

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

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember: the dioceses of Lui (South Sudan), Taiwan (The Episcopal Church) and Guildford

In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember: the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Chelmsford and Brian Wardop and Cyril Bagshaw, elders.

In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember: Liz & Nick Bobeldijk; Jane Marshall; Sandon Scouts, Group Leader Jean Blake; Beavers - Janet Bernardes, Kirsty Rickwood, Katy Panayiotides, Linda Harding; Cubs - Steve Eatly, Jean Sherwin, Nick Mennie; Scouts - Aimee Agombar, Edward Woods and Guy Speakman; our outreach to young families, The Ukraine and all who live and work on Brick Kiln Road.

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 & Janet Terry, Michael Hodge, Alison Martin.

We remember those who have died recently: especially Jackie Miller, Stella Hollows and others known to us. Also, those whose years mind falls during February. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Regular Pattern of Worship

Sunday	10:00 am	Parish Eucharist
2 nd 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 2nd February 2020 Presentation of Christ

10 am	Sung Eucharist
Celebrant	Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher	Revd. Geoff Griggs
Chalice	Richard Cecil
Reader	Rosemary McKay
Intercessor	Nick Bobeldijk
Sides Persons	David & Kim
Refreshments	David & Christine

Next Sunday 9th February

8 am	Holy Communion
10 am	All Age Worship

During The Week

Tuesday 4th February

9.30 am	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
12 noon - 2 pm	Soup & Sandwich
7.45 pm	Bell Ringing

Wednesday 5th February

1 pm	Tiny Tots
3 pm	Fete Meeting

Thursday 6th February

8.30 am	Compass Churches Morning Prayer at Little Baddow
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Friday 7th February

7.30 pm	Choir Practice All welcome
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FOODBANK - Send thanks for the many Christmas donations. They gave out 6.3 tonnes of food/toiletries in December. To balance stock they now need: teabags 40/80; coffee small/medium; powdered and tinned potato; sponge puddings and longlife milk

If you are a visitor 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to

the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 16th February

12 noon Parish Lunch – All welcome
Please sign the sheet if you are coming

Monday 17th February

11.30 am Jackie Miller Funeral in church

Tuesday 25th February

10.15am Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
Please sign the sheet if you are coming

Wednesday 26th February 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday service with ashing

Lent Talks at the cathedral – 7pm

Wed 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Mar.

(1st Apr at Meadgate) Lifts are available. Please sign the sheet on the welcome table.

Lent Course at St Andrew's – 10am

Thur 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Mar and 2nd Apr
Please sign the sheet if you are coming

Lent lunches – 12 - 2pm 29th Feb, 4th Apr

See Holy Week and Easter sheet for more info.