

He is Risen



Terry's Letter

Explaining Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Very often, we take the festivals of the Christian year for granted. Revd Terry gives a brief background to the most holy period in the Church's calendar. Easter was the main festival for the early Church. It was often called the Christian Passover, as the first Easter happened at Passover time – Jesus was seen as the new Passover lamb, who only needed to be sacrificed once, unlike the annual Passover sacrifice. Easter itself celebrates Jesus' resurrection. The name Easter was taken over from the old pagan spring festival of the goddess Eostre, to whom hares were sacrificed. During the 2nd Century a debate about the correct date of Easter arose and in Rome different congregations kept it on different days. Some churches kept close to the Jewish calendar, but this soon died out and most churches kept it closest to fourteenth Nisan, roughly when Jesus is believed to have died. Even today, the Eastern Church uses a slightly different dating. In the 2nd Century the churches held a Christian Pascha (Passover) on one day. By the fourth century there was more careful instruction of converts to the faith, and they

were taught by the bishop before they were baptised at Easter (clearly, smaller numbers then meant a much closer link with bishops!). It was at about this time that Easter became a week long celebration with special days remembering certain events in the last week of Jesus' life.

Often, the days leading up to Easter would be a time of fasting. Nowadays, the date of Easter is worked out by the moon. It can fall any time between the 22nd March and 25th April.

Lent was the time when candidates were prepared for baptism and tested by the bishop. Now it is a period of six and a half weeks in which Christians can prepare themselves for Easter by thinking about their faith more deeply and learning about it. It recalls Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert just before the start of his ministry. Here at St. Andrews we encourage each other to join the Lent course so that we can learn together more about our faith. Please see later in this magazine details and dates of this year's course.

Often, Christians give up a luxury or give some money to charity. Some also do something extra during this time. This is all to help us grow in our faith.

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The day before Lent begins is Shrove Tuesday. This comes from the old Latin word *shrive*, meaning 'used up'. All the rich foods that could not be eaten during Lent were used up in making pancakes. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On this day we are invited to receive ashes on our foreheads at a special service of penitence. Ashes are an ancient sign of sorrow at sin, and repentance. There follow six Sundays in Lent. The fifth Sunday of Lent is called Passion Sunday, when we recall Jesus' suffering. The last week in Lent is now called Holy Week and is full of events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday recalls his triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

The people waved palm branches and so today many churches give out palm crosses, as we do here at St. Andrew's. These remind us of the branches waved to Jesus as a King, but also that only five days later, the same crowds called for Jesus' death on the cross. Our service will include the blessing of palm crosses, a procession from the Green and the reading of the Passion Gospel.

The next thing that Jesus did was to go to the Temple and to throw out the people who were trading there. This was not because they were not allowed to trade there – they were – but because they were cheating people in their dealing. This was on the Sunday or Monday. The next two days

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were taken up with teaching and answering questions from the crowds and the Jewish leaders (who were trying to catch him out). On the Thursday, now called Maundy Thursday, he had his last meal with his disciples, the origin of the service of Holy Communion. This may well have been the Passover meal. At this meal he also washed the feet of all his apostles, as a servant might. He told them to eat the meal whenever they met together, and to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. He called this a new commandment and that is how the day got its name. The Latin word *mandatum* means 'commandment'. Churches on this day re-enact the Last Supper, and in Rome, the Pope washes the

feet of twelve boys as a symbol of humility. Here at St Andrews we will follow the Sung Eucharist with the stripping of the altars and keep silence in church until 11 pm. This is a very moving service and I do hope you are able to attend and perhaps take part in the watch in the Lady Chapel.

The same evening Jesus was arrested by the Jewish Temple soldiers and had to go through three trials, before the Jewish council (Sanhedrin); the Roman Governor (Pilate); and the Jewish puppet King (Herod). He was crucified the next day by the Romans under pressure from the Jewish leaders. The day is now called Good Friday, possibly a corruption of 'God's Friday'. All services are quiet and thoughtful. Many churches are stripped of all decoration. In many areas all the different denominations get

together and have a procession of witness in the streets or an open air service. In the evening the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches hold special vigils. Some churches have services from midday until 3:00pm, when Jesus is said to have died. At St Andrews, we are invited to meet for Morning Prayer and the Stations of the Cross and then go together to join the Walk of Witness in Chelmsford. For those who wish to observe the last hour of Jesus' life, there will be a service at 2 pm until 3 pm. For many, Holy Saturday is a day of quiet, thought and sorrow. Others keep a special Easter Eve Vigil at which the saving stories of the Old Testament are remembered. This leads up to the joyful celebrations of Easter Sunday when the tomb was found empty, and Jesus began a number of

risen appearances to his followers. This year we will celebrate the resurrection with a service at 8 am and then this will be followed by breakfast when we can meet our two congregations. Churches light the new paschal candle from a fire outside, and then carry them in to church to symbolise Jesus' resurrection. All churches are decorated with flowers as symbols of new life and many have Easter gardens in them. Eggs are also given as symbols of new life, and in the Orthodox Church races are held with brightly painted eggs. Here at St Andrews we will have an Easter Egg Hunt especially for the children. In all Christian churches the shout is proclaimed 'Christ is risen' and the people reply 'He is risen indeed'. If it were not for this event, there would be no Christianity. The crucifixion would have been pointless without the resurrection.

