



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 Essex Clergy Charity; the Anglican Church of South America and the Most Revd Gregory Venables, Presiding Bishop.

In the Christians together in Chelmsford cycle of prayer we remember: Life Church and their ministers Phil Hannam and Tim Williams

In St Andrew's prayer diary we remember: Gillian Speakman, Bernard Richmond; Richard, Charlotte, Florence and Albert Moore; Terry Brown our Rector; the Security agencies and all who deal with terrorist attacks; the United Nations and others seeking peace; South Sudan and all who live in Brook View.

The sick and those who have asked for prayer: Shirley Cartwright, James, Daisy, Emily, Barbara Parish, Stuart, Ken & Betty Lawrence, Ian & Barbara Underwood, Ann Elwell, Reg Horscroft, Peter Willsher, Alison Martin, Ezra, Catherine Haynes, Sharon Hands and all those affected by coronavirus.

We remember those who have died recently: especially Dennis Terry, Diana Rushen, Alan Maudsley and Geoff Snowden and for all those who have died of Coronavirus and others known to us. Also, those whose years mind falls during September. September Joyce Chennells Ann Clark, Marian Brown, Clive Ward, Marjorie Ferguson and Pat Eden. 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 13th September 2020
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Creationtide**

8am Holy Communion in church

Leader Revd. Terry Brown
Reader Gill Hodge

3pm Songs of Praise in the churchyard

Leader Revd. Terry Brown
Preacher Roger Whipp

Tue 15th September 9.30am

Communion in CHURCH

Wed 16th September

Living under the Rainbow at 7.15pm via zoom

Night Prayer at 8.30pm via zoom

Church is now open each day for private prayer

Next Sunday 20th September

10am Communion Service in church

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Romans 14: 1 - 12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Notices

On Sundays put your offering on the plate as you enter or exit. There will be no collection during the service due to social distancing.

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.

Night Prayer on zoom

There will be a short service of compline with a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings at 8.30pm. Please join us. Make sure you have a candle to light at the beginning of the service.

Living under the Rainbow

1 hour per session. You may then like to keep going to join the Night Prayer at 8.30pm.
Wednesday 16th September Session 3.
Becoming more human — listening attentively
Wednesday 23rd September Session 4.
Loving more deeply — facing our mortality
Wednesday 30th September Session 5.
Believing more truly — considering the 'R' factor
Wednesday 7th October Session 6.
Living more hopefully — under the rainbow of God's promises

Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 26th

September John Gruby and David Farrar have organised a sponsored Bike ride on Saturday 26th September. Start at about 10.15 a.m. from the church car park. The bike ride will finish at Cow Watering Lane, Writtle and then by road to The Duck at Newey Green. David will reserve a table/s probably outside. If you would like to join the group please get in touch with David for further information. If however you cannot take part then the riders would value your sponsorship. Again please contact David. It would be good to raise lots of money.

This week's eco tip:

Make sure your hot-water tank is dressed correctly. A British Standard lagging jacket costs around £15 and the insulation for the pipe leading to the hot-water tank from the boiler is around £3 a metre. Keep your hot water cosy and save at the same time! And why not dress correctly yourself; wear an extra layer rather than turning up the heating!