# Sandon Voice Quarterly from St Andrew's September 2021 Persian Ironwood Weeping Cedar Horse Chestnut (red) Holly Harry Lauders Walking Stick Tree (Hazel) Liquidambar (Sweet Gum) Wild Cherry Copper Beech Handkerchief Tree (handkerchiefs in late Spring) Cyprus

Please note on page 3





#### In An Office

Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

#### **Cover Page**

10 Trees to spot in Sandon Churchyard prepared by Jean Elliott. Used with permission. Valerie Grimwood advises that the Harry Lauder's Walking Stick Tree is a *Twisted* Hazel and that the Handkerchief Tree is an *Amalanchier*.

## Dedication of the West End Church Path

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am

If you have walked through the Churchyard, you will have noticed the beautiful path which has been laid at the West End of the church. This is to help those members of the congregation who need to use a wheelchair to get into church.

The path was paid for by four members of our church in memory of their wives. Due to covid we have been unable to have the path dedicated so we are pleased to announce that on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September the Archdeacon of Chelmsford the Venerable Elizabeth Snowden will be presiding and preaching at our Sunday morning service. Please feel free to attend.

Terry

#### Gym?

Before setting off on a business trip to Birmingham, I called the hotel where I'd be staying to see if they had a gym.

The hotel receptionist's sigh had a tinge of exasperation in it when she answered, "We have over 100 guests at this hotel," she said. Does this 'Jim' have a last name?"

#### **Rector's Letter**

As I write this we continue to be in a world of great uncertainty and confusion. The government has announced the end of many of the COVID restrictions, but is now urging great caution as well. Many children are having to isolate through being contacts of others at school with COVID or being in the summer bubble. We're unsure as to what the future may hold.

For many there is also great disappointment after England lost the Euro 2020 final to Italy on penalties. After a glorious run to the final, in the end, it was not to be. The Tokyo Olympics have finished and I heard on BBC Essex that Essex competitors had gained more medals than some countries taking part. Well done Essex.

Many of us may feel exhausted and in need of rest. Some may feel "Zoomed out". Others are weary of all the change and uncertainty.

This year, in line with the International Climate Conference that is going to be held in Glasgow in the Autumn, the Church of England is encouraging all of its churches to dedicate some time to reflecting on creation, environmental issues

and all the things we can do to try and do our bit to slow Climate Change, both as individuals and as a church.

We at St. Andrew's have been thinking about environmental issues and we have received a bronze award from Eco Church. We completed an online Eco Survey about how we are caring for God's earth in different areas of our life and work. The more the church does, the more points you get! For example, you can switch to a green energy company or start using Fairtrade tea and coffee supplies to gain Eco Church Award points. The survey takes you through five key areas of church life: Worship and teaching; Management of church buildings; Management of church land; Community and global engagement and Lifestyle. Having gained the Bronze award, we are now beginning to work towards the Silver award. We are hoping that our Sandon Community would like to help us achieve this award, so if you would like to help then please get in touch with me. I will put you in touch with the team working on this.

As Christians there is a lot that we can do to help climate change: small actions may seem like they don't make a difference but they really can add up. So, trying to

use less plastic by having a refillable container, or making sure you don't fill a kettle up when it isn't needed, or making sure that computers and televisions are not left on standby, will make a difference, even if we don't notice it. While aspects of climate change can have an impact on

our local areas, the effects in many developing countries can be catastrophic; places such as Bangladesh have seen more damaging weather that is a result of climate change.

Very often, poorer countries struggle to respond to the impacts of climate change, so we need to respond both with charitable giving to organizations like

Christian Aid, but also by changing the things that we do to help limit climate change.

So much of the Amazon rainforest is being burned or destroyed and if we lose it, we lose the fight against climate change. But the Climate Crisis Fund is working to protect this rainforest, and end

deforestation for good. Our forests and seagrass habitats are important carbon sinks for our planet, and if they're not protected our world will suffer. That's why we're working to restore these habitats, so they can continue to soak up and store carbon from the atmosphere – a vital defence

against climate change. The Arctic is warming more than twice as fast as the global average, which will have huge consequences for us and our natural world. But WWF is supporting vital research into how climate change is affecting the biodiversity of these regions, and what we can do to tackle this.

We are the last

· Patio & driveway cleaning generation that can stop the most devastating effects of climate change. So we're waking up governments and businesses to the reality of climate change and holding them accountable for creating and implementing tougher laws to protect nature.



(Continued on page 6)

I'm local and fully insured

(Continued from page 5)

The Bible often describes the awe and wonder of creation, and at times we can lose that sense of awe and wonder. It does us good to remember how beautiful and amazing the world is and to think about what we can all do to help protect it.

As part of our response, we are holding a Creationtide service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am, hopefully in our beautiful churchyard. At this service the Archdeacon of Chelmsford will be presiding and preaching. The Archdeacon is the chair of the Environment committee for the Diocese of Chelmsford, so she will have much to say to us on the environment in Christian thought. She has a wealth of knowledge and insight into the issues, so we are really looking forward to hearing what she has to teach us. Please join us.

As we approach the International Climate Conference, I encourage you all to think about the created world and about the changes that you can make to help protect our environment. Above all, I hope that you manage to take advantage of some of the countryside and stand in awe and wonder at the beauty of the created world.

Terry

#### **All Souls Service** Time to Remember

Come and light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3 pm - 4 pm in Church.



A celebration of life We understand the importance of providing an opportunity for friends and family to remember loved ones who have died.

Our service is a simple ceremony of readings, reflections, poems, prayers and music.

I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes on earth. Isaac Newton



#### Sid Bolan Big Band

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to start at 5pm in the Churchyard Based in Essex, one of the finest Big Bands in the area. Remember Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsev. Count Basie and Duke Ellington? Well, the Sid Bolan Big Band recreates the sounds of those and other great swing bands. Their singers perform songs from such great singers as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Peggy Lee and Ella Fitzgerald to name but a few. The normal line up of the band consists of 5 Saxophones, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, piano,

bass, guitar, drums and a number of vocalists: a big band. Tickets cost £10 adults £5 16 years and under Available from

Janet 01245 472997 or David 01245 471484



### **Remembrance Sunday** Service

Sunday 14th November at 10.30am

Remembering all those who have died in wars & conflicts.

