



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

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

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:
Christian Aid Week: God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today. Amen

The Anglican Church of Kenya & the Most Revd Jackson Ole Sopit Primate

In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember: Trinity Methodist church, Revd Mark Pengelly, Deacon Ramona Samuel & the congregation.

In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember: John Gruby, Gill Haddington; those who would attend soup & sandwich; the use of technology to spread the Gospel; time to be quiet and listen to that still small voice of calm; Compass churches All Saints, E Hanningfield and all who live and work in Great Gibracks Chase.

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; all 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.

Parish People

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**Sunday 10th May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**St Andrew's Church building
remains closed
You can join Terry and Caroline
on Sunday 10th May at 10.30am
and Tuesday 12th May at 9.30am
See the website and ‘online services’**

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading Acts 7: 55 - end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Gospel John 14:1 - 14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Notices

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

Support for the NHS

Thursdays at 8pm – clap for NHS and care staff

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

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

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 on the Chelmsford diocese website. It 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

Sundays 10.30am 1st 2nd 3rd Morning Worship
4th Communion

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.

Tuesdays 9.30am 1st 3rd 4th Morning Prayer
2nd Communion

Operation Noah

We will be running 2 more sessions of this course looking at Climate Change and the Churches response via Zoom 3pm - 4.30pm on:
Thursday 13th May

Thursday 20th May

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.

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

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