in the City' – Chelmsford's first sculpture art trail.



Organisers at Farleigh are working with Chelmsford For You - the city's Business Improvement District - to create this exciting event with support from Chelmsford City Council.

Local organisations are invited to sponsor a bee. Their name and details will be displayed on the plinth at the base of the sculpture and included in the art trail app.

There will also be a learning and education sponsorship programme for schools, youth

organisations and community groups. They can take part in art workshops to design and paint their own 'mini bee' sculpture.

To find out more, visit

[www.farleighhospice.org/arttrail](http://www.farleighhospice.org/arttrail)

## Danbury and Little Baddow Open Gardens – Sunday 9 June



Enjoy beautiful gardens in Danbury and Little Baddow on Sunday 9 June, 10.30am-5pm, with stalls on the village green and a café in the village hall.

The other Open Gardens are in Little Waltham including a classic car show, Springfield and Althorne. For dates and ticket information, visit

[www.farleighhospice.org/gardens](http://www.farleighhospice.org/gardens)



# WRITTLE GARDENS OPEN DAY



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 12 to 5pm

## 15 Village Gardens Open

Tickets £7 from The Green (children free)

Don't miss the special opening ceremony at 12:00 noon

*Judging of Scarecrow entries starts at 11:30 am*



**Morris Dancers**



**Scarecrows**



**Art Display**



**Plant  
Sales**



**Refreshments**

**For entry to the Children's Scarecrow Competition  
contact Jean Pinkney on 07768 610122**

*Writtle Gardens Open Day is organised by The Friends of Writtle  
Parish Church. All proceeds help to maintain the fabric of  
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# Beauty of the Earth

## Flower Festival

## 21st - 24th June

Daily 10am - 5pm

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[stjohnbaptistdanbury.org.uk/flowerfestival](http://stjohnbaptistdanbury.org.uk/flowerfestival)



## Sandon's Annual Sponsored Walk



Setting off last year

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

### All are invited to: Morning Walk

Meet at 10:00 am, to leave at 10:15 am from the Church Car Park.

**Lunch** at 12 noon onwards in the Cricketers, Danbury Common. Total distance about 5 miles.

**Afternoon Walk:** from 2 to 4 pm approx.

The Cricketers to The Crown

Sandon. Total distance about 3 miles.

This sponsored walk is to raise money for Sandon Church Funds. **Please let David know on 01245 471484 what you wish to eat for lunch as our food will be pre-ordered from The Cricketers.**

**Sponsor Forms:** Please get these from David Farrar who can be contacted as above by phone or by e-mail on: [davidfarrar1812@gmail.com](mailto:davidfarrar1812@gmail.com).

Or please give donations directly to our Church Treasurer, Nick Bobeldijk, 34 Gilmore Way, Great Baddow CM2 7AW Payable to Sandon PCC, Lloyds Bank Acct: 00314732, Sort Code: 30 91 85



The Churchyard working party was never seen again

### Churchyard Tidy

Please help keep our churchyard tidy.

We have Saturday Mornings once a month to work together  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
We begin work at 10am and finish at 12 noon.

Refreshments supplied to keep us going.  
Hope to see you

*Tony Horsfall, a retreat leader and author recommends a different type of prayer*

### Using Rest to Pray

Most of us think of prayer as a very demanding activity, but did you know it can be extremely restful?

One of the great verses in the Bible says this: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). It suggests we experience God most fully when we are still. When we cease rushing around, pausing for a moment of thought and recollection, we are becoming prayerful, and God is very near. Even a break for a morning coffee can be a moment of prayer, if we slow ourselves down and allow our thoughts to turn towards God.

An essential part of resting is to breathe slowly. Christian tradition has always made a connection between prayer and breathing. You can learn to pray to the rhythm of your breathing, using chosen prayer words to focus. As you breathe in, you might say 'Abba', and then as you breathe out, add the word 'Father'. Choose words which are meaningful to you, deliberately slowing your breathing so you become relaxed and peaceful.