The service may be outside so please wear suitable clothing.

#### Who first?

While flying home, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son. Mum couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember – run to Dad first, then the dog."



This year's Harvest Festival will be on

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am

This is always a lovely service to attend.

Over the last 18 months we have all been keeping our distance and many have felt it best to attend church from home. As we emerge from the restrictions, we would like to invite you to come back to join us in church.

As with previous years we will be supporting Chelmsford Food Bank. There will be an update on the work that has been going on over the last 18 months.

Any of these items are most useful. Bring your gift to the service or place it in the box in the church porch if you are unable to attend.

Long Life Milk (Blue or Green), Fruit Juice (carton), Tinned Meat, Rice Puddings, Packets & tinned custard, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fruit Instant coffee (small and medium), Instant Mash Potato, Pasta Sauce, Jam, Snack bars, Shampoo and Shower Gel, Deodorants (male & female), Washing up Liquid, Washing powder/liquid

# Butts Green Garden Centre & Café

Mayes Lane CM2 7RW

Gifts - Plants - Food Open 9:30 am till 5:00 pm Tel: 01245 223524

for reservations

#### The Moon in Lleyn

The last quarter of the moon of Jesus gives way to the dark; the serpent digests the egg. Here on my knees in this stone church, that is full only of the silent congregation of shadows and the sea's sound, it is easy to believe Yeats was right. Just as though choirs had not sung, shells have swallowed them: the tide laps at the Bible; the bell fetches no people to the brittle miracle of the bread. The sand is waiting for the running back of the grains in the wall into its blond glass. Religion is over, and what will emerge from the body of the new moon, no one can say.

But a voice sounds in my ear: Why so fast, mortal? These very seas are baptized. The parish has a saint's name time cannot unfrock. In cities that have outgrown their promise people are becoming pilgrims again, if not to this place, then to the recreation of it in their own spirits. You must remain kneeling. Even as this moon making its way through the earth's cumbersome shadow, prayer, too, has its phases.

R S Thomas

Frosty Christmas Fayre Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> 12 - 2.30 pm St. Andrew's

Churchyard

Our annual Fayre will be slightly different this year as we will be holding it in the churchyard, with some stalls and refreshments in the Church

We will have many of our usual stalls, including cakes, and raffles, games, Avon and cards, and of course Father Christmas, as well as a barbeque and hot beverages including soup and Christmas music

Please put this in your diaries and come along and support us and enjoy a bit of Christmas shopping and a fun social event too.

We would also be extremely grateful to hear from anyone who would like to donate to any of the stalls or help on the day.

Please speak to either:



Liz Bobeldijk 07846845327 or Alison Read 07720718372

# beau fromage

SPECIALITY CHEESE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Based in the village of Sandon, Beau Fromage is a small family run business specialising in Cheeseboards, hampers, Cheese 'cakes' and much more!!! Fabulous as gifts for loved ones, or an indulgent treat for yourself.

In support of the St Andrew's Church Bell Restoration Project, Beau Fromage will be donating **10% of every** sale made throughout September to the appeal.

Use code **RESTORATION 10** when placing an order.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram, or drop us an email at beaufromageOl@gmail.com to enquire and order





Beau\_fromage





#### **Howe Green URC**

It is good that we seem to be moving on to some more 'normal' activities after the past year, and we are able to carry on now with our monthly services at the Chapel. It has been a very stressful year for many people and so it is good to come together and share worship and fellowship.



We are hoping that we will soon be able to have some 'other activities' (coffee morning?) in the Chapel, but at present the only dates confirmed are for the services on: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November, all at 3.00 pm. Our Minster, Rev Paul Stein will lead most of these.

and you will all be very welcome

to join with us.

NORCESTER

### Chelmsford Plumbing & Heating Ltd

Reliable, family run business

All calls answered personally

Our charges are competitive, 100% clear and quoted in advance

Boiler servicing, breakdowns and repairs

New boilers and heating systems

Electrical work undertaken

T: 01245 478 588

W: www.cph.uk.net



Pam Knott









#### The Friends of Sandon Church Website

www.friendsofsandonchurch.co.uk

The last 18 months has certainly been different to say the least. It may be that having lived in and around Sandon you've been able to take the opportunity to sit in the churchyard and collect your thoughts. Whether you are religious or not, perhaps like us you want to look after our heritage and environment so as to be able to preserve it for future generations to enjoy.

In October 2014, the Friends of Sandon Church was formed as a separate organisation from the day to day running of the Church. Its main objective is raising money by membership and special fund-raising events to help maintain the fabric of the church. You don't need to worship every Sunday in order to want to protect such a special place. The church has been in Sandon for almost a thousand vears and we would like it to be there in another thousand, but maintaining such a historic building is expensive. The friends have setup a new website: www.friendsofsandonchurch.co.uk

It is still in its infancy and more information will be uploaded shortly concerning the history of this wonderful building. We hope that you will take a look around

and consider joining us or giving us your feedback as to the type of information you would like to see on the website.

Become a Friend and enjoy the

varied fundraising events we organise each year, as either a Life or Annual member. If you would like to join please complete the application form: friendsofsandonchurch.co.uk/ application-form/ - alternatively, you can download a PDF copy of the form on the page and send it to our Treasurer: 2 Gablefields. Sandon CM2 7SP. If you don't have access to the internet and would like a paper copy of our application form please call: 07391516403 or email: info@friendsofsandonchurch.co.uk or alternatively, copies are also available in the Church.

Membership costs are on our website and are also listed here: £200 Joint Life/ £130 Single Life £20 Joint Annual/ £10 Single Annual

We do hope that you can help us to maintain and enhance Sandon Church.

Amanda Parsons

#### Tea on the Green

St Andrews tea on the green
To which we were greeted by
cake and caffeine
We sung out our hearts
After too long in masks
It was truly lovely to finally

convene

The band played
As the children swayed
Enjoying the freedom we know so
well
100 people!
Now that it is legal
Thanks to our good Rector Tel'

Songs were chosen And words of memories spoken While we shielded ourselves from the rain

Don't miss out next year
It will be a blast again I hear
And Tea and cake will be free
again!

