

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:**

All who use their talents and skill to write music and hymns to enrich our worship; for the Church of Ireland

**In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember:** St Paul's,

Great Baddow, Phil Sheldrake and the congregation

**In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember:**

Dennis & Janet Terry; Keith who works in the churchyard; Charles & Emma Richardson; all involved with the armed forces; senior citizens to feel safe at home; All Saints, Stock; the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and all who live and work in The Lintons.

**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, Trish Prosser, Grace Mallinder, for all those who have died of Coronavirus and others known to us. Also, those whose years mind fall 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**You can watch Terry and Caroline  
at 10.30am on Facebook  
Go to St Augustine's Church, North  
Springfield, Anglican website**

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 Acts 2: 14a; 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save

yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

#### Gospel John 20 19 - end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Now some Good News

54.7 million people read scripture over Easter on Bible app. More people read and shared Bible verses this Easter from YouVersion Bible app than ever before. As lockdowns affected several countries and churches closed over Easter, the number of people taking part in daily reading plans on the app went up 54 per cent and the number of people sharing verses went up 30 per cent.

#### Notices

**Sunday Service** 10.30am on Facebook with Terry and Caroline

**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.

Finally 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.

#### Baycroft

We remember especially the Staff and Residents of Baycroft as they have a lockdown. Let us pray for them as they cannot see friends and relatives and the staff are working under difficult situations. We as a church are trying to help with a weekly Tea with the Vicar and a monthly Tea Time service on Zoom.

Andy Horne, well known by many of you, has asked me to point out that he is available and willing to help anyone with a problem. You can contact him by email on: [andyhorne@talktalk.net](mailto:andyhorne@talktalk.net)

The diocese are streaming a number of services each day. They can best be accessed by googling ‘Chelmsford Cathedral Facebook’ This takes you to their homepage. Click on ‘videos’ and thumbnails appear. They seem to be in date order with the most recent at the top left. A bit of trial and error needed here. I have found them very helpful.

Don't forget there is Morning, Evening and Night Prayer services for you to use. These are found on the Church Website under reports.