So, Lent takes us on a journey of faith, right through to Easter Day. Please do try and join in that journey as fully as you can (whatever age you are) – whether that be at church or at home. May we all keep a holy Lent and have a blessed Easter.

Terry

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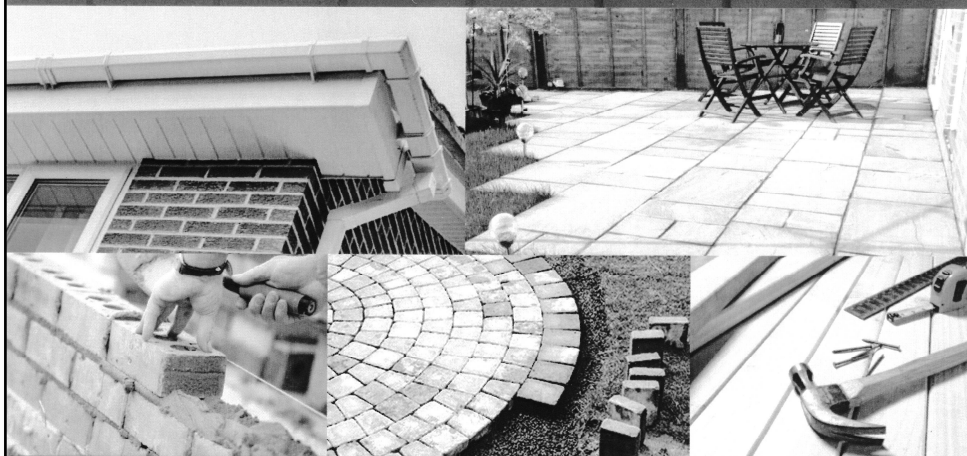
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Eileen Bartrup

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Psalms 51.10

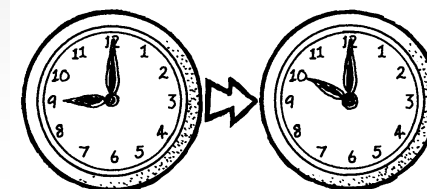
Wednesday 1st March

**Ash Wednesday Sung
Eucharist & Ashing @
7:30 pm**

**This will be held in St. Andrews
Room**

Clocks Change

Sunday 26th March





FAIRTRADE

During Fairtrade week you are invited to two events

Saturday 4th March 10 am

Fairtrade Coffee morning at Howe Green URC. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 11th March 7 pm

Fairtrade Wine and Cheese Tasting evening in St Andrew's Room £3

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Lent Course 2017

Our Lent course is based on the Living of God's Love. In their introduction, the authors, of St Alban's Diocese, say: "As we pray the Living God's Love prayer, we ask that the Holy Spirit would inspire us – both as individuals and as God's Church with generosity, joy, imagination and courage. But what does that look like? How might our lives demonstrate these qualities? And how do these qualities reflect Christian Scripture and tradition? This accessible course considers these questions.

Please join us on the following dates in St Andrew's room at 7 pm for a simple meal or 7:30 pm for the start of the course with coffee or tea.

Dates for the sessions

Wednesday 8th March To live your love
with **Generosity**

Wednesday 15th March To live your love
with **Joy**

Wednesday 22nd March To live your love with **Imagination**

Wednesday 29th March To live your love with **Courage**

Wednesday 5th April To live your love **For the Sake of the World**

Please sign up on the list at the end of the Sunday service or ring Terry on 01245 698988

Living God's Love prayer

Living God,
Draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord,
send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit,
make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us,
teach and inspire us
to live your love
with generosity and joy,
imagination and courage;
for the sake of your world
and in the name of Jesus,
Amen.



Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Monday 10th April 8pm

As this is Holy Week there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm which I hope many of you will be able to attend before the AGM. All are welcome to attend. To vote at the meeting, you need to be on the Electoral Roll – forms available at the back of church (to be returned to Liz Bobledijk). At the meeting we will be reviewing what's happened over the past months and looking ahead to the exciting opportunities and challenges we will face together in the coming year. It is important for you to

come along and support the church, and maybe consider standing for the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Do you know if you are registered to vote in your church?

