

## ALPHA COURSE AT SANDON RECTORY

Rev'd Clive Ashley has arranged for an Alpha Course to take place on Tuesday evenings at Sandon Rectory, 25 The Lintons, Sandon at 7.45 pm. Details are:-

29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Introductory Session	Is there more to life than this?
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Session 1	Who is Jesus?
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Session 2	Why did Jesus die?
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Session 3	How can we have faith?
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Session 4	Why and How do I pray?
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Session 5	Why and how should I read the Bible?
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Session 6	How does God guide us?
Sat, 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Away day</b> Session 7	Who is the Holy Spirit?
	Session 8	What does the Holy Spirit do?
	Session 9	How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Session 10	How can I resist evil?
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Session 11	Why and how can I tell others?
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Session 12	Does God heal today?
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Session 13	What about the Church?
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Session 14	How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Alpha Survivors' Supper</b>	

If you are interested in joining the course please contact Clive on 01245 243863.

## CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Aug 8<sup>th</sup>** - For the clergy and Readers of our parishes. May they be guided, inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>** - For all the parishes in the Chelmer Crouch Group that they may support each other in their witness to our Lord. We pray for a successful BBQ.
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup>** - For the schools that serve the children of our parishes as they begin a new school year. We pray for pupils and staff in their work together.
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>** - For those who lead and teach in our Sunday School, for those who run Church Youth Clubs, playgroups and our uniformed organisations.
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** - For all who are or will be taking part in Alpha Courses and Emmaus Courses. May they experience your love for them and your calling to them.
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup>** - For the missionary work and links supported by the parishes in the Group. May we be generous in our giving and caring in our prayers.

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip to Old Bailey and gardens of the Inns of Court.
- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Club at Boreham.
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> - Chelmer Crouch Group BBQ at St Mary's, Little Baddow, 12.30 pm.
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride. 10 am. - 6 pm.
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Launch of Edward Bear Club at All Saints, East Hanningfield, 2.15 pm.
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - OpenHouse at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30 am - 1.30 pm.
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday Trip - 'The Lambeth Walk'
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - Back to Church Sunday.
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Start of Alpha Course at Sandon Rectory. 7.45 pm
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip to Leighton House and Holland Park.
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - OpenHouse at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30 am - 1.30 pm.
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Clocks go back 1 hour.

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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.

## \*\* CHELMER CROUCH GROUP BARBEQUE \*\* Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August

This year the Chelmer Crouch Group BBQ will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow, from 12.30 pm. People from all the parishes in the Group are invited to attend. The main part of the meal will be provided at a cost of £5 for each person and there will be no charge for children under 12 years. Each Church is asked to provide something in the way of a dessert. Soft drinks will be available, but if you so wish you may bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses. You may also like to bring picnic chairs to sit on. If there are any special dietary requests, please contact Malcolm Breeze on 225089.

There will be a Treasure Hunt and other activities for the children - and perhaps adults too!

Parking will be available in the Church Car Park opposite St Mary's.

To help with the catering arrangements each Church will be asked to provide numbers of people wishing to attend.

Come and enjoy yourselves!!

## DANBURY PARISH CHURCH STONEMASON RESTORATION

Bakers of Danbury were scheduled to begin the restoration work on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. The expected cost is £27,000 - £28,000. The restoration covers worn weathering stones around the older parts of the church as well as replacing and restoring the door arch and window sill at the west end. Our successful Appeal and Fundraising have generated funds, so far, of £25,000, including a generous grant from The Danbury Society of £2,500. We still have a little way to go, so there will be a further few events to come.

Michael Green.

## BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE 2010

The CCG took a high profile in the recent pilgrimage on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We were asked to lead the 2,000 plus people there, with our CCG Banner held by Richard Cecil from Sandon. Indeed at one point Richard was asked to slow down by the Bishop, such was his enthusiasm! A big thanks goes to Richard for looking after the banner on the day and bringing it safely back.

