

## BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Archbishop of York, Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu has accepted an invitation to take part and be Guest Speaker. This promises to be a special occasion so make a note of the date in your diaries.

## CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** - For all who will be leading and taking part in the Lent Courses, that they may be inspired and challenged in their studies by God's love for all people.
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** - For Revd Clive Ashley as he prepares to take up his new appointment and for the parishes of Sandon and Little Baddow.
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** - For all organisations engaged in the setting up and marketing of Fairtrade schemes for the benefit of the workers in the poorer countries of the world.
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup>** - For the many charities that work with children in any kind of need. Let us pray that God will work through them as messengers of his love.
- Apr 11<sup>th</sup>** - For all doctors, nurses and carers who minister to the needs of the sick at home and in hospital. May God guide and strengthen them in their work.
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup>** - For the schools that serve the children of our parishes. May teachers and pupils together learn more of God's world and how to care for it.

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Shrove Tuesday Bring and Share Lunch at South Woodham Ferrers.
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Ministry of Film at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers at 2 pm.
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday.
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - Lent Courses begin. For details see Parish Magazines.
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March - Fair Trade Fortnight.
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday Trip - Royal Mews and Guards Museum.
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Licensing of Revd Clive Ashley.
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Women's World Day of Prayer.
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - Installation Service for Revd Clive Ashley at St Mary's, Lt Baddow, 10 am.
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - Mothering Sunday.
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer Time begins,
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday.
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> - Ministry of Film - Easter Film, Holy Trinity, South Woodham ferrers, 7 pm
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip, Holy Week Walk: "Journey to the Source of the River Crouch".
- Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - Maundy Thursday.
- Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday
- Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Day
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - Ministry of Film, Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers.
- Apr 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip - Golders Hill and Keats' House.
- Apr 30<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Sunday
- May 8<sup>th</sup> - Little Baddow Open Gardens, 11 am - 5 pm.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Ministry of Film - 15+ Evening, Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip - Little Venice and Camden Market.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bradwell Pilgrimage.

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# Chelmer – Crouch Group News

For the Churches of St Andrew, Bicknacre; St Andrew, Boreham; St John the Baptist, Danbury; All Saints, East Hanningfield; St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow; St Andrew, Sandon; Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers and St Mary, Woodham Ferrers.

## NEW PRIEST FOR SANDON AND LITTLE BADDOW

We are very pleased to welcome Revd Clive Ashley and his wife Lesley to the Parishes of Sandon and Little Baddow and also to the Chelmer Crouch Group. Clive is currently Rector of Fishbourne and Priest in Charge of Apuldram in the Diocese of Chichester. They will be moving to a new Rectory in Sandon towards the end of February. Bishop Laurie will be licensing Clive as Priest in Charge of Sandon and Little Baddow at a special service in St Andrew's, Sandon on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Clive's first service at St Mary's, Little Baddow will be at 10 am on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, when the Archdeacon, David Lowman, will Install him. Please pray for Clive and Lesley as they take up their new ministry, and also for the parishes of Sandon and Little Baddow.

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY – 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Fairtrade Fortnight is about getting more people talking about and buying Fairtrade and we want you and your church to be involved. For Fairtrade Fortnight we want everyone in the UK swapping for Fairtrade; your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks, and most of all your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. Each and every swap proves that the people of the UK want producers in the developing world to get a fairer deal.

Nearly 6,000 churches in the UK have met the goals to become a Fairtrade Church. On becoming a Fairtrade Church you receive a certificate to display to tell people you have made a commitment to Fairtrade. The three goals a church must fulfil are:-

- Use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and in all meetings for which they have a responsibility,
- Move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit,

- Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible.

May this Fairtrade Fortnight help us to remember the ‘power of the consumer’ and that our choices can be the cornerstone of another person’s livelihood. Perhaps we could make this Fairtrade Swap part of our Lenten discipline.

## MINISTRY OF FILM

Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers, has started a monthly film club following the instalment of a large screen and projector during last year.

On alternate months the film club will be showing a family film or a 15+ film (showing times will vary). The aim of this monthly event is outreach to the local community and churches alike. It is free of charge to attend and there are refreshments!

We are not allowed to openly advertise the film because of copyright licence, however, we have an e-mail [ministry\\_of\\_film@btinternet.com](mailto:ministry_of_film@btinternet.com) for more details.

February 16<sup>th</sup> doors open at 2.45pm for 3pm family film PG Rating - outreach bring your non-church friends or family.

March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6.45pm for 7pm - age 15+

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Family film, showing time to be confirmed.

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Age 15+, evening showing time to be confirmed.

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Film Night as a Fund Raise for Bar n Bus - showing time to be confirmed

Julie Hardy.

## THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRA DAME, Sandon Village Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm (2.30 pm Saturday matinee)

This is a traditional pantomime loosely based on the famous story by Victor Hugo. The gentle Quasimodo is put upon by the cruel Minister of Justice and kept in the Bell Tower of Notre Dame Cathedral. But his life changes when a gypsy girl Esmeralda also seeks refuge from the tyrant.

The cast are all St Andrew’s Youth Fellowship members - their ages ranging from 8 – 18 years. The hall is transformed into a theatre and we are renowned for our sets and special effects. Our band supply foot tapping music and there will be lots of audience participation. The Tuck Shop will be open before each performance, during the interval and afterwards for the sale of sweets, crisps, drinks and souvenirs. Tickets £4 and £3 (concessions) Box Office – Tina on 01245 604732.

Peter Ellis, Producer and Group Leader.

## SHROVE TUESDAY BRING & SHARE LUNCH

At 12.30 on Shrove Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers will be holding a Bring and Share Lunch. Bring along all

those goodies that will tempt you during Lent and enjoy sharing them with everyone. The lunch will be followed by pancakes (20p donation) and then some pancake flipping! Finally at 3pm there will be a family film shown in the church.

This event is open to all, church and non-church, and all are welcome to come just for the lunch or for the film or for both. Bring a friend and start Lent together.

For more information please contact Julie Hardy (01245 325234).

## WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 5<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March over 3 million people world wide will be praying and worshipping together during the annual day of prayer, using a service prepared by Christian women in Cameroon. The theme is:- **‘Let everything that has breath praise God’**

Services are being held the Catholic Church in Danbury at 10 am, with a Creche, additional parking and refreshments at Danbury Mission, and at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome - including men!

## GROUP ASCENSION DAY SERVICE - Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May

This will be held at St Mary’s, Little Baddow at 8 pm. It will be an opportunity to meet with Revd Clive Ashley and his wife Lesley, and to welcome to the Chelmer Crouch Group.

## LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS – Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 11 am – 5 pm

Open Gardens is a major annual fund raising event for the Fabric Fund of St Mary’s Church. The day is hugely popular with visitors who come from all over the county to see over 20 gardens in the village that will be open to the public. Some will serve teas, others will have plants for sale, and lunches will be served at the Memorial Hall. There are various events and attractions taking place throughout the village, including Morris Dancing and Classic/Vintage Cars. A free Park and Ride service will provide regular transport to all the gardens. Make a note of the date!

## TUESDAY TRIPS

Tuesday Trips from South Woodham Ferrers Railway Station have resumed for the new year and are as follows:-

23<sup>rd</sup> February - Royal Mews and Guards Museum

30<sup>th</sup> March - Holy Week Walk: “Journey to the Source of the River Crouch”

27<sup>th</sup> April - Golders Hill and Keats’ House

18<sup>th</sup> May - Little Venice and Camden Market including canal boat trip.

The party meets together at 9.20 am and makes use of a group ticket. For further details contact Revd Paul Haworth on 322134.