

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday, 3rd July and the theme is 'Who is my Neighbour?'. The Principal Guest Speaker is The Archbishop of York, the Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu. Pilgrims are asked to arrive by 10.45 am and proceedings will begin with a short service in the Churchyard of St Thomas, led by the Bishop of Bradwell. Pilgrims will then walk the 2 miles to St Peter's Chapel (for those unable to walk that distance there will be some minibuses for transport). In and around the Chapel a number of activities will be taking place, including music, workshops, children's and youth projects, and, of course, worship. Don't forget to bring a picnic! Time will be available to visit either the Othona Community or the beach – or even both. Why not join with others from the Chelmer Crouch Group - look out for our banner.

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- May 9th** - For all who undertake work with our children and youth. May they be guided, inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- May 23rd** - For those in our parishes who will be on holiday this coming week. May they be refreshed on their return and strengthened in their service.
- Jun 6th** - For the Governors of our local schools. We ask you to give them a clear vision of what is most appropriate for the children's education.
- Jun 20th** - For the clergy of our parishes that the Holy Spirit will empower them in the increasing demands of their ministry.
- Jul 11th** - For all in our parishes who visit the sick, the elderly and the housebound that they may truly be agents of God's love.
- Jul 25th** - For families with children who will be starting their school holidays. May they be able to spend happy times together and discover more of God's world.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- May 8th - Little Baddow Open Gardens, 11 am – 5 pm.
- May 9th – 15th - Christian Aid Week
- May 13th - Ascension Day. Group Service at St Andrew's, Sandon, 8 pm.
- May 15th - OpenHouse at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.
- May 15th - Ministry of Film, 15+ evening at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers.
- May 18th - Tuesday Trip to Little Venice and Camden Market.
- May 23rd - Pentecost.
- May 29th - Little Baddow and Sandon Inter-village Walk, 10.15 am at St Mary's.
- June 12th - OpenHouse at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.
- June 15th - Tuesday Trip to Needham Market.
- June 18th - Film Night at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers (funds for Bar n Bus).
- June 19th - Hog Roast at St Andrew's Boreham at 5 pm
- June 26th - St John the Baptist Church, Danbury Summer Fayre, 11 am to 3 pm.
- June 26th - Concert at St Andrew's Church, Boreham at 7.30 pm.
- July 3rd - Bradwell Pilgrimage
- July 17th - OpenHouse at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.
- July 20th - Tuesday Trip to Chiswick House, Gardens and Riverside.

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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.

GROUP ASCENSION DAY SERVICE - Thursday, 13th May *** CHANGE OF VENUE ***

This service will now be held at **St Andrew's Church, Sandon** at 8 pm. It will be an opportunity to meet with Revd Clive Ashley and his wife Lesley, and to welcome them to the Chelmer Crouch Group. It is also an occasion when people from all of our parishes can meet and worship together as a family.

LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS – Saturday, 8th May, 11 am – 5 pm

Open Gardens is a great day out and a major annual fund raising event for the Fabric Fund of St Mary's Church. The day has become very popular with visitors who come from all over the county. Some 20 gardens in the village will be open to the public. Lunches will be served at the Memorial and meals will also be available at The General's Arms and The Rodney. Some gardens will serve teas, others will have plants for sale. There are various events and attractions taking place throughout the village, including Morris Dancing and a Classic/Vintage Car Display. Little Baddow History Centre will be open and will have a new Exhibition on the Origin of Place Names in the Village. A free Park and Ride service will provide regular transport to all the gardens. A £5 ticket will give adults an entry to all the gardens between 11 am and 5 pm; accompanied children under 16 are free. Make a note of the date and come and join us!

NEWS FROM CHELMSFORD CHESS (Chelmsford Homeless Emergency Support Scheme)

Have you ever wondered how CHESS manages to feed all the homeless people that come to them? Some Churches give their Harvest Festival donations to them and some make regular collections during the year. But food comes to them by other means. Two or three times a week some stores in town donate any food

that is past the 'sell by' date but is still within the 'use by' date. They also frequently get gifts of sausage rolls, cake, etc that have been left over from office parties, wedding receptions and other gatherings. They do grow some of their own food on their allotment.