The guest speaker was the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu who came with his wife. He did not disappoint and gave an inspirational address with an air of authority. The theme for the day was 'Who is my neighbour,' and John Sentamu gave us the story of the Samaritan travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho who was set upon by bandits. He reminded us that no-where in the Bible does it say 'good,' Samaritan, it could have been anybody, we placed the interpretation of good on the story, and yet as he explained, using a young man from the pilgrims there, we are always finding excuses as to why we cannot do things.

The weather was sunny and it was nice to feel a breeze when walking by the coast. Many people also visited the Othona Community where there was tea and cakes and plenty of games for the children. We had a coach, which took some of the CCG members to the pilgrimage, which was subsidised by the group. We felt this was a good use of some of our money. Other members went by car. I think I can say all had a truly enjoyable day! See you next year on the first Saturday in July.

Christine Horton.

## T.W.A.M. (Tools with a Mission) NEWS

The large white van from IPSWICH H.Q., staffed by keen volunteers, has made 3 collections from our Store in Little Baddow, (approximately every two months). It was good that TWAM Director and Founder member, Revd Alan Cox was able to organise an information stand and give a talk at the Bradwell Pilgrimage on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We were able to speak to visitors to the stand and give out local contact details. Hopefully more contributions will be received.

The theme for this year's Pilgrimage was 'Who is my neighbour?' The main speaker was Rt. Revd. John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, and also a patron of TWAM. His challenging and practical talk encouraged us (over 2000 people) to be like the Samaritan in Jesus' parable.

Please bring your unwanted tools (eg sewing and knitting machines, wool, fabric, haberdashery, dress materials, sewing needles, knitting needles ... or joinery, metal work, dress making, gardening tools etc ... to TWAM in Little Baddow for collection. Information from 223183 or 222793. It is one way of being a Samaritan.

Elisabeth Bourn.

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

Holy Trinity Church has been holding a prayer café one Saturday per month for 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. There will be no meeting in August, but 'OpenHouse' will resume on 18<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Julie Hardy.

## TUESDAY TRIPS

Tuesday Trips from South Woodham Ferrers Railway Station are as follows:-  
17<sup>th</sup> August - Old Bailey (hopefully with a court visit) and gardens of the Inns of Court.

21<sup>st</sup> September - "The Lambeth Walk" led by John & Sheila.

12<sup>th</sup> October - Leighton House and Holland Park.

9<sup>th</sup> November - Shared Lunch and Planning for 2011.

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

**Cream Teas at St Andrew's** These will take place on each Tuesday in August from 2 pm to 4 pm.

**Holiday Club** This will take place in the Scout and Guide Headquarters in Boreham, during the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> August, each morning from 9.30 am until 12 o'clock. It is for children aged 5 to 11 years and is run by St Andrew's Church and the Boreham Methodist Fellowship. The cost is £2 per child, per morning. If you would like to come along and see what we do, you are very welcome. Places go very quickly but if you are interested contact Christine Horton on 01245 466534.

We have a special service for the Holiday Club on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am, followed by attendance at the CCG BBQ at Little Baddow.

## GIBBS MUSIC FESTIVAL - 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> September

The Armstrong Gibbs Society is pleased to present the second Gibbs Musical Festival in Danbury Parish Church

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon - Lunchtime Recital

Lara Griffin: piano, Emma Griffin: clarinet. £7.00

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00 pm - Festival Lunch £10.00

### Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am - Children's Concert

Simon Warne: conductor, Danbury St John's C of E Primary School,  
Danbury Park County Primary School, The Sandon School Chamber Choir,  
London Piano Trio £5.00

### Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm - Festival Concert

Gibbs Festival Orchestra, Robert Atchison: director and soloist. £15.00

### Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm - Choral Evensong

Christopher Kingsley: director, Paul Hagger: organ. Free

For tickets and further information please telephone 01245 223744 or 01245 225452 or go to [www.armstronggibbs.com/festival](http://www.armstronggibbs.com/festival)