

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: followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people.

The Anglican Communion in Japan & the Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate

In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember: The Salvation Army, city centre, and Major's MacDonald & Diana Chandi.

In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember: Colin Bryan, Beryl Darbon, Aaron, Olivia & Marshall Harris; Nick, Nicola & Ivy; The Royal Family; Ambulance, Fire & Police forces; our care of planet earth; Compass churches St John's, Danbury and all who live and work on the Bridleway.

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 and Joyce; everyone who is affected by coronavirus.

We remember those who have died recently: especially Shelagh Allison-Lawton, Trish Prosser, Grace Mallinder, Diana Rushton and for all those who have died of Coronavirus and others known to us. Also, those whose years mind fall during May. 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 3rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**You can join Terry and Caroline
at 10.30am via zoom– see the website**

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Reading Acts 2: 42 - end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[1] to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel John 10:1 - 10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Notices

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

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

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 conditions. We as a church are trying to help with a weekly Tea with the Vicar and a monthly Tea Time service on Zoom.

Support for the NHS

Thursdays at 8pm – clap for NHS and care staff

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

Help Identify the Next Bishop of Chelmsford

On 12 April 2020 Bishop Stephen Cottrell left his role of Bishop of Chelmsford after nearly a decade in post. Later this year he will become the Archbishop of York. All of us thank him for his huge contribution to our diocese and we will be praying for him and his wife Rebecca as they embark on a new chapter in their ministry.

The process to discern who God is calling to be the next Bishop of Chelmsford is now underway. A diocesan consultation will open on the 11 May and submissions are welcome from individuals as well as parishes and church groups. We'll be organising a discussion to inform a submission from our parish soon. In the meantime, you can find out more about the process and the consultation here. The web page also includes a prayer for discernment which we encourage you to say as we embark on this important period for our diocese.

On line services

Our Main service on Zoom is at 10.30am every Sunday morning. Please join us from 10am so that you will not miss any of the service and have a chance to speak to members of the congregation.

On 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays the service will be Morning Worship

On the 4th Sunday of the Month there will be a Communion Service

On Tuesdays at 9.30am we will have Celtic Morning Prayer on 1st 3rd and 4th Tuesdays

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month this will be a Communion Service

Operation Noah

We will running 3 sessions of this course which looks at Climate Change and the Churches response.

The sessions will be run using Zoom on Thursday 6th May

Thursday 13th May

Thursday 20th May

It will begin at 3pm and end 4.30pm

I do hope you will be able to join us. If you want to know more about the course or how to get onto Zoom, please speak to Terry or Richard.