The electoral roll will be revised in March in time for the annual meeting on Monday 10th April. Of course everyone who is baptised is a member of the Christian church, however to become a



We are meeting on the Second Saturday from 10am to 12noon
Please come and join us
everyone welcome
Come and enjoy some great Community spirit as well as a cup of tea

Dates are as follows
Saturday 11th March
Saturday 8th April
Saturday 10th June
Saturday 1st July
Saturday 12th August
Saturday 9th September
Saturday 7th October



Saturday 11th March

12 noon to 2 pm in St Andrew's Room

Saturday 8th April

12 noon to 2 pm in St Andrew's Room

Come and join us.

voting member at St Andrew's you need to be on the electoral roll. You don't need to be confirmed. Anyone who is baptised and has attended regularly for six months can register. You can then have a say in who becomes the next church wardens, and who represents you on the PCC*. I would really like to see every aspect of church life reflected on the PCC. There are likely to be some significant decisions to be made by the PCC in the next few years. All our

discussions and decisions will be made in the prayerful context of our understanding of God's mission that we join in with in this place. In that sense everyone can support the PCC by including the PCC meetings in your regular prayers. *Terry*

*It is the Vestry meeting that elects wardens where the electorate is those resident in the parish as well as church members. PCC members are elected by church members alone at the APCM. *Ed*



Saturday 18th March

8:30 am – 10 am

Men's Breakfast

Butts Green Garden Centre.
Only £7.50

Book your place by ringing Dennis on 01245 472997 or signing the booking sheet at one of the services.



Sunday 26th March

Mothering Sunday

Service 10 am

With Church Parade

Please support this service when we remember our Mothers and children receive flowers for their mothers.



Tuesday 11th April

7:30 pm prompt

St Andrew's Room

You are invited to
an Agape Supper

This meal will commemorate
Jesus' last meal with his friends
and the institution of the
Eucharist. We will share our meal
within the service of Holy
Communion.

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Service of Thanksgiving

On Sunday 30th April you are
all invited to a special service
at 10 am when we will be
giving thanks for the
completion of work on our
church roof.

The Vice Dean of Chelmsford
Cathedral, Revd. Canon Ivor
Moody has been invited to
preach. The Mayor of Chelmsford
has accepted our invitation to
attend. We have invited our
Architect, David Ferguson and all
the builders who have worked on
the roof. Invitations will also be
sent to all who are Friends of
St Andrews and to all who have
purchased tiles. I do hope you are
able to be with us for this special
service. There will be festive
refreshments after the service for
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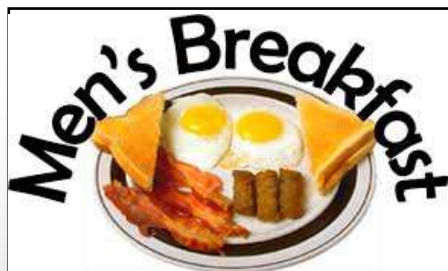




Saturday 29th April Ladies Breakfast

Butts Green Garden Centre
@ 8.30am
Only £7.50

Book your place by ringing Janet on 01245 472997 or signing the booking sheet at the back of the service.



Saturday 6th May 8:30 am – 10 am

Men's Breakfast

Butts Green Garden Centre.
Only £7.50

Book your place by ringing Dennis on 01245 472997 or signing the booking sheet at one of the services.



Saturday 13th May

Meet at Church Car park at

10am

There will be a stop for lunch

around 12noon
For sponsor forms and

information please contact David Farrar on 01245 471484



Concert in Church People of the Green Saturday 20th May 7.30pm

Tickets £10 or £5 for those in full time education.

This proved to be a good concert last year so we welcome back the choir.

Ticket includes a glass of wine and refreshments

The Sandon Gardens and Allotments Association

1st Sandon Scout Group would like to say a huge thank you to The Sandon Gardens and Allotments Association for the very generous donation of £1200.00. This will enable us to purchase and replace equipment for the use of all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and for the purchase of a new Union Flag. The Flag will be dedicated on May 14 at the Rogation Sunday service.

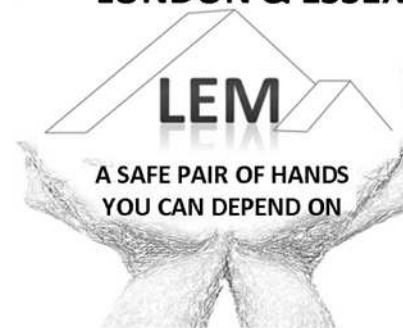
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The Sandon Gardens and Allotments Association paid £292 for the baby changing mat for Tiny Tots as part of its support to the young of Sandon.

