THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Please Pray for

- Denis Huntley, Chaplain amongst deaf and blind people, Adviser on Disability Issues. We also remember his team.
- The Diocese of Yewa (formely Egbado) Lagos, Nigeria.
- KayTyler Sue Willsmer •
- Baptism family Richard & Nicola Hewitt and • Oliver and Ruby
- The elderly at home and those who are bereaved; for widows and widowers, single people and those alone
- For those who live in Maldon Road •
- For all who will be attending services in our • church over Christmas.
- The ministry and mission of this church and our • offering of ourselves
- Our preparations for Christmas
- Our stewardship of time, talents, and money
- Christians living in the Holy Land and the Middle • East.
- For those who will be alone this Christmas or the first one without a loved one. The sick and those who care for them especially Reg Horscroft, Christine Farrar, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, Pauline Butterworth, Bishop John, Daisy, Emily, Alex and Joy Wilkinson, Kingsley, Barbara Parish, Ian & Barbara Underwood, Roy Davis, Dave Crawford and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently, June Berry, Maurice Rowley and for those who mourn.

Christenings or Weddings If you would like to arrange one contact Revd. Terry Brown on 01245 698988 or email tgabrown@hotmail.com

Parish People

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Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion

4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer

Sunday: 10 am Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of the Month

8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)

10 am Family Service

St. Andrew Sandon

All are Welcome in this Place

Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Terry Brown



Sunday20th December 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

Today's Service

10 am President Preacher Eucharistic Minister Intercessions Reading Sidesperson Duty Warden Tea/Coffee 6:30 **Priest in Charge**

Sung Eucharist **Revd Terry Brown Revd Terry Brown Dennis Terry Judy Cecil Michael Puffett** P. Norrington **Dave Farrar** E. Bartrup/B. Moyse **Candlelight Nine lessons & carols** Sidespersons Christine Mennie & Eileen Bartrup **Revd Terry Brown Christmas Week** See also web Site www.sandon-church.info



Sunday 20th December Candlelight Nine lessons & carols 6.30pm **Tuesday 22nd December** Beer and Carols in the Crown 7pm **Thursday 24th December Crib Service 4pm Thursday 24th December** Midnight Communion 11.30pm Friday 25th December Christmas worship and Communion 10am Children bring a present of your choice to show

Families are very welcome in Church. Toilets and Changing facilities opposite Main Door.

Communion All are welcome at the Communion rail. If you do not normally receive Communion, please come forward to receive a blessing.

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Micah 5. 2-5

The Ruler from Bethlehem

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Gospel Reading Luke 1. 39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Church Surveys

Please could you bring back your completed Survey sheets as soon as possible and place them in the box marked Church Surveys. If you need a new form please have a word with Terry.

Posada

Please sign the Journey Rota at the back of the church so that each day has a home for the Nativity scene. Please make arrangements for the Posada to be collected or delivered. There are a few dates available.

Message from Cllr. Ian Wright

For those new to the area:- Every year at this time as your elected City Councillor I am happy to visit anyone who needs support and may not have friends or relatives in the area. This is often a very lonely time for people on their own especially the elderly and those who have recently been bereaved or are vulnerable in some way or another. Some families go away over this holiday period and have to leave elderly relatives behind and my offer may be of help! I am only to pleased to make a visit or two, have a coffee and mince pie over a chat or even just make a telephone call just to check everything is ok. I am very mindful of security, as should anyone passing on details of any vulnerable person so my telephone number 01245 226289. E-mail

ianwright903@gmail.com can be verified by Sandon PC or Chelmsford City Council also David Pearson of the HGCA. Or just call at my home and see me. Many resident of our Parish are not members of the HGCA and Sandon forums so if you know anyone who could use my service please pass on my details. I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Ian.

Christmas Flowers

I am sure we would all like to thank our flower arrangers for all their hard work yesterday in all their displays around our church. Thank you very much.

Beer and Carols

Please don't forget our Beer and carols service in the Crown at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd December. It would be good to have as many of our congregation present to welcome the people who attend the event.

Christmas Cards

Terry and Caroline would like to thank all those who sent Christmas cards to them this Christmas. Happy Christmas to you all, and a peaceful New Year.

Clare and Martin Greenwood

We would all like to thank Clare and Martin for accepting our invitation to play at our carol service tonight. Clare will be playing the oboe and martin the piano. They will be playing 3 carols for us.

Mulled Wine

At the end of our Nine Lessons and Carols tonight please join us for mulled wine and mince pies.

Chelmsford Nursing Home

Many thanks for all those who came to the Nursing Home to sing carols with the residents and staff. We are told by the home that it was much appreciated. It was lovely to see so many of the residents singing their favourite carols.