Perhaps you have a favourite chair where you are able to unwind easily. For a few moments sit and do nothing. Simply become aware of the present moment, reminding yourself you are in the presence of God. As you feel yourself relax, bask in the knowledge of God's love and acceptance of you. Sense His smile of approval upon you. You don't have to do anything, just 'be' for a moment. This too is prayer.

Sometimes we are forced to rest by circumstances... illness, disability, growing older and so on slow us down and we can't rush around like we used to do. Never mind. Don't fight against your circumstances. Enter into the place of rest that God is giving you. He loves you for who you are, not for what you do. Turn your thoughts into prayer and offer them to God. You don't need to advise God as to what He should do; simply hold people before Him, leaving the outcome to Him.

Prayer should be a natural expression of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have words, sometimes silence is enough. We don't need to impress God with our fervour. We can relax and be rested, even as we pray.



## Going for Silver

A group of us at St Andrew's have been getting together to make some more progress with Eco Church. You may remember we gained a bronze award a few years ago. We have prepared and now submitted our application. We hope to hear whether we have achieved the silver award in the next few weeks. In April, we reviewed where we were already and discovered that a silver award was achievable. So, the PCC have documented some of the commitments we have made around setting up an Eco group, encouraging climate friendly behaviours in the weekly emails, agreeing to put up a bike rack (we already have a concrete slab with slots for bikes), changing many of our light bulbs to LEDs, and documenting what we already do, serving for example, fairtrade tea and coffee. Terry has agreed to pay for Toilet Twinning (ie funding a toilet in Africa) via Tear Fund. We have registered St Andrew's as a Fairtrade Church, as we already fulfil the criteria of using fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar, and we do intend to promote fair trade goods in the future. We have been asking the congregation and bell ringers to complete a lifestyle survey in May and suggesting we all complete a carbon footprint as baselines for

us to consider how we can make changes in the future. Results of the lifestyle survey will appear in the September magazine, and also we will then be asking for interested people to join us in meeting up to work towards gold. But what is Eco Church all about, you may ask. Eco Church is a charity, A Rocha UK's, award scheme for churches like us in England and Wales who wish to see how well we care for God's earth. We complete an online survey which shows points gained for various eco-friendly activities. (When we earned enough points we received a bronze award, displayed in the church porch.) There are resources to help churches like St Andrew's express our care for God's world. The survey takes us through five key areas of church life:

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings
- Land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

We plan to work towards the awards, but also to encourage church members and our local community to make life-long changes which are good for the planet and show that we care for God's creation and God's people.

*Judy Cecil, Janet Underwood  
and Lesley Worboys*

## When silence must be broken

**My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent, for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Disaster overtakes disaster, the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, my curtains in a moment. How long must I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.'**

This passage is written in part from the perspective of the prophet, looking at the destruction imminently facing Israel, and in part from that of God. The frustration in God's words, as his chosen people reject both God and good is palpable. It is a frustration the prophet shares. It drives him to speak out, whether or not his words will be heeded. To call someone a 'Jeremiah' most commonly carries the implication that they are unduly negative, or causing alarm where alarm is not warranted. And yet sometimes strong words need to be uttered. Jeremiah can already hear and see the signs of

impending war, in the raising of the standard and the call of the trumpet. Jeremiah's words call to mind to me the current climate emergency. Those with eyes to see and ears to hear can tell that our present path of burning fossil fuels while enjoying a highly meat-based diet is not sustain-able for the planet we live on. We hear the warning cries of scientists and see the impact of ever more frequent extreme weather events on our televisions. Yet human behaviour proves stubbornly resistant to change. We say it is for 'someone else' to alter the way they consume the earth's resources, 'not for me'.

