

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 pray for:**

The peace of Jerusalem and the people of the land of the Holy One.

**In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember:** St Michael and All Angels, Galleywood, David Cattle and the congregation

**In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember:** Christine Mennie; Brenda Moyse; Kevin & Sarah Topley; staff and volunteers at the Lighthouse Family Trust; Made4More leading e-merge groups, taking assemblies and mentoring; Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers and all who live and work in Hall 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 Stella Hollows, Shelagh Allison-Lawton and others known to us. Also, those whose years end during April. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**Easter Sunday**

**St Andrew's Church is now closed  
even for prayer**  
**Public worship is suspended**

**You can watch Terry and Caroline  
at 10.30 am on Facebook**  
**Go to St Andrew's Church,  
Sandon website**  
**[www.sandon-church.info](http://www.sandon-church.info)**

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Reading Acts 10: 34-43

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

## Gospel John 20:1 - 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Notices

**Easter Day communion 10:30am** come and celebrate with us Jesus' triumph over death. Order of service on website.

**Prayer and Practical.** Please contact Terry or one of the Wardens if you need Prayer or practical help.

The Church of England has produced a booklet on Mental Health which is worth looking at. This can be downloaded from our website.

Our Church is closed for worship but we still have to pay our bills. If you usually give cash in the collection you may like to consider:

1. Giving by bank transfer to PCC of Sandon, Sort Code: 30-91-85 Account: 00314732 at Lloyds Bank Plc.
2. Sending a cheque to Nick Bobeldijk, 34 Gilmore Way, Great Baddow, CM2 7AW.
3. Saving the cash somewhere safe and giving it when St Andrew's re-opens.

What does the church look like when the church cannot open? How do we meet together when we cannot meet in person? While the physical doors of the church building must remain closed, it is behind the doors of each house in our community that the vital work of the church must continue - the work of prayer and reaching out to those around us who are in need.

While we may not be able to travel physically to gather, there are other ways that the people of God can come together, to spend time in God's word, and to pray for those in need. The global church has a tradition, passed down to us from the early monastic communities, of days routinely punctuated by prayer. This is known as the 'Daily Office'. In churches, cathedrals, monasteries, friaries, chapels, and convents around the world follow a pattern of Morning, Evening and Night Prayer (also known as Compline). We will also observe a Eucharist each Sunday morning. I would love for you to join me using these prayer times from your homes. Morning, Evening and Night prayer can be found on our website. Let's use this time to come close to God in prayer.