The 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022
You know what to do
Pop it in your diary
And we look forward to
seeing you
Petrina and Stuart Rayments
Terry Brown's daughter and
son-in-law

Our Songs of Praise was a wonderful time when many came together to sing in the churchyard. The final half an hour was a little wet but that did not dampen the great singing and the Salvation Army band playing. The offering which totalled £204.51 was given to the Salvation Army to contribute to the costs of their Covid 19 food project, where they have supported over 500 families and over 470 children with "goodie bags".

Many thanks to Revd Simon Pearce for preaching.



Page 12

#### **Church Bell Fund Walk**

19<sup>th</sup> June 2021

We had a great turnout for our Annual Sponsored Walk this year with 31 walkers on the morning walk and a few less on the afternoon walk.

This year we were supporting the Sandon Church Bell Fund which is looking to raise £45,000 for very necessary bell repairs and refurbishment.

We assembled in the church car park for a circular 6 miles stroll going via Baddow Tennis Club, along the whole of Molrams Lane and down towards Sandford Lock on the River Chelmer.

A sharp left turn before Mill Cottages took us down the Watermeadows and finally to the new bridge at Chelmsford. Here we did a 180 degree turn back to Barnes Lock footbridge and down the other side of the river back to Sandford Lock, up to cross the A414 and down Brick Kiln to the Crown.

Here Christine Mennie had preordered our lunches and altogether we enjoyed a 90 minute lunch break.



The sturdy/foolish? of us left the Crown before 2 pm to walk another 4 miles clockwise down Woodhill Road, Mayes Lane and left past Mayes Farm and on to Butts Green at Brown's Cottage and back to the Crown via Sandon Hall and the noisy A12 footpath.

A residual group returned to the Crown for celebratory drinks. With considerable help from Michael Worboys, from his house to house money raising, I anticipate that this walk will raise over £2,000 for the Sandon Bell Fund. (It turned out to be £2,244.) Thank you all who came along for the walking, lunching or sponsoring of the day. (NB 6 miles in the morning plus 4 miles in the afternoon equals 10 miles!!)









































#### **Koicom Services**

Pest control,
Wildlife management
& Grass cutting.
Honey bee swarms collected.
RSPH2 Qualified

Trained & Qualified deer stalker Contract or one off jobs.

Find us on

Checkatrade.com/trades/ Koicomservices

Call: 01245922064/07845642815

#### The Claydon Clinic

Physiotherapy
Sports Injury Rehabilitation
Acupuncture
Pilates

www.theclaydonclinic.com Tel/fax 01245 401255

Email. theolaydonclinic@btinternet.com
Old Southend Rd,
Howe Green CM2 7TB



Don't forget to put the clocks back on the evening of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October

## Heritage Day at St Andrew's Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

10am to 4pm

Come and see the church, try a quiz,
Find out what happens here
Take a trip up the tower
Refreshments on sale at The Crown

There will be stalls in the churchyard for you to discover more about Bell Ringing, the Choir, Sandon Church Friends the Scouts, Flower arranging, Sandon school and eco-friendly ways, the Tiny Tots and other activities too

#### Hard to tell

During a summer music festival, a punk rocker stopped at the front desk of the reception tent to ask if there were any messages for her. The desk clerk handed her an unsigned note, and she asked for a description of the person who had left it. "That's easy," replied the clerk. "He wore tight pink-leather trousers, high-heeled black boots and a T-shirt with strategically cut holes. There was a row of coloured safety pins through the outside edge of one ear, and he wore purple eyeshadow. And his hair was orange and spiked." "Oh, man!" she said, obviously disappointed, "that could be anybody!"



#### **Bell Restoration Appeal**

As we head into Autumn, the pressure is on to raise the funding to complete the project but we remain confident this will be achieved. At the time of writing, in early August, we have collectively raised the magnificent sum of £29.450. This includes the sponsorship (£2,647) from a very successful and enjoyable village walk on 18 June (thank you David!) and several corporate frc frc Church donations. Thank you again to all

who have contributed and supported the fundraising appeal to date.

The project itself is going well, with the Faculty for the work to go ahead (think church planning permission!) granted

on 16<sup>th</sup> June. The order was placed on the bell hanger (Nicholson Engineering Ltd) on 21 June with work starting on 10 March 2022 to dismantle the bells. If the work goes to plan, the restored bells will be re-hung and commissioned by 9 April 2022 and ready to ring for Easter. Five grant applications have been submitted at the time of writing. with more in preparation. These are a critical part of the fundraising strategy and we are reliant on them to make good the shortfall. Many of the grant-giving bodies require the Faculty to be in place and over 50% of the funding to have been raised; so the early giving via your donations and sponsorship has been a real help in unlocking grant opportunities for us. Finally, the church is participating

in the national Heritage Open Days event this year and will be open on Saturday 11th September from 10 am to 4 pm. The event is

> free and it's a great opportunity to visit the church and churchvard and enjoy the magnificent heritage at the heart of our village. We will be running tower tours to see the bells and experience the

views from the top. There will also be stalls in the churchyard where you can learn more about the various groups and activities within the church, including bell ringing. It will be an informal and enjoyable day and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, other than standing on your doorstep asking for money!

Mike Worboys, Tower Captain, Sandon 01245 224612 mike.r.worboys@gmail.com

#### **WI Meeting**

Sandon WI annual meeting 13th May 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom; 17 members attended.

The meeting opened with our president Wendy Burns explaining the how's and why's we sing Jerusalem, which was very interesting. A nice touch before the business started.

The meeting was then handed over to Pat the treasurer who gave us her financial report.

All members voted and adopted the last years accounts, Kay, the adviser thanked Pat for her 5 years' service. Although Pat is stepping down as treasurer she is still going to stay on the committee.

Then over to Tracy for the secretary's report. Tracy has worked very hard over the last year, not only as secretary but also in sorting the Zoom meetings which was a new adventure for many WI members. She was thanked by Kay and her report was adopted.

Over to our president Wendy who thanked committee members for their support over this difficult time. Wendy's first year as

Sandon WI President hasn't been the best. It has however shown all members Wendy's abilities in keeping all members focused. Wendy thanked Tracy, Pat, Monica (minutes sec) and Val who was vice chair. She also thanked the other members and Marjorie Kent who is stepping down from the committee after being a long serving committee member.

Committee members are now as follows, Wendy, Pat, Tracy, Julie, Fran, Luke, Monica and Karen.