*Heavenly Father, you have created this beautiful planet on which we live, yet we fail to share and conserve its resources. Help us to hear and heed the warning cries, and to play our own part in being the change we yearn to see. Amen.* *David Walker  
Bishop of Manchester  
New Daylight 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

## Tales of Model Trains and Childhood - Part 1

A very long time ago, I think I was about 10 years old. My father bought my brother and me a second-hand Hornby-Dublo train set. It came in a large custom-made wooden box. The locomotive, coaches and trucks were all held in with net curtain wire. It was our joint Christmas present that year together with a Scalextric set that for some reason never seemed quite so interesting. I seem to recall that my little brother instantly claimed the Silver King express locomotive and I was left with the tank engine and trucks. From time to time, the railway was, set up on the floor and used, as only boys can, to try to run too fast or as a battering ram to crash through wooden bricks.

Experimentation was the name of the day. At one point we had the railway running down the back lawn powered via a two-pin socket via a light fitting adaptor. Unfortunately on that occasion I flicked the switch while my brother had hold of the live ends of the cable resulting in a nasty yelp from lower down the garden. For information, the garden was attached to a largish Victorian house. As such it was long and quite thin. We were allowed the bottom end below the trellis to do



with as we wished, but that will be another episode in the story. My brother and I were easily bribed. We were persuaded to share a bedroom so that we could construct a more permanent layout around the room so the trains could buzz around just above our heads.

Eventually the railway ended up being packed back into its box and put away. I would say it was a sad day but I was probably too interested in girls at the time to worry about it.

There, the set lay languishing in its box for twenty years, until, while living in Tilbury, our son Stephen came along. The set

was rescued from my parents' house and once again allowed to be set up and run round the floor of the rather small lounge in our house to Stephen's great delight. Where did it go from there? How did things develop? Is there a happy/memorable end to the story? Guess what? You will need to read the next issue of Sandon Parish magazine to find out. Next instalment with pictures, I hope. The photos linked to the early part of my life, sadly, lack anything linked to what was probably the most memorable Christmas present my brother and I were ever given! *Andy Horne*



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## Great Hospitality

In Central Asia, a policeman arrived at an underground pastor's home to arrest him, but he wasn't in. His 10-year-old daughter invited him in to wait. She made him dinner and, saying grace, thanked God for the food and this 'good man'. Overwhelmed by her love, he became a Christian and is now helping protect the church. Praise God for this extraordinary testimony!

*From the Open Doors Prayer diary 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024*  
*To protect identities they say no more than Central Asia.*

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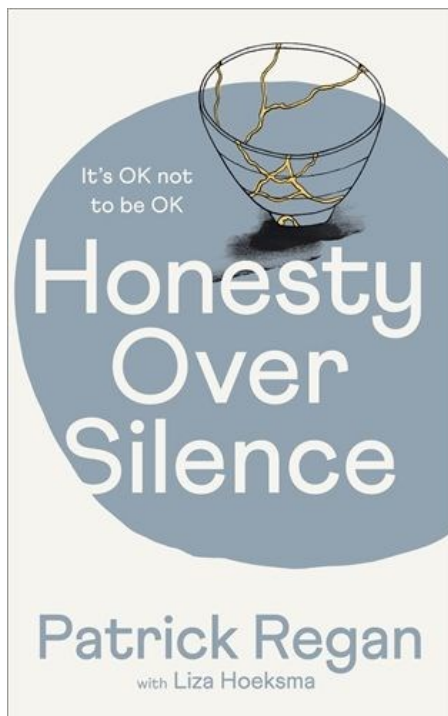
Deborah Aloba – Operatic  
soprano  
12<sup>th</sup> July

The Grammaticus Choir – Clive  
Smith and Tim Carey (Piano)  
26<sup>th</sup> July

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played on our very English organ  
9<sup>th</sup> August

Danbury Flutes

Lunch will be available from 11:45  
am or bring your own. Entry is  
free



## Book Review

### Honesty Over Silence – it's OK not to be OK

By Patrick Regan, SPCK, £9.99

This book opens the conversation on spirituality and mental health in a way that shows you that you are not alone.