Those people using the Day Centre can get a hot meal there from 10 am to 1.30 pm. Like the Night Shelter, the Day Centre relies on a rota of volunteer cooks. A small charge is made for cooked food and there is also a small charge for tea and coffee. Donated food such as cakes, sandwiches and fruit is put out on a counter for users to take as they wish.

When residents move on they are given small food parcels of tins and packets that have been donated.

As you can see from this, there are many ways in which people can help with the scheme. Volunteer cooks are always welcome and donations of food of all sorts are put to good use. You can check the website www.chelmsfordchess.org for full information or phone 01245 350792 (Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm, weekends 10.30 am to 3 pm).

'OPENHOUSE' Prayer Café at Holy Trinity Church South Woodham Ferrers

Holy Trinity Church has been holding a prayer café one Saturday per month for just over a year now. The prayer café has recently been named 'OpenHouse'. It is a time for everyone to come and sit quietly in a calm place, or a time for prayer, or a chance for a chat and friendly company over a drink and biscuits. 'OpenHouse' will take place on 15th May, 12th June and 17th July from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. Julie Hardy.

LITTLE BADDOW AND SANDON INTER-VILLAGE WALK (Led by David Farrar of Sandon) - Saturday, 29th May

Do join us for this fundraising circular walk from Little Baddow to Sandon and back again. We shall be leaving St Mary's Church at 10.15 am. You can have lunch at The Crown in Sandon or have a picnic on The Green.

We in Little Baddow are raising funds to support the Church's committed donation to the Wickhay Green Play Area in the village. Please help us to find the remaining £150 and have an enjoyable walk at the same time!

More details from Wendy Godden (223873) or Graham Lennard (224717).

CHILD PROTECTION

On Saturday, 22nd March there will be an update of Child Protection training for anyone who has not had it and may need it, or as an update for those who have attended in the past. It is in the Pelly Room behind St Andrew's Church, Boreham, from 9.30 am until 1 pm.

Details from Christine Horton (01245 466534).

TUESDAY TRIPS

Tuesday Trips from South Woodham Ferrers Railway Station are as follows:-

18th May - Little Venice and Camden Market including canal boat trip.

15th June - Needham Market (**Rail tickets to be purchased in advance for this trip).

20th July - Chiswick House, Gardens and Riverside.

17th August - Old Bailey (hopefully with a court visit) and gardens of the Inns of Court.

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

EVENTS AT BOREHAM

On Sunday, 23rd May there will be an informal **Evening Praise Service for Pentecost** at St Andrew's.

A **Hog Roast** is being held on Saturday, 19th June at 5 pm..

A **Concert** will take place in St Andrew's on Saturday, 26th June at 7.30 pm.

Details can be obtained from Christine Horton on 01245 466534.

REMEMBERING ARMSTRONG GIBBS

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Armstrong Gibbs, the Armstrong Gibbs Society have arranged the following events to take place at St John the Baptist Church, Danbury on Saturday, 8th May:-

11.00 am The Armstrong Gibbs Society AGM. All are welcome to attend.

12.15 pm Recital for Violin and Piano. Robert Atchison: violin. Lara Griffin: piano. Admission free but there will be a retiring collection.

1.15 pm Lunch. A buffet Lunch to be served in the Church Meeting Room.

Tickets, price £10.00, need to be purchased in advance although there may be a limited number of tickets available on the day. For lunch tickets or further information please telephone 01245 223744.

CHRYSALIS PRESENTS 'ASPECTS OF LOVE'

Using songs from the shows and contemporary pop music, the evening takes a look at the different types of love we encounter in our lives, from friendship, through romantic love, to the story of a mother's sacrificial love in Miss Saigon.

For a relaxed and enjoyable evening of favourite songs and an opportunity to absorb a little of the Christian perspective on Love, come along on:

**Saturday, 15th May at 7.30 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm)
to Woodham Ferrers Village Hall.**

Tickets: £10 including a Ploughman's Supper.

There will be a Raffle in aid of St Mary's Church Bell Tower Renovations.

For further information contact Revd Mary Cottee (01245 224895).

For tickets call 01245 328480 or 01245 224895.