Kay, the adviser for Essex Federation, was thanked for overseeing the annual meeting.

Fran will be taking over as the new treasurer and Pat can now take the batteries out of the old calculator, but as she is going to man the door, she may need it — who knows.

At this point the meeting closed.

A short committee meeting followed with Wendy Tracy, Monica, Fran and Julie; Karen was unable to attend. Future events were discussed.

Number one topic was getting back to face-to-face meetings. I think cake was also mentioned.

#### 'How wonderful creation is'

There is a story that someone asked a Father of the early church, Tertullian, to prove the existence of God.

He replied by showing the person a rose. But Tertullian took a risk, for while many appreciate the beauty and wonder of a rose, it is not everyone who sees that beauty pointing to God as its creator.

In one of his hymns, Fr Faber wrote: 'How wonderful creation is, The work which thou didst bless. And O! what then must Thou be like – Eternal loveliness.' A rose can speak of beauty and speak of God to some: to others a rose is just another flower in the garden. William Blake wrote, 'The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing which stands in the way.' We know that only too well when forests are cut down in the name of progress, and trees that have stood for centuries are hewn down in a moment.

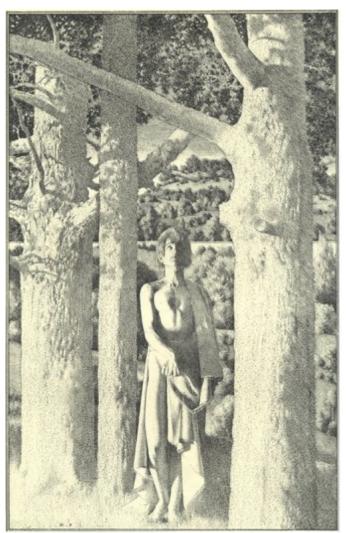
This month's work of art is 'A Hill Prayer' by Maxfield Parrish: it shows a man standing in a forest of venerable and imposing trees, and the hills stretching out behind him. Maxfield Parrish was an American artist, who created

paintings of brilliant colour and luminosity. The particular cobalt he used was known as 'Parrish blue.' Much of his work was for illustrations in books and magazines and in advertising. But here is an early drawing of 1897, based in a New England forest, that has a haunting quality about it. He drew it to accompany a poem of Marian Warner Wildman where the writer goes into the forest to escape the doubts and worries of the world and to find release and peace. It ends with the lines:

'I love thee with a beauty-broken heart

And worship thee, be whatever thou art.'

The drawing may evoke for us memories of forests and countryside we have explored, with trees towering above us, reaching to the sky, their leaves rustling in the wind and letting shafts of sunlight through. Like the artist, we may have wondered at their age and beauty and pondered the mystery of creation around us. In their beauty we can glimpse their Creator; in the miracle of their life, we can see the bringer of life and eternal life. For scripture begins with trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil with the story of how human pride



Maxfield Parrish's illustration for A Hill Prayer by Mirian Warner Wildman, Century Magazine, December, 1899

exchanges paradise for hard work and toil.

But the final pages of the Bible describe that tree of life once

again: this time arching over the river that runs through the heavenly city with leaves that bring healing and restoration. And bridging that tree of Genesis and the tree of Revelation is the wood of the cross: 'None in foliage. none in blossom. none in fruit thy peer may be.' In that tree we can truly glory.

Autumn will soon be with us, and the magnificence of the trees around will fade as their leaves fall and are swept away. After the death of winter, spring will come and bring the miracle of new life to their roots and branches, and once again we can behold their glory, like the traveller in the forest of Maxfield Parrish's drawing - trees that

remind us of 'the one and only noble tree': the Cross that is the sign of salvation for all seasons and all lives.

Revd Michael Burgess

Others where the C	anned online	St. Andrew's, Sandon via Zoom are shown in italics. favoured are shown in bold.		Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm 8:30 am <b>Trinity 20</b> 10:00 am	Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist
September Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm 8:30 am <b>Trinity 14</b> 10:00 am			Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm 9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am	Worship at Howe Green URC Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer day of Trinity - Bible Sunday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am <b>Trinity 15</b> 8:00 am	Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morr Holy Communion		Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am 9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am <b>All Saints</b>	Morning Worship Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am	Morning Worship Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer	The Church is now open for Private prayer	November Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am	Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Trinity 16</b> 10:00 am 3:00 pm 9:30 am	Sung Eucharist Worship at Howe Gre	in the day time en URC	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>		Iday before Advent Sung Eucharist Holy Communion Night Prayer
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm 8:30 am <b>Trinity 17</b>	Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer  Morning Worship Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer		Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am Compass Group Morning Prayer Second Sunday before Advent 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Remembrance Service	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 am 9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am			Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am <b>Sunday n</b>	Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer ext before Advent - Christ the King
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 18 10:00 am 9:30 am 8:30 pm 8:30 am		ning Prayer	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Worship at Howe Green URC Holy Communion Night Prayer Compass Group Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Trinity 19</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am 9:30 am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival Holy Communion		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Advent St 10:00 am	St. Andrew's Service unday <i>Morning Worship</i>
-	——— Pag	e 22 ————		Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am ——— Pag	Holy Communion ge 23 ———————————————————————————————————

#### Saint Andrew's Parish Church Contacts

Rector	Revd. Terry Brown* tgabrown@hotmail.com 01245 698988			
Church Wardens	Claire Jefferies* Richard Cecil* <sup>+</sup>	07725 973624 224747		
PCC Secretary	Judy Cecil* <sup>+</sup>	224747		
PCC Treasurer	Nick Bobeldijk <sup>⁺</sup>	471756		
Safeguarding Officer	Alison Read*	474858		
Electoral Roll	Liz Bobeldijk	471756		
Bell Ringing	Mike Worboys	224612		
Tiny Tots	Alison Read*	474858		
Flower Arranging	Lesley Worboys	224612		
Magazine Editor	Richard Cecil*+	224747		
Parochial Church Council Members	as * above and Liz Bobeldijk, Colin Bryan <sup>†</sup> , David Farrar <sup>†</sup> , John Gruby, Andy Horne, Christine Mennie <sup>†</sup> , and Janet Terry <sup>†</sup>			
Licensed to assist in the distribution of Holy	As <sup>+</sup> above and	d Valerie Grimwood and Gill Hodge		

#### **Regular Events** see pages 22-23 for full details of worship.

Communion

Sundays	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Communion in Church Morning Worship/Communion (Zoom on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
Tuesdays	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Holy Communion Ringing Practice
Wednesday (Zoom)	8:30 pm	Night Prayer
Thursday (Zoom)	8:30 am	Compass Group Morning Prayer

The login details for all the above Zoom services can be found on the website (sandon-church.info) just prior to the meeting.

