

The Church of England is all about building community, caring for people in need, and sharing the life changing love of Jesus Christ.

Please Pray for Revd Terry Brown and his continuing recovery

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember:**

All who work in TV and radio and for the Mother's Union throughout the world

**In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember:**

Meadgate Church and Revd Tim Ball

**In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember:**

Richard & Judy Cecil, Richard, Charlotte, Florence & Albert Moore, Nigel, Gemma & Daisy-Rose Cayless, students at college and university, the unemployed, the police dogs section, Christians Together in Chelmsford and all who live in The Tythings

**The sick and those who have asked for prayer:**

Shirley Cartwright, James, Daisy, Emily, Barbara Parish, Stuart, Betty Lawrence, Ian & Barbara Underwood, Ann Elwell, Jeanette Burrell, Reg Horscroft, Peter Willsher, Nick Harding, Audrey Bryan, Dennis Terry and others we know.

**We remember those who have died recently:**

especially Kenneth Edwards and Diana Burrows, others known to us and those whose yearly mind falls during December.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Parish People**

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**Regular Pattern of Worship**

Sunday	10:00 am	Parish Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Family Service
	9:30 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	9:30 am	Holy Communion

**The Parish Church of St. Andrew,  
Sandon  
A Member of the 'Compass' Group of  
Churches**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**08:00 am Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher Canon Andy Griffiths

**10.00 am Family Service**

Minister`	Revd Terry Brown
Reader	Mike Harris
Sides Persons	Christine / Pam
Refreshments	Alison / Pat Salmon

**Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

10:00 am	Sung Eucharist and Baptism
4:00 pm	Christingle

**During The Week**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**NO Community Choir**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

9:30 am	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
12:30 pm	The Crown for Christmas Lunch
7:45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

1:00 pm	Tiny Tots
3:00 pm	Standing Committee meets

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

8:30 am	Compass Churches Morning Prayer at South Woodham Ferrers
5:00 pm	Beaver Scouts (village hall)
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts (village hall)
8:00 pm	Scouts (village hall)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

7:30 pm	Choir Practice
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If you are a visitor to our church today, please make yourself known to one of the Churchwardens or 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

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that, when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as Judge and Saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

## Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees

and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Dates for the Diary

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

Christingle Service

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3pm**

Carol singing at Baycroft

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

Beer and Carols at The Crown

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm**

Howe Green Carol Service

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6:30pm**

Candle Lit Nine Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Crib service 4pm

Midnight Communion Service 11:30pm

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

Christmas Day Service & Communion