Genda Wright



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From the Registers

We celebrated the **marriages** of: William Lyttle and Jemma Wadsworth on 16th December Andrew Harding and Sarah Winstone on 28th December

On Sunday 20th November at Chelmsford Cathedral the following were **confirmed** by Bishop Stephen
Denise Carter
Andrew Harding
Michael Harris
Stuart Rand

In Memoriam

Sandon seems to have been relatively unscathed by the big battle of 1916, The Somme, but not so in 1917. The only 2 deaths to have occurred on the same day are at this time both apparently involved with the Battle of Arras.

Monday 5th March 1917, Arthur John Lodge, Private in Essex Regiment was killed in action aged 37. He is remembered at

Queens Cemetery, Bucquoy. A resident of Galleywood, he enlisted at Chelmsford. Theatre of War is described as France and Flanders. Son of William and Sarah Ann Lodge. Arthur was born at Galley Wood, Chelmsford. in 1881 in Great Baddow, the son of William (1844), a farm labourer born in Great Canfield, and Sarah A (1847) Lodge born in West Hanningfield. In 1891 the family were living at Galleywood Common, Great Baddow, and other children were George H (1872) and Alfred W (1876), both farm labourers; Louisa (1874) a general labourer; Alice S (1879) Rose E (1886) and Annie J (1890). Ten years later in 1901 the family was living at Galleywood Common, and Arthur was a brick maker. His father William was a horseman, and sister Alice a general domestic servant. Annie was at school and the family had been joined by Frank (1893), Bertie (1896) and Edward (1901) who was William's grand-daughter – possibly Alice's daughter. The other children were no longer living with their parents. In 1911 Arthur was a general labourer and his father William, now aged 67, was still working as a horseman. The family was living at 5 Well Lane, Great Baddow. Frank was a horseman on a farm; and Bert a domestic groom. There was also a 21 year old boarder

named Ernest Hinson. At the time of his death on Monday 5th March 1917, Arthur was described as living in Galleywood.

Sunday 15th April 1917, Edgar William Bright, Gunner in Royal Field Artillery died of pneumonia and is buried in Luton Church Burial Ground. He was resident of and enlisted at Luton, Beds. Theatre of War is described as Home. Son of William and Sarah Bright, of Gatesgarth, Great Baddow, Chelmsford. Born at Leicester, Edgar was the son of William Bright, a master outfitter born 1849 in Danbury, and his wife Sarah Bannister Bright, born 1849 in Chelmsford. Edgar William was born in 1879 in Leicester. In 1881 the family home was at 1, Gas Street, Kettering, Northants. In 1891 Edgar was a scholar and lived at 2, Gas Street, Kettering, Northants, together with his parents. In 1901 he was employed as a tailor and cutter and living in Park Road, Wellingborough, Northants with his parents and maternal aunt, Ellen Barnard, born 1859 in Chelmsford. In 1911 Edgar was a tailor's cutter living at 77, George Street, Luton, Beds, with his parents and Aunt Ellen.

Thursday 3rd May 1917 both Frederick Uggles, Private in Essex Regiment, and **Frederick**

Chaplin, Rifleman in Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) formerly of 21st London Regiment, were killed in action and both are remembered at the Arras Memorial.

Uggles was born in East Hanningfield. Resident of Sandon. Enlisted at Chelmsford. Theatre of War described as France and Flanders. Frederick appears in the 1891 Census as an 8 year old school boy, born 1883 in Sandon, the son of Frederick Uggles (1855), a domestic servant gardener born in East Hanningfield, and his wife Harriet, (1846), born in West Hanningfield. The family lived at 6 East Hanningfield Road, Sandon. Nothing about the family was found in the 1901 Census. In 1911 Frederick was living with his father at Days Hill, Sandon, and both men were general labourers. Chaplin was born in Chelmsford. Resident of Forest Hill, Surrey. Enlisted at Lewisham, Kent. Theatre of War described as France and Flanders. Son of Joseph and Mary Ann Chaplin, of Howe Green, Sandon, Chelmsford, Essex; husband of Nellie Chaplin, of 26, Rosehill Rd., Wandsworth, London. Frederick was born in Sandon in 1889, the son of Joseph (1860), an agricultural labourer born in

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Church Services March 2017

St. Andrew's, Sandon

Wednesday 1st

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm Sung Eucharist & Ashing
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer
at South Woodham Ferrers

Thursday 2nd

Sunday 5th

First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer at Danbury

Tuesday 7th

Thursday 9th

Sunday 12th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer at Sandon

Tuesday 14th

Thursday 16th

Sunday 19th

Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
4:00 pm Café Church at Howe Green Chapel
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer
at East Hanningfield

Tuesday 21st

Thursday 23rd

Sunday 26th

Mothering Sunday Fourth of Lent

10:00 am Family Service
with distribution of flowers for Mothers
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer
at Woodham Ferrers