#### St Andrew's, Sandon

www.sandon-church.info

Editor Richard Cecil Advertising Manager

Claire Jefferies Editorial Team Valerie Grimwood Distribution Manager Alison Read

Contributions or requests for the next publication should be sent to magazine@sandon-church.info or Richard Cecil, Chestnut Cottage, CM2 7RN by the 10<sup>th</sup> November for editing and thence publication prior to the next quarter, December 2021 to February 2022.





We welcomed into the Church of God at their Baptism:
Cara Jayne Reynolds 3<sup>rd</sup> July
Olivia Anne Kissock 18<sup>th</sup> July
Poppy Anna-Louise Kissock
18<sup>th</sup> July

We congratulate on their marriage:
Daniel William Mower and
Sophie May Brickwood 30<sup>th</sup> July

We blessed the marriage of: lan and Claire Jefferies

8<sup>th</sup> August

We commended into God's care at the funerals of:

Suzanne Martin 25<sup>th</sup> May Evelyn Ellis 16<sup>th</sup> June Sharon Hands 10<sup>th</sup> July

At a Memorial Service we commemorated the life of :

Dennis Terry 10<sup>th</sup> July

#### Jack Whinney's "gleanings"

You cannot prosper by discouraging thrift
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich
You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn
You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative
and independence

You cannot help men permanently by doing more for them than they do for themselves

Abraham Lincoln's fiscal policy quoted in a newsletter in 1985

When you go home Tell them of us and say For your tomorrow We gave our today

The inscription on the memorial at Kohima, Assam erected by the 2nd Division after one of the decisive battles of the 2nd World War.

Things may come to those who wait, But only the things left behind by those who hustle.

Abraham Lincoln

#### **Dear Sandon**

I have just finished reading "Dear England" (published by Hodder & Stoughton £12.99. 179 pages) by Stephen Cottrell Archbishop of York, until recently Bishop of Chelmsford. Whilst it is an attractive title, it might give a misleading impression, when as I write, the Scottish election and independence are very much to the fore. The book strongly makes the case for the interdependence of family, communities, nations and more particularly for the love of God for us all and for us to love our neighbours.

It is a serious book, but relatively easily read and understood, not a heavy religious tome. It has three segments: Finding hope, Taking heart and Changing the World. Quite a task. Do you have a part to play? I think we do each in our own way. Let's go to it.

Jack Whinney May 2021

#### Lsd

By Ed Peacock

Migrants to these shores before 1971 had to cope with something their more recent successors have been spared – Britain's predecimal currency. Lsd. Pounds, shillings and pence.

That problem disappeared almost exactly 50 years ago – on 15 February 1971.

Incoming Europeans, for example, were probably used to currency in two units, such as marks and pfennigs, or francs and centimes. Here they had to deal with three. And worse, these didn't come in tens, but in twelves, and twenties, and twos. Or even twenty-ones. The British genius for complicating things had found its outlet in its money.

The British would defend this bizarre system against the upstart decimal by pointing to the superior divisibility of 12 over 10: shillings and pounds could be divided by 4 and 6 and 3. For example, you could split a pound three ways exactly – 6 shillings and 8 pence, 6s 8d or 6/8 each, whereas in decimal you got that ugly and unsatisfactory 33.333333333.

If you came from a Nordic country, or Czechoslovakia, say, you might mistakenly see a point of contact when handed a half-crown in change. At last, a crown! Crowns you were used to. But then no crown would be found. Only its half.

Then, when you thought you'd learned that there were 2 halfpennies to the penny, and 12 pence to the shilling, and 2 shillings to the florin, and 21/2 shillings to the half-crown, and 20 shillings to the pound, and 21 shillings to the guinea – after all that, the British would confuse you by not using those terms but disguising them in slang instead. A pound was a quid, a shilling was a bob (but two shillings weren't two bobs), a sixpence was a tanner. That curious coin the threepenny bit (pronounced thruppenny, of course, to further confuse the outsider) was also, it was rumoured, called a joey.

It would be at this point that people would say something cost a dollar, or half a dollar. A dollar? What had the Americans go to do with it? Nothing, of course. A dollar was a crown, or five bob, or 5/- if you wanted it numerically. Half a dollar was our old friend the half crown. Why a dollar? Maybe it harked back to some glorious time in Britain's imperial

history when you really could get four dollars to the pound.

How to write it down? What were the abbreviations? P presumably for pound, s for shilling, but p again for penny? Wrong! You made the mistake of thinking that the British, speakers of one of the most widespread and vibrant languages in the modern world, would use it on their coins. No no no! They used Latin, the language of a people who had left these isles 1500 years before. L for pound, or libra; yes, s for shilling, but actually standing for solidus; and what else but d for penny, or denarius? Hence Lsd.

The coins themselves had no order, no system in their design to help you. The half-crown, that was a proper coin. Some glorious, proud heraldry. The penny, there's Britannia, looking out over the waves she rules. The halfpenny (pronounced haypenny, just to catch out the foreigners) is a ship - ah, the maritime connection again. The shilling? Back to heraldry. But the threepenny bit? What's this plant? (Thrift, as it happens.) Then there are more flowers on the florin, and the sixpence. If you arrived before 1961 you also had to cope with the farthing, a quarter of a penny, showing a wren. (Why? Why not?)

To make it all more impenetrable still there was more Latin in the wording on the coins: DEI GRATIA, REGINA, BRITT OMN, FID DEF and IND IMP. More examples of the British obsession with their history, and in the last example their glorious imperial past again. And you could actually carry a lot of history around in your pocket. For in Britain, because there'd been no political revolution, the currency hadn't changed for decades. So Queen Victoria's head on the penny in your purse could literally rub right up against that of her great-greatgranddaughter Elizabeth II. As your neighbours would tell you, look out for Edward VIII: so few coins were made in his short reign that if you'd got one you'd be rich!

