



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

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

Please Pray for Revd Terry Brown as he & Caroline enjoy a short holiday and for Bishop Stephen Cottrell as he prepares for his appointment as the next Archbishop of York.

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember:** members of General Synod; the Anglican church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember:** Oasis Church meeting in Melbourne and minister Pete Bardwell; the Healing Bus

**In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember:** Evelyn Ellis, Anthea Burgess; those recently moved to Sandon; all from broken homes; single parent families; the people of St Mary the Virgin Little Baddow; Jill Parkin & the Community Choir; all who live in Chalklands

**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.

**We remember those who have died recently:** especially Audrey Bryan, Kenneth Edwards and others known to us. Those whose anniversary of death falls during January. 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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Epiphany**

**10 am Sung Eucharist**  
Celebrant & Preacher  
Revd Chris Poulard  
Chalice Janet Terry  
Reader Eileen Bartrup  
Intercessor Pat Cotton  
Sides Persons David & Kim  
Refreshments Claire & Janet

**Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10 am All Age Worship**

**During The Week**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
7.30 pm PCC meets

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
followed by refreshments  
Celebrant Revd Dan Pierce

12 noon Soup & Sandwich  
All welcome

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
1 pm Tiny Tots

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**  
8.30 am Compass Churches Morning  
Prayer at Downham

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
7.30 pm Choir Practice  
All welcome

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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests

and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Dates for the Diary**

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

Sorry **NO** 8 am Communion service here  
8 am service at Danbury, St John's.  
Family service at 10 am

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**7.30 pm Community Choir** meet in church

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**7.15 for 7.30 pm 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'**