April 2017

Sunday 2nd



Passion Sunday

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer

Tuesday 4th

Thursday 6th

Sunday 9th

Palm Sunday

10:00 am Procession from the Green
followed by Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm Stainer's Crucifixion Choirs
of All Saints Maldon and St. Andrew's Choir

Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th

Wednesday 12th

9:30 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
9:30 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Come Dine with Me
9:30 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 13th

Maundy Thursday

8:30 am Celtic Morning Prayer

Friday 14th

Sunday 16th

Tuesday 18th

Thursday 20th

Sunday 23rd

Tuesday 25th

Thursday 27th

Sunday 30th

May 2017

Tuesday 2nd

Thursday 4th

Sunday 7th

Tuesday 9th

Thursday 11th

Sunday 14th

Tuesday 16th

Thursday 18th

Sunday 21st

Tuesday 23rd

Thursday 25th

Sunday 28th

Tuesday 30th

11:00 am Chrism Service at the Cathedral
7:30 pm Sung Eucharist followed by
Stripping of Altars and Watch until 11:00 pm

Good Friday

9:30 am Morning Prayer and
Stations of the Cross

11:00 am United Service
in Chelmsford High Street

2:00 pm Final hour by the Cross at St Andrew's

Easter Day

8:00 am Holy Communion
8:45 am Breakfast for both 8am
and 10am congregations

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer

Easter 1

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer

Easter 2

10:00 am Thanksgiving Service

9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer

Easter 3

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer

Rogation Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. Andrew's
10:00 am Family Service at Cherries Farm
with the Bishop of Bradwell

9:30 am Holy Communion
8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer

Easter 5

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion

Ascension Day

8:30 am CCG Morning Prayer
10:00 am Holy Communion

Easter 6

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Communion

Progress with the church roof repair

Cater Roofing began work on the nave and north aisle roofs, by covering and protecting the inside of church and setting up scaffolding.

They started to remove the old tiles on 10th January and have made very good progress since. As I write this report on February 3rd, all four slopes have been stripped, timbers checked and new roofing felt and battens fixed, ready for tiling to begin next week, February 6th.

All has gone well with no damaged or rotten timbers apart from just six small areas at the verges of the slopes where battens had previously been fixed directly to the brickwork. It was agreed by the church and the architect that a channel would be cut into the top of each brickwork wall, new rafters protected by plastic membrane put in place and then battens fixed.

We have been privileged to receive grants from the National Heritage Listed of Places of Worship fund (£43000 so far with a little more to come), the Wolfson Foundation (£5000), via The National Churches Trust (£5000), The Friends of Sandon Church (£6900) and St Andrew's church funds (£6100).

Thank you to all who have contributed to St Andrew's roof funds by donations and by purchase of roof tiles. The National Heritage fund grant is conditional on churches finding some funding themselves, so these local gifts are very important.

Thank you too to Anna Cosby who expertly completed many pages of application forms to obtain much of this funding.

Caters hope to complete the roof by 21st March as agreed, unless the weather makes that impossible.

Thank you to everyone for keeping away from the main church path while Caters are working – this has been to keep us all safe from falling debris. Thank you too for finding your way to Sandon School for 10am Sunday services and to the school for looking after us so well there.

There will be a Thanksgiving service on Sunday 30th April at 10am for all who have been involved with the building work. Please try to come along to celebrate with us.

*Judy Cecil
Churchwarden*



Rogation Sunday May 14th

With the Bishop of Bradwell

On the Sunday 14th May there will be no 10 am service in church as we will be having a special Rogation Sunday Service at 10am in a Barn at 'Cherries Farm' courtesy of the Richard Speakman .

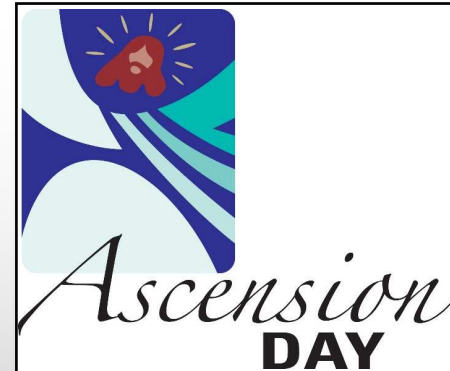
PLEASE SHARE CARS AND ENCOURAGE ALL TO COME.

On this occasion we will be joined by our uniformed organisations. There will be refreshments following the service.

Directions: you will find the barn off the Main Road (A414) between Well Lane and Halls Lane.

BRING A FOLD UP CHAIR

Bales will also be available.



Ascension Day

Thursday 25th May

There will be a sung Eucharist on Ascension Day at St. Andrew's at 10am

I hope that many of you will be able to attend on this special day.

