

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Feb 13th** - For Bishop Stephen Cottrell as he begins his ministry and leadership in the Diocese of Chelmsford.
- Feb 27th** - For all involved in the setting up and running of Fairtrade schemes to support workers in developing countries so that they are fairly rewarded for their labour.
- Mar 13th** - 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 of his people.
- Mar 27th** - For the Clergy and Readers of our parishes that they may be guided and strengthened in their ministries by your Holy Spirit.
- Apr 10th** - 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 24th** - For the people of the parishes of the Chelmer Crouch Group that together they maybe strong in their witness to our Risen Lord.

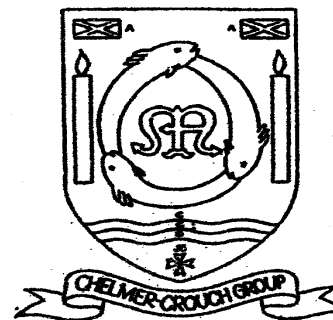
FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Feb 12th - Quiz Night in Sandon Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
- Feb 15th - Tuesday Trip – Mystery Tour by bus.
- Feb 16th - Deanery Vocations Roadshow at South Woodham Ferrers (evening).
- Feb 22nd – 26th - Pantomime - Ali Barber & the 40 Thieves, Sandon Village Hall.
- Feb 22nd – Mar 7th - Fairtrade Fortnight.
- Mar ?? - Tuesday Trip to Brentwood: Cathedral, Warley Church, Miss Wilmot's place.
- Mar 4th - Women's World Day of Prayer.
- Mar 9th - Ash Wednesday.
- Mar 14th - Lent Courses begin this week.
- Mar 19th - Jumble Sale in Sandon Village Hall 12 noon- 2 pm.
- Mar 27th - Clocks go forward.
- Apr 3rd - Mothering Sunday.
- Apr 9th - Curry Evening in Sandon Village Hall.
- Apr 14th - Fun Day at St Andrew's, Sandon.
- Apr 17th - Palm Sunday.
- Apr 19th -Tuesday Trip – Holy Week Walk: Burnham/Southminster.
- Apr 21st - Maundy Thursday.
- Apr 22nd - Good Friday
- Apr 24th - Easter Day.
- Apr 24th - 25th - Afternoon Teas at St Andrew's, Sandon.
- Apr 25th - Easter Monday Walk of Witness, South Woodham Ferrers.
- May 14th - Little Baddow Open Gardens.
- Jun 8th - Quiet Day at Pleshey, 10 am – 4 pm.
- July 26th-31st – Pilgrimage to Sweden.

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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.

PILGRIMAGE TO SWEDEN

Many of you may already be aware that the Diocese has a link with the Diocese of Karlstad in Sweden. This has been going on for some 10 years or more now. Over time there have been a number of trips and events and sharing of ideas. One of the things we have planned for this summer is a joint pilgrimage to St. Olaf's Shrine in Norway. We hope to include about 30 people, 15 from each diocese and this will include mostly laity with a few ordained members. The aim is to stop off along our way at sights of beauty and inspiration and have times for meditation and prayer; this will include some of the little churches along the way. There will be a mixture of walking and going by coach, but none of the walking will be too strenuous and there will be some flexibility on this, as to the amount each person may want to do.

The plan is to fly out on Tuesday 26th July when we will be hosted by our guests in Sweden and begin the trip on 27th July, arrive at Trondeime, where the shrine is on the 30th July and fly back on Sunday 31st July. The cost will be around £450 but flights will be on top. However, booked early these are not usually too expensive.

If you are interested in further details, please contact Christine Horton on horton.20@btinternet.com or (01245 466534). We have a brochure which will shortly be available.

REVD. CANON DR. GRAHAM BLYTH TO BECOME RECTOR OF DANBURY

After having served as Priest-in-Charge of the parish of St John Baptist, Danbury for 15 years, Graham is finally to be instituted and inducted as Rector.

