



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 those who work in our local hospitals, that they may feel valued and appreciated; for the ambulance and air ambulance services.

In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember: Christchurch URC and their minister Revd Paul Stein

In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember:

Mike Harris; Pat Cotton; David, Joanna & Lewis Reeves; the Deanery and Compass churches; for chaplains and patients at Broomfield Hospital; for tolerance in society; for young people to feel they have a place in church; all who live in Southend Road.

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, Michael Hodge, Peter Willsher, Alison Martin, June Hayes and all those affected by coronavirus.

We remember those who have died recently: especially Dennis Terry, Diana Rushton and Peter Lambert and for all those who have died of Coronavirus and others known to us. Also, those whose years mind fall during July. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

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

**Sunday 26th July 2020
Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday Service today at 10 am on zoom
Tuesday 28th July in church at 9.30am
Next Sunday 2nd August in church at 10am
The church is open for private prayer:
2-4pm Sun, Mon, Tue
10am -12noon Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
Zoom services continue on:
Tuesday 4th August at 9.30am
Sunday 9th August at 10am
See the website and 'online services'

10am Service today

Leader Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher Revd. Canon Mike Power
1st Reading Richard Cecil
2nd Reading Alison Read
Intercessions Judy Cecil

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading Romans 8: 26 - end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for

all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,
"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Matthew 13: 31- 33, 44 - 52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Notices

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.

Services in Church

Sundays 2nd, 16th and 30th August at 10am
Tuesdays 11th and 25th August at 9.30am

On line services

Sundays 9th and 23rd August at 10am
Tuesdays 4th and 18th August at 9.30am

Get to zoom services and events by going to the St Andrew's website, click on 'online services and events' tab and then click on the relevant service or event in the right hand column. It will work from 30 minutes before the start.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's free national phone line **Daily Hope** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services at the end of a telephone line. Available 24 hours a day and callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. **The number is 0800 804 8044 and calls are free.**

Church Services

Thank you so much for all those who completed the Questionnaire on Church Services. We have some who would like to return to church and others who need a little more time before coming back. In Response we have come up with the following pattern of worship.

Sunday 26th July 10am Zoom
Tuesday 28th July 9.30am Church
Sunday 2nd August 10am Church
Tuesday 4th August 9.30am Zoom
Sunday 9th August 10am Zoom
Tuesday 11th August 9.30am Church
Sunday 16th August 10am Church
Tuesday 18th August 9.30am Zoom

Eco tip for July

This week's eco tip: Can you wear it again? Every time synthetic fabrics are washed they shed microfibres which are the main cause of micro plastic contamination of the oceans (also known as "plastic soup"). This is ingested by fish and makes its way into our food chain.