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Boreham and Mary, born 1859 in Sandon. There was an older sister Rosina, born 1884 in Sandon. In 1891 their address was Howe Green Road, Sandon. Ten years later Frederick was at school while Rosina was no longer living with the family and a new sister Mabel had been born in 1892. Father was described as a horseman on a farm. In 1911 Frederick, now 22, was employed as a garden labourer.

Sandon Open Gardens

Could YOU help us
by opening your garden on
Sunday 28th May for Farleigh
Hospice

A wide variety of gardens is ideal for this event,
so it doesn't matter if your garden is big or small.

It is a lovely way to show off your garden to
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Jn1:29-34, Mt3:13-17, Lk3:21-4:13, Mk1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised-washed
in the river Jordan - to say sorry for what
they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

<p>Please baptise me.</p> <p>No, it should be the other way round.</p>	<p>No, this is the right way now to complete God's plan</p> <p>So John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan.</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit filled Jesus and God spoke..</p> <p>This is my precious son.</p>
<p>Jesus then went into the desert for 40 days.</p>	<p>He didn't eat or drink, and at the end was very hungry</p> <p>The Devil came to test him.</p>	<p>Show me you are God's Son by turning this stone into bread.</p>
<p>The Bible says 'You need more than bread to keep you alive.'</p>	<p>The Devil took him to the highest roof of the temple in Jerusalem.</p> <p>Why don't you jump? God would make sure His angels would catch you</p>	<p>The Bible says 'Don't try to manipulate God.'</p>
<p>The Devil took Jesus to where he could see the whole world.</p> <p>I have power over all this, and I could give it to you.</p>	<p>Just worship me</p> <p>Go away! Only God is to be worshipped!</p>	<p>Then angels came to care for Jesus</p>

Sandon WI

Sandon WI had mince pies with their tea in December as part of their entertainment afternoon. We started by singing a carol together and Happy Birthday to our president. Three members became celebrities on a special addition of Room 101 and members voted to put – unsolicited junk mail, clapping at inappropriate moments and people with bad manners, in to the box for room 101. At tea break, members purchased items from the trading stall which raised money for the local charity supported by our president. Several members then entertained everyone else by performing three Christmas sketches, which were very amusing and put us in the Christmas mood. The raffle had many appropriate Christmas items to win, and we had to guess the cost of a great basket of goodies, which all helps towards the cost of running Sandon WI. Just before the snow arrived in Essex in January many Sandon members enjoyed our speaker, Steve Lester telling us the real story about the tragedy of the Titanic. He used six members to read the words of some crew members and passengers, which really brought the story to life. He had many photos and

memorabilia to show us and even had a ship's bell. He rang this during the talk which made sure we were all awake and concentrating.

This year's resolutions were put forward to the members and we all voted for the one we wished to support. The result will be given out next month.

In April we will have our spring show and we were all given the schedule, so if any more snow arrives instead of going out we can be fully occupied at home with making something for the show.

Sandon are planning an outing to Kew Gardens in July and Essex News told us of the many activities being organised for the Essex Federation's 100 years celebrations.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month, so come and join us at Sandon Village Hall at 2pm. You will be most welcome.

Dorothy Gray
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2016/17 Resolutions Shortlist Alleviating Loneliness

This meeting calls on every WI and the NFWI to work alongside health and social care providers...

FGM: More Awareness for More Action

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) has been illegal in the UK for over

30 years... The NFWI calls on the government to improve efforts to measure and disclose the prevalence of FGM in the UK...

Equal access for all who need specialised maternal mental health services

The NFWI calls on NHS commissioners to prioritise the development of specialised perinatal mental health support services....

Provision of appropriate welfare and safe spaces for women and children in refugee camps

Millions of women and children are fleeing conflict and disaster around the world... This meeting calls on all WI members and the

NFWI to raise awareness of the risks facing women and children refugees...

Supporting women's refuges

Many women and children rely on refuges to escape violence and abusive relationships... The NFWI calls upon the Government to safeguard refuges and increase service provision in areas without adequate support.

Plastic Soup: Keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans

Microplastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothing with every wash... The NFWI calls on Government and industry to research and develop innovative solutions...

Kew Gardens

Sandon WI have some seats available on their coach to Kew Gardens on the 13th July 2017



**Leaving Sandon Village hall
at 8.30am
Great Baddow at 8.45am**

Return home leaving Kew at 3.30pm

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Sandon Community Choir

We try to meet on the first Monday of the month when possible.

The fee is £5 per person payable on the night.

The pianist conductor is Jill Parkin a musician and teacher, who gets every one laughing and singing - including the majority of members who have never sung in a choir before.

