



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 and for Bishop Stephen Cottrell as he prepares to become the next Archbishop of York.

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember:** The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, Christians of other denominations especially remembering Pope Francis.

**In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember:** Mid Essex hospital chaplaincy, Tim Blake & the team.

**In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember:** Carol & Ken Wedon; Mary Matthew; David & Michelle Mayo; all who are recently married & preparing for marriage; home carers and people living with dementia. All who live and work on Molrams Lane.

**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, Dennis Terry and others we know.

**We remember those who have died recently:** especially Audrey Bryan, Kenneth Edwards and others known to us. Those whose anniversary of death 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
Tuesday	9:30 am	Holy Communion

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

<b>10 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
Celebrant & Preacher	
	Revd Terry Brown
Chalice	Michael Puffett
Reader	Joan Bridger
Intercessor	David Farrar
Sides Persons	Eileen and Richard
Refreshments	Christine and David

<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
Sides Person	David and Kim

**Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10 am** Sung Eucharist

### During The Week

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

<b>11 am</b>	Audrey Bryan cremation (Family only)
<b>4 pm</b>	Crib Service
<b>11.30 pm</b>	Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10 am** Christmas Family  
Communion

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

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with

her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Dates for the Diary

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

NO 9.30 am Communion service

**4 pm** Crib Service. Please come dressed for one of the parts in the nativity if you can: e.g. shepherds, kings. We will have some costumes available too

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 12 noon to 2 pm

Soup and Sandwich lunch. All welcome. No charge but donations accepted!

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Sorry NO 8am Communion service

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1pm

Memorial Service for Audrey Bryan at St Andrew's followed by a reception at the Millennium Hall in Great Baddow

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 7.15 for 7.30pm

Quiz in the Village Hall

Put the date in your diary and let David Farrar know ASAP if you can 'field' a team

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 12 noon

at the Old Windmill, South Hanningfield Men's 'Bible Bite and Lunch'

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9 am

Butts Green Garden Centre Ladies breakfast

**Congratulations to Bishop Stephen on his appointment as the next Archbishop of York. The present Archbishop of York retires on the 7th June 2020**

**The Rector and Churchwardens and PCC wish everyone a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.**