But all this ended fifty years ago. It was at the cost of some inflation (for the Government's assurances that while some prices would be rounded up others would be rounded down proved false, to no -one's surprise). The British could grumble at the loss of some colour in their lives and persist in talking about 'new money'. But for post-1971 arrivals this was one difficulty they simply didn't have to cope with.

This trip down Memory Lane is all very fine, I hear you ask, but why



inscriptions.
FID DEF, still
on our present
coins (our
current
currency?)
though reduced
to a cryptic FD.

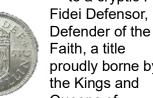
is it in the

magazine?

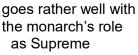
Well, let's go back to those

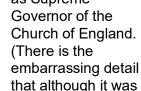
church

Latin



proudly borne by the Kings and Queens of England, and subsequently of Britain, since 1521. It





bestowed on Henry VIII by the Pope in 1521, for his prominent stand against Martin Luther and all his works, the Pope revoked it a mere nine years later when Henry broke with the Church of Rome. But that sort of formality or logic has never constrained the development of our constitution:





Henry rather liked it, so Parliament decided that he and every one of his successors should keep it.)



And there's DEI GRATIA. Or just DG. By the Grace of God. Elizabeth II is formally "by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen ..." She may be the Church's Supreme Governor, but she recognises an even higher authority. And that higher authority was there on every florin and shilling and penny before 1971, and is there on every coin in your pocket today.

This article was passed to me by Robin Stevens, who edits the Springfield Parish Magazine. I have attempted to show the coin images at life size.

#### **Army and Navy and Sandon Park & Ride Consultation**

All are being encouraged to have their say on a package of measures that will transform the way people travel into the city.

Cllr Lesley Wagland OBE, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Renewal. Infrastructure and Planning, said: "The Army and Navy Sustainable Transport Package is an unmissable opportunity to provide better options for people to travel and to encourage safer, greener,



Enlarged Sandon Park and Ride?

and healthier ways of getting around, especially for shorter journeys, where we want walking and cycling to be the natural choice."

The public consultation is open until 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and details the options and proposals, and other potential solutions that have been ruled out.

A virtual exhibition is now live and available throughout the



Separate T-junctions at the Army and Navy?

consultation. Visualisations, using estimated future traffic levels at peak times are also available in the exhibition.

The virtual exhibition, consultation survey and details of online and in -person consultation events are available via: www.essex.gov.uk/ armyandnavy.

Printed consultation brochures can be collected at libraries throughout Chelmsford, the Civic Centre in Duke Street and County Hall in Market Road.



Hamburger Roundabout at the Army and Navy?

#### **Farming Today**

A late harvest this year - oil seed rape was not being harvested until August; normally in July. The barley yields were up and the wheat crop is still to be combined. This year we have 3 girl students from Harper Adams University; 2 of them are farmers' daughters and all come from the West Country. Owing to weather conditions, there are heavy costs for grain drying using about 2000 litres of oil over 50 hours.

460 sheep, and the 31 rams have enjoyed their annual pedicure ready to join the ewes in mid-September. The last 13 of this season's lambs have recently gone to slaughter. There are still 50 acres of wet hay to be baled – it will be in poor condition so will be used for bedding. The early hay crop was

lost through wet weather and sold to the power station at Ely for

electricity.

120 shearlings ewes have been

to top-up the breeding flock to

purchased from Coles (suppliers)

Two new crops are being introduced into the rotation, rye and triticale. Both are droughtresistant for feed and human consumption. Editor's note: Triticale is the first man made crop. It is an artificial allopolyploid derived by crossing wheat (Triticum) with rye (Secale); first bred in laboratories during the

The family and staff greatly appreciated the co-operation of Hall Lane residents while moving tackle through the village.

Harvesting winter barley by Cards Road. Thanks to all Residents for moving their cars

late 19<sup>th</sup> century in Scotland and Germany.

Gillian Speakman

So here we are at the end of another scouting year.

All sections have been busy with badge work and having fun whilst learning skills for life.

Scouts have been climbing and kayaking at Skreens Park and making fires at Riffhams, Cubs used a fire pit and had fun toasting marshmallows. The Beavers have been finishing their Scientists' experiments and perfecting very large bubbles. All sections have invested new members into the Group. Kirsty (Mouse) received her 20 year service award, well done Kirsty, Edward (Scouts) received his 5 year service award. Well done. Edward. Also I had the greatest pleasure of presenting Jean Sherwin (Bagheera) and Edward (Scouts) their wood beads: congratulations to you all. Also it is sad that Jean Sherwin has left the Group as she and her family have moved to Scotland. We wish her and her family many happy years in their new home. The new term will start on the 2nd September and the young people can look forward to a new term of fun and learning.

The group are looking for leaders/helpers, if anyone feels they could give time on a Thursday evening to assist in the Beaver or Cub Sections please contact me by email 1stsandongsl@gmail.com

Jean Blake Group Scout Leader

























## Ravenhill Restoration Ltd

Restoration Carpentry specialising in historical timber framed buildings

- \* Bespoke oak frame carpentry
- \* Restoration structural repairs to Oak frame buildings
- \* A family run business
- \* Historical brickwork repairs and lime pointing
- \* Barn conversions
- \* Rotten timber removal and replacement
- \* Masonry crack stitching





We have a passion for working to restore historical buildings. Previous projects include St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Hadleigh Deanery and Bury St Edmunds' Cathedral.

Tel: Paul Ravenhill - 07595 900 539 ravenhillrestoration@gmail.com

#### From John Gruby

Hello Richard and All,
I have been threatening to write
here a description of my
experiences whilst in the Basildon
Cardiac Centre. My recollections
are as vivid and realistic to me
now as they were last May and
are permanently branded in my
memory.

I cannot say the memories give me a pleasant glow, particularly when I have too much time on my hands and end up thinking too much; but here goes.

After visiting the Church at 11 am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May to pray for my safekeeping, I wandered home thoughtfully to wait for the taxi which arrived promptly at 1 pm. I was careful not to pack any valuables, but still managed to find someone who misappropriated my brand-new leather slippers (a birthday present from my daughter) whilst in the hospital confines.

Funnily enough, I cannot remember much of the preparations made by the nurses after my arrival, but I must have slept somehow that night. The fun started the next day on the 11<sup>th</sup> when, after a light anaesthetic, I was wheeled elsewhere to face the doctor. I said, "I'm in your and God's hands now." and then my last grasp of reality disappeared.