Sandon Community Choir meets between 7:30 pm and 9 pm in St Andrew's Room in Sandon Church

With no auditions, anyone of any age is welcome to come together to sing with us in a relaxed, informal way. If you simply love to sing then join us to switch off from the stresses of life and have some fun.



We sing a variety of different songs selected from the genres of classical, world and popular music.

The dates of our practices are
Monday 13th February
Monday 6th March
Monday 27th March
Monday 8th May
Monday 5th June
Monday 3rd July
Hope to see you soon.



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Farming Today

The ewes, which are now heavily pregnant, are now inside and being fed on high energy foods such as concentrates, fodder beet and haylage*. This is to ensure that their intake of energy can support twins and triplets which can cause a huge drain on their body reserves and cause problems.

Lambing will start mid February. The flock was scanned in December, and a high percentage are going to have multiple births. This is not ideal as any more than twins will have to be artificially reared on milk powder.

The lambs are sold from the age of twelve weeks onwards, direct from the farm to the slaughter house and then to the table. This avoids markets and all the stress involved.

Many acres of Autumn sown crops have had to be pulled up, owing to the major problem caused by black grass, which literally grows up in the cereal crop and chokes it. Spring crops will have to be sown in their place, which produce a lower yield. The difficulty of controlling it is because Brussels has decreed that the only chemical

that will control it is no longer available.

Milder weather and rain has finally arrived, and this will benefit all the crops and the grassland. Maintenance of all the machinery is now complete and is ready for all the Spring work as soon as ground conditions allow.

Pigeon damage on the oil seed rape has been extreme. One weekend recently, 250 birds were shot. Anyone for pigeon pie? They have been well fed!

Gillian Speakman

*Haylage is a relatively new term. It can be made and stored in a variety of ways. The Speakmans use a system where they cut grass and then bale the hay. I don't believe it has to be completely dry like hay. They then wrap it tightly in plastic making an air tight container. The fact that it is airtight is key to preserving the haylage as a valuable nutritious feed for many different sort of livestock including horses too. We have also seen bags been wrapped in a smaller machine as a security system at an airport!

Ed

Men's Breakfast Meeting January 2017

The Men's breakfast meetings seem to be getting more popular! Maybe it's the high quality of the excellent breakfast? Maybe it's the subject matter?

I was a little dubious about the title of this month's offering: 'Christian-Muslim relations in Maldon!' As it turned out it was most interesting and educational. Canon Stephen Carter from All Saints, Maldon (you know, the big church on the left as you enter Maldon High Street) did say that he was no expert on the subject but could relate his experiences in friendly get-togethers with Muslims in Maldon over the years. He had been asked by 2 Muslims a few years ago to have a dialogue. He pointed out that there are about 2.7 million Muslims in the UK, a figure that is growing by about 0.1 million per year.

Now they meet as a small group about once a month looking at



and comparing passages from the Bible and Koran. They have looked together at prayer, Holy

days and fasting. Revd Dr Canon Graham Blythe has contributed on occasions. Revd Carter observed that Muslims can be very strict with their fasting practices particularly at Ramadan. They pray 5 times a day facing Mecca and at specific times during the day that depend on the Sun's position. They take fasting very seriously and their prayer time is significant. Stephen is welcomed to the local mosque and likewise some Muslims have visited the Church during the Remembrance Services.

He then asked why we should talk with those of other faiths. He referred to the Casey report which states that 36% of the population of Tower Hamlets is Muslim and merely 16% in Bradford. What that disguises is the distribution and some parts of cities have much higher percentages of Muslims. This emphasises the need for integration into the community as a whole.

Considering Maldon, Revd Carter stated that there is a mosque, in Church Street, near St Mary's church and about 50 Muslim folk work in the restaurants. Mr Jhual Hafiz, himself a Muslim, is a town councillor as well as President of the mosque. The Muslims don't opt out of collective worship at school. He thought that Muslims were fairly well integrated in the

Maldon Community. Most were there earning a living in the restaurant business primarily working for and in Indian style restaurants. He had established friendly relationships with the locals helped a great deal by his obvious enthusiasm for Indian food!!

Convivial meetings had been held with the local Muslims and Stephen told us about the Koran and how some would learn it word for word over their life. It was considered to be the actual 'Words of God' as revealed to Mohammed many years ago. They believe that Jesus was a great prophet.

Overall the relations between Christians and Muslims in Maldon gives hope for the future. In the ensuing questions the context of Christian Muslim relations was considered, contrasting that in Maldon with, say the north of Kenya, Marsabit diocese where there is a real tension. The meeting was reminded that Bishop Rob had contrasted Christ as a shepherd



with Mohammed as a warrior. The means of forgiveness by Christ's death is the bedrock of Christianity. The Muslim faith is far more akin to an Old Testament faith based more on Law than Grace.

