



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: Mothers everywhere; the work of the Mother's Union & The Women's Institute; the church in Hong Kong

In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember: Church of the Holy Spirit, Westlands; St Mary's, Widford and Revd Stephanie Gillingham

In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember: Carol and Kenneth Wedon; Mary Matthew; David & Michelle Mayo; those recently married and those preparing for marriage; Home Carers and Health care workers; People living with dementia and their carers; all who live & work in 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 & Janet Terry, Michael Hodge, Alison Martin, June Hayes, Peter Lambert, Anna Reed and Joyce; everyone who is affected by coronavirus.

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

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Our usual Pattern of Worship has been suspended until further notice as advised by Archbishops Justin and John

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

**Sunday 22nd March 2020
Mothering Sunday**

The Church will be open as usual
Please come in and spend some time away from the continuous noise of the news, or just come in and sit quietly for a while.
Perhaps share your concerns with our God who is always ready to listen.

No services until further notice

During The Week

Monday 23rd March
No Community Choir

Tuesday 24th March
No service
No Bell Ringing

Wednesday 25th March
No Tiny Tots
No Lent Talk, will be available on line
Chelmsford Diocese website

Thursday 26th March
No Lent Group at Sandon
No Men's Lunch

Friday 27th March
No Choir Practice

You could listen to Radio 4 on Sunday mornings at 8.10am to an Act of Worship

Or go to this address to see a service in a church in Canvey, Essex:
<https://thesundayservice.gallery.video/stnicholascanvey>

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading: 1 Samuel 2:20-28

Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. And the LORD took note of Hannah; she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

Now Eli was very old. He heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. He said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading abroad. If one person sins against another, someone can intercede for the sinner with the LORD; but if someone sins against the LORD, who can make intercession?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father; for it was the will of the LORD to kill them.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

A man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus the LORD has said, 'I revealed myself to the family of your ancestor in Egypt when they were slaves to the house of Pharaoh. I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to offer incense, to wear an ephod before me; and I gave to the family of your ancestor all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel.'

John 19 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury says church services "must be put on hold" in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

Archbishop Justin Welby and the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, say it is now necessary to suspend public worship until further notice, and to live-stream services where possible.

In a joint letter issued today, they said the Church of England must face the challenge by becoming a radically "different sort of church" rooted in prayer and serving others.

It comes after the government announced unprecedented peacetime measures to try to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus, with restrictions on public gatherings, transport and working.

The Archbishops said that, where possible, church buildings should remain open as places of prayer for the community, observing social distancing recommendations.

They also invited clergy to maintain daily prayers - live streaming their worship if resources allow.

They urged congregations to be in the forefront of providing practical care and support for the most poor and the most vulnerable during the crisis.

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They wrote: "Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead.

"Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day.

"We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people. And we can certainly offer practical care and support.

"This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly are a church for all, or just the church for ourselves.

"We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world."

Our church will be open during daylight hours for prayer or just to sit and be quiet and reflect. We also have volunteers to do shopping for anyone. In the first instance contact Terry, Judy or Michael.