The suspension of the benefice lapsed in February 2010 and the Diocesan Registrar wrote to the PCC in November to give them the option to elect Graham as Rector. This was agreed and the Archbishop of Canterbury (as patron) then offered Graham the benefice, which he accepted. The Archdeacon of Southend will conduct the service which will be held at St John's Church during the Parish Eucharist at 10.00am on February 6th. Anyone in the Chelmer Crouch Group is welcome to attend, although we do understand that you may have other engagements on a Sunday Morning!

PANTOMIME - ALI BARBER AND THE FORTY THIEVES

St Andrew's Youth Fellowship are presenting this show in Sandon Village Hall from Tuesday, 22nd February to Saturday, 26th February at 7.30 pm. There will also be a Matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 pm. Members of the cast range in age from 8 to 16 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. Tickets (Adults £4, children and senior citizens £3) can be obtained from Tina (01245 604732) or Peter (01245 222682).

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT – 22nd February to 7th March

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight the nation is being asked to join in 'THE BIG SWAP'. For two whole weeks everyone is asked to swap their usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff. Your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks, and your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. There are many other Fairtrade items that you can purchase - look out for them. Whenever you pop to the shops, you can use your wallet to make a stand.

Swapping your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff is a brilliantly small step to making the world a fairer place. It means that you can get to show your support for developing world producers through what you buy. Two billion people - a third of humanity – survive on less than 2 dollars a day. Unfair trade rules keep them in poverty, but they face the global challenges of food shortages and climate change too.

Fairtrade believes that developing world producers should be in control of their own lives, by getting a better deal for the work that they do. This is a different way of doing business. It's a way that puts the poorest of the world first.

FUN DAY AT ST ANDREW'S SANDON

On Thursday, 14th April at St Andrew's we are having a Fun Day for children aged 7 – 11 years. We will have lots of 'fun' activities to do, including puppets and abseiling teddies from the church tower, finishing with afternoon tea for the children and their families. We would love to welcome anyone new who would like to join us. Contact Alison Read on 01245 474858 or e-mail

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HAPPENINGS AT SANDON

Quiz Night on 12th February in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Test your brains!

Jumble Sale on 19th March in the Village Hall, 12 noon – 2 pm.

Curry Evening on 9th April in the Village Hall .

Easter Day & Easter Monday (24th & 25th April) Afternoon Teas in the church to view the flowers.

TUESDAY TRIPS

15th February - Mystery Tour - by bus.

?? March - Brentwood: Cathedral, Warley Church, Miss Wilmot's place.

19th April - Holy Week Walk: Burnham/Southminster.

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.

EVENTS AT SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

Wednesday Evening, 16th February - Deanery Vocations Roadshow led by Revd Mary Cottee and others.

22nd April – Good Friday Walk - Departs from the Church at 14.00 and will be a refreshing stroll.

24th April – Easter Bonnets at 10.00.

25th April – Easter Monday Walk of Witness. Starts at Warwick Parade at 11.00 with a service at Holy Trinity at 12.00, followed by eggs and simnel cake.

TARGET REACHED

St Mary's Little Baddow and Little Baddow URC have a shared Missionary Link with the People in the Umpium Refugee Camp on the Thailand/Burma border. We have tried to raise sufficient funds to pay the teachers at the camp school which has approximately 1700 pupils. Because of the declining exchange rate the target for this year was £4,500, and it was with great delight that, through several special events in the village, that target was reached just before Christmas. We have received wonderful pictures of smiling teachers as they received their pay - those faces have made our efforts very worthwhile.

QUIET DAY AT PLESHEY – 8th June

St Andrew's Sandon and St Mary's Little Baddow are arranging a Quiet Day at the Diocesan Retreat House at Pleshey on Wednesday, 8th June from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in this please contact Revd Clive Ashley for further details (01245 243863).