David Farrar & Richard Cecil

Ladies breakfast in December

Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden spoke to us about artists' impressions of the annunciation and of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, speaking about the joy consideration of these events can bring, but also the sadness and distress they can uncover for many women who have not been able to have children, or who have lost a child.



It was interesting to look at the various views and interpretations of such well known episodes in the advent story.

Judy Cecil

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I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was good Korea move!

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Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

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Tomorrow: One of the greatest labour saving devices of today?

I bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

From David Farrar

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'Chess' Benefits from Money Raising January Quiz

The local charity to support the homeless, CHESS, benefitted by at least £850 as a result of the funds raised at the quiz on the 28th January and a collection on the following Sunday.

This year we managed to attract 12 teams to the Village Hall where Terry (question master) and wife Caroline (scorer) managed the event.



There were 8 rounds of questions, a Joker round option and a Marathon series of questions.

Top team this year was 'Defiant' who scored 93 points, from second 'The Puzzlers' with 91 points, third 'Quartet' with 86, fourth 'Pointless' with 84, fifth 'Deliverers' with 79, sixth 'Expect a Miracle' with 77, seventh 'Gin will fix it' and 'Yorkie Bar Kids' with 76, eighth 'Famous Five' and 'The Food Table' with 74, and ninth

'Trouble' and 'We thought this was Speed Dating' with 67 points. I particularly liked the 'We thought this was speed dating'!!



The Winners 'Defiant'

Anyway the winners received a crate of red wine. Thanks go to Terry and Caroline, Kim and Mark who sold the raffle very well, and Christine who flogged the tickets with the writer.



'Best Designed Team Label'

If you managed to miss this quiz don't worry there is to be another one sometime in October run by 'The Friends of Sandon Church'. Please watch out for the notices!

David Farrar

Leek, Celeriac and Smoked Fish Soup from Narelle Arnold

500g smoked cod or haddock,
1 litre milk,
1 bay leaf,
parsley,
large knob of butter,
2 small leeks finely sliced,
300g potatoes peeled and diced,
300g celeriac peeled and diced,
salt and pepper.

Put the fish in a pan and add milk, bay leaf and parsley stalks. Place over LOW heat. As soon as it comes to the boil, turn off the heat and put pan lid on top. The fish will continue to cook.

After about 5 minutes drain and reserve the milk stock. Throw away the parsley stalks and bay leaf.

Heat butter in a large pan add leeks, cover with a lid and sweat for about 5 minutes. Stir in the potatoes and celeriac then add the warm fishy milk. Bring to

simmer and cook until the vegetables are soft. Probably about 10 minutes.

Flake the fish and double check for bones!

You can now add the fish into the soup and season with salt and pepper. Go easy on the salt as the fish is a bit salty anyway.

Definitely needs pepper. Garnish with chopped parsley and chives.

Judy made this, below, using half quantities giving a generous lunch for two.

Ed



Mad March Gales

The month of March has a reputation for a wild and blustery start but usually changes to much milder weather before it ends ... as the old saying goes 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb'.

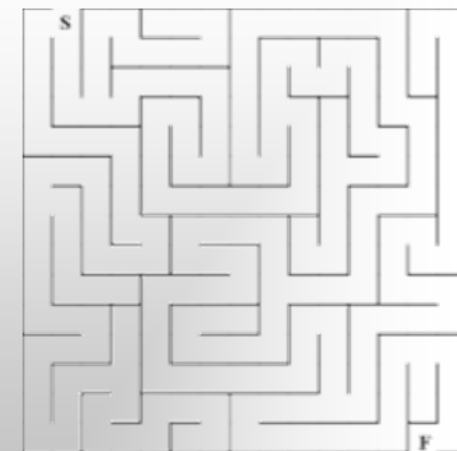
People's homes are flooded or big trees uprooted in high winds. Even if it doesn't happen to us we see the pictures of other people's suffering in the media.

There was a time when Jesus' friends were frightened because a fierce storm blew up while they were fishing. The disciples thought their boat was going to sink and they were very frightened. You can read about it in St Mark's Gospel, chapter 4, verses 35-39.

I get frightened when the wind blows so hard that the trees bend and the lights flicker but then I remember that Jesus is with us all the time. Just as He was with the disciples in the boat, He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus gives us hope, courage and strength.

Safely Home

Can you find your way home through the maze of streets?



What did the north wind say to the east wind?

Let's play draughts

How easy is it for wind gusts to talk to each other?

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What does a cloud wear under her raincoat?

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Regular Activities

2 nd Sundays of the month	8:00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
	10:00 am	Family Service
Other Sundays	10:00 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesdays	9:30 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Tea/Coffee and Chat
	7:45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday	9:30 am	Celtic Prayer (4 th Wed of month)
	1:00 pm	Tiny Tots (term time only)
Fridays	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

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