It began with my seeing and talking to people I knew well who were also in the hospital at the same time. Close neighbours and friends in addition to my family members. Of course, they were never there and it was all part of the hallucinations that were just beginning.

I found myself in a room with several others, one of whom was a particularly loud-mouthed middle-aged man who used offensive language continually. He also had a hacking chesty cough. Apparently, we were about to be tested for suitability to undergo the changes in environmental locations and situations patients would experience during the operation. Those who finished outside the top 3 out of about 20 were discarded for lower quality treatment.

We were invited to take our places on a conveyor belt with rows of 3 seats across. like an aeroplane, and strap ourselves in. The ride began slowly at first with gentle undulations rising from high in the air down to ground level and slow twists and turns throughout. It took us around, rising and falling, in a circular route in a beautiful vallev consisting of exotic flowers and plants I had never seen before. The valley floor was carpeted by a large crystal-clear lake containing all sorts of pond-life,

including fish, water lilies, and bright green reeds.

The ride lasted about half an hour then came to a gentle stop where it began. My score? I came 4<sup>th</sup>, much to the amusement of the obnoxious gentleman with the chesty cough and loudmouth. Bizarrely, my daughter Louisa (who took up a fictitious role as Head Sister throughout my illusionary state - a career in which she has never had any training in real life) refused to accept the result and insisted on my undertaking another test but with her sitting next to me. The result was as before and what happened after that is still unclear except that Louisa was giving stern orders to those around her on what to do next.

I can remember a lot more but even now I still cannot relate some of those happenings to anyone without clouding over, [either by communicating verbally or in written prose]. I can, however, describe watching my funeral take place from high above the footpath of our church, and seeing the objects of remembrance my son John brought with him. I can just about manage to mention the slow procession of people walking along that path though.

There was a pre-funeral gathering at a funeral centre in Basildon

with friends and family coming to pay their respects and I was itching to talk to them. I could even hear their voices from the other side of a plastic curtain, where 2 nurses refused to let me greet everyone until one had instructed the other on how to perform different sutures. By the time they had finished everyone had gone.

That DID provide the core for one of my sick jokes though because I could honestly tell the doctors and nurses that I must be only man who's missed his own funeral. Recovering from the operation took longer than average because secondary bleeding was discovered, and I was put into an induced coma which accelerated and intensified my dreams to such an extent I believe I was guilty of performing extremes of stupidity. On more than one occasion was asked " do you know where you are?". The plain fact is... I didn't have a clue.

Well-wishers kindly say that now, after 90 days since the op, I am more like my old self, and I really appreciate that encouragement, but my 'old self' isn't coming back. Not for a while yet.
As I said to the doctor before being 'put under'. I'm in God's hands and hope to remain so until that conveyor belt slows to a stop.

#### A Song of Praise to the Lord

Lord, you are my God.

I will honor you.

I will praise your name.

You have been perfectly faithful.

You have done wonderful things.

You had planned them long ago. You have turned cities into piles of trash.

You have pulled down the high walls that were around them.

You have destroyed our enemies' forts.

They will never be rebuilt.
Powerful nations will honor you.
Even sinful people from their cities will have respect for you.
Poor people have come to you for safety.

You have kept needy people safe when they were in trouble.

You have been a place to hide when storms came.

You have been a shade from the heat of the sun.

Evil people attack us.

They are like a storm beating against a wall.

They are like the heat of the desert.

You stopped the noisy shouts of our enemies.

You kept them from winning the battle over us and singing about it.

You are like the shadow of a cloud that cools the earth.
On Mount Zion the Lord who rules over all will prepare a feast for all the nations.
The best and richest foods and the finest aged wines will be served.

On that mountain the Lord will destroy

the veil of sadness that covers all the nations.

He will destroy the gloom that is spread over everyone.

He will swallow up death forever. The Lord and King will wipe away the tears

from everyone's face.

He will remove the shame of his people

from the whole earth.

The Lord has spoken.

At that time they will say,

"He is our God.

We trusted in him, and he saved us.

He is the Lord. We trusted in him. Let us be filled with joy because he saved us."

The Lord's power will keep Mount Zion safe.

But the people of Moab will be crushed in their land.

They will be crushed just as straw is crushed in animal waste.

They will try to swim their way out of it.

They will spread out their hands in it,

just as swimmers spread out their hands to swim.

But God will bring down Moab's pride.

None of their skill will help them. He will pull down their high, strong walls.

He will bring them down to the ground.

He'll bring them right down to the dust.

Isaiah Chapter 25 NIRV

#### **Sharon Kim Hands**

Sharon died in June. She moved into Sandon with her husband Glen and daughter Charlotte to run the Crown. Charlotte writes, "Mum was 63 when she passed away after 15 months of cancer. We moved to the village as a family-run pub with the intention to develop it the pub to the full extent that it deserves. In honour of my mum we will continue to do so. Sharon Kim Hands was a devoted Mum, Nan and wife to my Dad for 47 years.

Right: Daughter Sarah riding Sharon's horse at the funeral Below: Sharon fishing





Page 37

#### **Evelyn Ellis**

1<sup>st</sup> October '43 – 30<sup>th</sup> May '21 buried in Sandon on 16<sup>th</sup> June

At her funeral the phrases, 'generous private, kind and loving woman' and 'strong faith and belief in the importance of working with the youth of Sandon parish and the local area' were used. Evelyn Ellis died after illness with cancer.

Evelyn had just started to write her memoirs entitled `40 years behind the boards `. where she was going to set down her work backstage at the 40 Sandon Pantomimes she was heavily involved with.

Evelyn only resigned as secretary to the Sandon Village Hall committee one week before dying saying to Julie Fisher, 'I don't think I can keep up with it all at the moment, but I will be back'.

Included amongst the many roles within her life are:

 Wife to Peter -whom she met at the village hall youth Club in Dunton, where he sat on the edge of a table swinging his legs smiling at her, playing the same record and wanting to pick her up on his scooter! She didn't like him at first, but after 50 years of marriage I think she got used to him!