Honesty Over Silence tackles topics that many find difficult, such as trusting God when life is painful, dealing with anxiety and depression, learning to look after ourselves, developing our character, and living with thankful hearts even in tough seasons.

It examines our strength in letting go of our need to be in control, as well as looking at how we can stop comparing ourselves to others, and instead live authentically and honestly as we grow into the people God has created us to be.

### Descriptions

*Inflation:* Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

*Raisin:* Grape with a sunburn.

*Mosquito:* An insect that makes you like flies better.

*Beauty salon:* Where women curl up and dye.

*Cannibal:* One who is fed up with people

*Committee:* A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

### Jennifer Price writes,

"Rector Terry Brown will be missed by all. He included everyone, with a far reaching Ministry, and even helped with washing up after the Tuesday coffee and lunch!

"I am truly grateful for my David Sherry being included in the church prayers and being able to have his funeral before Terry retires, and good to remember Terry led my father's funeral too. It will be helpful to be able to visit David in the garden of remembrance, so close to the graves of my mother and father."

Lester Amann considers the work of King Hezekiah

## Tunnels

Of all the remarkable engineering projects in the world, one is surely the Channel Tunnel. This undersea railway subway is the longest in the world and connects Kent, England with Calais, France. It is over 31 miles (50.46 km) long and was opened just over 30 years ago, in May 1994.

After six years of construction, this massive enterprise created three tunnels, running parallel to each other. Trains go through two large tunnels with a smaller service tunnel for ventilation and access. Every day, about 500 trains go through the tunnels carrying passengers, cars, lorries and coaches.

The Bible tells us of another amazing tunnelling project. King Hezekiah wanted to fortify the city of Jerusalem against the invading Assyrian armies and needed to protect the water supply. Using simple hand tools, and digging through solid rock, the completed tunnel was 1,750 feet long (533 m)! It still exists today and tourists with torches can shuffle along the cold, wet and narrow passageway from one end to the other.

Close to the tunnel is an original written inscription which describes how the tunnel was excavated. Two teams, one starting at each end of the curving channel met in the middle. Apparently, their direction was guided by men listening to hammering sounds as they gouged through the rock.

King Hezekiah's tunnel was indeed an incredible engineering feat and accomplished without modern machines and sophisticated technology. His vision and careful planning saved the people from their enemy. (2 Kings 20:20)

At the end of his eventful life, a eulogy was written that *King Hezekiah did what was right and what was pleasing to the Lord his God*. His accomplishments were done *in a spirit of complete loyalty and devotion to his God*.

We may well ask, when our time draws to a close, if such a fitting tribute will be given to us.

### Headlines

*You know ... but ...*

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges  
New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group  
Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead



## Thai Beef Salad

For the sauce

250 ml lime juice

250 ml chopped fresh coriander

250 ml chopped fresh mint

120 ml white sugar

80 ml fish sauce

½ spoon lemongrass paste

1 tablespoon sweet chilli sauce

750g thick beef steak

500g halved cherry tomatoes

6 chopped spring onions

1 chopped cucumber

1 lettuce head torn into pieces

Mix together lime juice, coriander, mint leaves, sugar, fish sauce, lemongrass and chilli sauce in a bowl/jar and stir until sugar dissolves. Adjust the flavour with salt or sugar if necessary.

Cook the steak in a frying pan or BBQ 4 - 6 minutes on each side. Cut the steak into thin strips and add to the sauce mixture above. Cover and refrigerate for about 3 hours.

Place the lettuce in a salad bowl. Arrange the cucumber and spring onions on top. Add the steak and pour all of the sauce on top. Scatter the tomatoes on top and garnish with some extra coriander leaves.

You could also dry roast some unsalted peanuts in a non stick pan, chop and add on top of the salad.

*Narelle Arnold*



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