

# 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.

## 60 MINUTE CHRISTMAS JOURNEY – 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

This is a new venture at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers and is built on the script previously used for the Christmas Journey at Marsh Farm. Join us for this exciting event, booked for **3 pm on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** in Holy Trinity Church and Halls. Tickets, priced at only £1, can be purchased in advance. They will be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## NEW BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

The Confirmation of Election of the new Bishop of Chelmsford by the Archbishop of Canterbury took place at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside in London on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Bishop Stephen Cottrell's Homage, when he will be welcomed by the Queen, will be in Buckingham Palace on 11<sup>th</sup> November. He will then be installed in Chelmsford Cathedral at noon on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. (Admission is by invitation.) May we remember him in our prayers and ask that the Holy Spirit will empower and guide him as shepherd of our large diocese.

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

Although we are not able to have our regular tool collections in Little Baddow following the retirement of our 'white van driver', we have not given up on our quest to help those in need. We have a small store in the village for the collection of your unwanted tools etc (eg sewing and knitting machines, wool, fabric, haberdashery, dress materials, sewing needles, knitting needles, or joinery, metal work, dress making and gardening tools). Please phone for information and/or to arrange for

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 Revd Clive Ashley on (01245) 243863.

## CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** - For Bishop Stephen Cottrell as he prepares to be installed in the Cathedral as Bishop of Chelmsford on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** - For all involved in the presentation of 60 Minute Christmas Journey at Holy Trinity, SWF. May it be a strong witness to the true meaning of Christmas.
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** - For the elderly and housebound of our parishes. May we seek to offer them support and companionship during the darker days of winter.
- Dec 19<sup>th</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.
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** - For all those arranging activities during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in all that we have in common.
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** - For Christians in many parts of the world who are suffering for their faith. May they find strength and comfort in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip Shared Lunch and planning for 2011
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - Open House at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30am – 1.30pm.
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Sunday.
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Bazaar at South Woodham Ferrers, 2 pm – 5 pm followed by the Switch-on of the town centre lights. Church open with refreshments until 8 pm.
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> - St John the Baptist Christmas Fayre at Danbury Village Hall 11 am – 2 pm.
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> - Advent Sunday.
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Patronal Service at St Andrew's Sandon, 7 pm followed by Wine and Cheese.
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - St Mary's Christmas Bazaar at Little Baddow Memorial Hall, 12 noon- 2.30.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trip to Fleet Street and Dr Johnson's House.
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - OpenHouse at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - Nowell Nowell Carol Concert at St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow, 7.30 pm.
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - 60 Minute Christmas Journey at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, 3 pm.
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - Carol Service at St Andrew's, Sandon at 6.30 pm.
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Crib Service at St Andrew's, Sandon at 4 pm.
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day!
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> - St Mary's Quiz Night at Little Baddow Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm.
- Please send items for inclusion in CCGN to Brian Gilders  
2 Green Meadows, Danbury, CM3 4LD. (01245 224524)*

delivery to our store on (01245) 223183 or (01245) 222793. Volunteers from the Ipswich HQ collect from our store about every 2 months.

### **CHELMER CROUCH GROUP BBQ - 29<sup>th</sup> August**

This year's event took place at St Mary's, Little Baddow. The weather was not too encouraging, but about 70 adults and 10 children braved it and had an enjoyable time. Some kind person in the village donated all the sausages and burgers, for which we express grateful thanks, and our thanks are also due to those who did the cooking and those who brought desserts. The children had a good time making kites and following a treasure hunt quiz. The BBQ had just finished before the bursting of the biggest rain storm anyone had seen in Little Baddow. Never the less the gathering was felt to have been very successful and the proceeds of just over £460 have been put towards the Umpium Refugee Camp School where St Mary's and Little Baddow URC try to provide sufficient funds to pay for all the staff.

### **OPENHOUSE PRAYER CAFÉ at Holy Trinity Church South Woodham Ferrers**

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.

These are times to relax from the hustle and bustle of modern day living. Everyone is welcome to come in for chance to sit quietly in a calm place, or for prayer. Treat yourself to some 'me' time, enjoy the aromas of the oils, the candles, the relaxing music and soak up the atmosphere of the church. Or just simply join us for drinks and biscuits. You choose, this is your down time.

Julie Hardy.

### **TUESDAY TRIPS**

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Shared Lunch and Planning will take place for 2011.

There is one further Trip for 2010 and this will be on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December to Fleet Street and Dr Johnson's House.

The party meets together at 9.20 am at South Woodham Ferrers Railway Station and makes use of a group ticket. Anyone is welcome to join in. For further details contact Revd Paul Haworth on (01245) 322134.

### **STOW MARIES WORLD WAR 1 AERODROME**

In recent months there have been a number of stories in the local papers on Stow Maries Airfield and a possible plan to restore it. Little Baddow Historical Society have arranged a talk by Russell Savory and Ivor Dallinger on Stow Maries WW1 Aerodrome, which will take place at St Andrew's Room, North Hill, Little Baddow on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm**

Times & Seasons Choir, conducted by David Bayley will be giving their 'NOWELL, NOWELL' Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, Little Baddow. Tickets are £10 to include wine and refreshments and can be obtained from Lynda Ferguson (01245) 222575 or Wendy Godden (01245) 223873. Proceeds will go to the Umpium Refugee Camp School.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAARS**

I expect that all the Churches in the Group will have arranged their Christmas Bazaars. So far I have been informed of the following:-

#### **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November - Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers**

This will take place in Trinity St Mary's School Hall from 2 pm until 5 pm and will be followed by the Switching-on of the town centre lights. Refreshments will continue until 8 pm. Tickets for 60 Minute Christmas Journey will be on sale priced at only £1.

#### **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November – St John the Baptist, Danbury**

The Christmas Fayre will take place at Danbury Village Hall from 11 am until 2 pm.

#### **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – St Mary's Church, Little Baddow**

This will take place at Little Baddow Memorial Hall from 12 noon until 2.30 pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls and a colouring competition for children. Delicious lunches will be served.

### **ALPHA COURSE AT SANDON RECTORY**

The Alpha Course continues on Tuesday evenings at Sandon Rectory, 25 The Lintons at 7.45 pm. Details:-

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?