- Mother to Heather and Dawn a wonderful role model, generous with her time and love. Evelyn was very proud of both her daughters.
- Mother-in-law to Andy and Peter- always sending them gifts of homemade wine and many ornaments for the garden. Some very interesting ones have been hidden by the odd bush or two! She quite liked her nickname Shortie!
- Nanny to Rebecca James
   Alexander and Charlotte -who
   will remember nanny with great
   love.
- Great grandmother or Super Double nanny -as she wished to be called to Rupert and Benjamin.

- Great Grandmother to lovely tiny Luke -who was born to James and Jenny four days prior to her death.
- Good friend to many of you here- who loved to receive her annual Christmas newsletter.
   We as a family asked her to say she was unwell. But she did not want you to worry.
- Previous work colleagues from her 25 years at Chelmsford college, Sandon and Meadgate Primary school. Evelyn trained at the age of 40 to become a teacher and worked full time while completing this training. This showed her perseverance and her commitment to anything that she took on.
- A caring neighbour -Most recently enjoyed her Monday morning coffee morning chats with Carol, lan and Beverly.
- A friend to John- whom she called my `Mr Sunshine`. He brought lots of this to Evelyn in the last five years of her life seeing or hearing from him every day. Thank you, John, for giving mum this sunshine and friendship.

In correspondence to the family, Evelyn's qualities emerged. Her friendship and support, inspiration, her endearing commitment to Sandon and church and village hall, amazing organisational skills, the positive impact she made on hundreds of children she has taught at Sandon School, the college and working with St Andrew's Youth fellowship, her wonderful personality and presence.

As a family-woman Evelyn loved her home Sporhams Farmhouse. She would spend many hours sitting in the garden or walking around the farm and the nearby fields planning her next house improvement or adventure.

Evelyn learnt to drive at 16 and loved her brand-new Bubble car! After this she named all her cars: Tallulah, Rene and Codchie and also her lovely ride-on mower Sally.

After 40 years of making pantomime costumes and using any piece of material of fabric which she stored in her very well organised attic, Evelyn was a talented seamstress and loved knitting and crocheting.

As Evelyn would always say as she ended a phone call to a family member or friend, `Lots of love. God bless you darlings`.

Based on the family's tribute

## Danbury and Villages Rotary Danbury and Villages Rotary,

It has been formed covering
Danbury and the local area.
Initially a satellite of Chelmsford
Rotary, we will become a full
member of Rotary International
once we have reached twenty
members. With some fifteen
already signed up, that should be
quite soon. At present we meet at
The Bell pub in Main Road,
Danbury.

People who enjoy helping others and want to have fun doing it, will find Rotary a good place to volunteer. A range of social activities will enhance the experience and ensure new friendships. Rotary is committed to diversity, so all adults of any age are welcome. Meetings are informal and new members will be able to influence the way our Rotary will operate, so those who join now can play their part. Rotary is an international organization with clubs in most countries of the world, all dedicated to service in their regions, but also helping those less fortunate in poorer countries. Rotary instigated and led the drive to eliminate polio from the world, joined by the WHO and Bill Gates Foundation, with the result that only Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the wild polio virus. Rotary, including our new

Danbury and Villages Rotary, focuses on support for people who need help in their local area and charities that bring benefits locally, such as Farleigh Hospice.

Eric Cater Danbury and Villages Rotary 01245221227

Your editor asked, "Which villages are you thinking will be covered by this?

"I wonder how well the idea of Sandon being a satellite of Danbury will be received!"
To which Eric Cater replied, "Good questions! Our original choice of name was 'Danbury and District', but this was vetoed by our District Officers and 'Danbury and Villages' chosen. We did resist, saying we did not want people to misinterpret that as the villages around are all independent. We were unsuccessful."

"Where we plan coverage is Danbury, Sandon, Little Baddow, Bicknacre, Woodham Walter and Woodham Mortimer. That may extend to Cold Norton and Purleigh in time, if there is any demand. Obviously, we would welcome members from those villages to ensure their interests are covered."

#### Recipe Spiced Honey Cake

200g plain flour, 85g dark sugar, ½ tablespoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, 1½ teaspoon cinnamon, 1½ teaspoons ginger, 1 teaspoon mixed spice, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 100g ground almonds, 2 beaten eggs, 250g honey, 300g butter, melted.

Grease a 23 cm springform tin and line the base with baking paper.

Preheat the oven to 170°C.

Combine all the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Combine the wet ingredients in another bowl. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until smooth. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for about 45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. If it starts to burn, cover the top of the cake with a piece of foil. Remove from the oven and leave to stand for 10 minutes before releasing the tin and allow the cake to cool completely. It can be served with a dusting of icing sugar, or mix honey into some mascarpone cheese and cover the cake generously.

Narelle Arnold

#### Ron Woods Memorial Service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3 pm

Ron Woods 1927—2020

Ron was the organist at Sandon for many years. He died in December having last played in Church on 6<sup>th</sup> December.



At the memorial service there will be tributes played on the organ by organists who knew him. There will be a piano recital as well as a soprano soloist. Tributes will be made from friends of Ron. It would be good to see many at the service to give tribute to this wonderful gentleman.



#### 2 Timothy 4:6-8 The Message

You take over. I'm about to die, my life an offering on God's altar. This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that's left now is the shouting—God's applause! Depend on it, he's an honest judge. He'll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.

Used at a recent funeral



Established in 2006 as a subsidiary of Edmund Carr Chartered Accountants, we offer independent financial advice on the following:

- Life Assurance/Protection/Income Replacement Cover
- Pensions and Retirement Planning
- Investments
- Inheritance Tax Planning

Working normally from home

For more information or to arrange a free initial consultation please contact us on 01245 294900 or <a href="mailto:advice@ecfsltd.co.uk">advice@ecfsltd.co.uk</a>

www.ecfsltd.co.uk

122 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0RG

E C Financial Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority



Contact BFS for prompt delivery of your domestic heating oil direct from our local Danbury Fuel Services depot.
You'll find no better service, no better value.





- External & Internal alterations
- Windows, Fascia, Soffit and Guttering.
- Boundary Fencing, Drives, Patios, and Decking.
- Sheds, Summer Houses, Pergolas.
- General garden maintenance.
- Friendly, efficient, reliable service.



For more information and a FREE quotation
Phone Eric

07736 238138 • 01245 474587

Email: erw.buildingservices@yahoo.com