

PINTS OF VIEW

The Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew's, Sandon and St Mary's, Little Baddow (Clive) *really* appreciated the wonderful support given by 20 blokes in trying to start a men's fellowship group. A good night was had by all, I think! The consensus of opinion was, let's do it again, so please come and join us if you can. We would like as many men as possible to meet on Monday, 13th February at The Generals, Little Baddow from 8 pm onwards for a pint or two of something, fellowship, discussion and the option of food. (He's not paying though, but there's no subscription!) Contact cliveashley@btinternet.com

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP WEB SITES

To find details of services at our parishes you can consult the following www.bicknacrechurch.org.uk , www.bicknacrechurch.org.uk/stmarys , www.borehamchurch.org.uk , www.stjohnbaptistdanbury.org.uk , www.easthanningfieldchurch.org , www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk , www.sandonchurch.info , www.holytrinityanglican.org.uk

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Feb 5th** - For Bishop John Wraw, our new Bishop of Bradwell. May he find guidance and strength for his work through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Feb 19th** - For the parishes of Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre, and South Woodham Ferrers during their time of interregnum.
- Mar 4th** - We give thanks for the promise of new life in the coming of Spring. May we all experience a renewal of our spiritual life as we journey through Lent.
- Mar 18th** - For all mothers, giving thanks for the love they have for their families. May your Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them in bringing up their children.
- Apr 1st** - For all who will be arranging and taking part in the services and other activities over the Easter Season. May they be witnesses of your great love.
- Apr 22nd** - For all who work in the caring professions – doctors, nurses, therapists, health visitors, psychiatrists and carers. May they be agents of God's love.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Feb 8th - 'More Passion in 2014' Meeting, Holy Trinity Church, SWF at 8.15 pm.
- Feb 14th-18th - St Andrew's Youth Fellowship - 'Cinderella' Sandon Village Hall.
- Feb 13th - Pints of View Men's Fellowship Group, The Generals, Little Baddow, 8 pm.
- Feb 20th - New Community Gospel Choir, St Andrew's Church, Sandon at 8 pm.
- Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday.
- Feb 29th / Mar 2nd Sandon and Little Baddow Lent Courses start this week.
- Mar 17th - Walk Through The Bible, Holy Trinity Church SWF, 9.30 am to 5 pm.
- Mar 17th - Sandon Jumble Sale, 10 am to 2 pm.
- Mar 19th - New Community Gospel Choir, St Andrew's Church, Sandon at 8 pm.
- Mar 25th - REFRESH Evening Service at St Andrew's, Boreham, 6.30 pm .
- Apr 5th - Maundy Thursday.
- Apr 6th - Good Friday.
- Apr 8th - Easter Day.
- June 9th - Quiet Day at Othona. (Arranged by St Andrew's, Boreham.)

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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.

TIME TO TALK

On Saturday 21st January one thousand people converged on the Brentwood Centre to take part in Bishop Stephen's initiative to help him work out a vision for our Diocese over the coming years. He had already written a paper called "Transforming Presence", which is about what makes us all distinctively Christian - how we carry over our inspiration on a Sunday - how we inspire others each day to want to be a Christian.

Forty people were invited from our Deanery and the aim was to have every kind of representation, lay and ordained, different ages, gender and experiences.

The conference was very well organised and we were warmly welcomed. There were 100 tables with roughly 10 people to each table, in the huge hall of the centre. We were also arranged so that most people knew no-one or very few people on their table so bringing us into contact with new ideas and perspectives. During the day we discussed a number of questions about what is the essence of church, what are its essential ingredients, what are some of our most spiritual experiences of church and what contributed to this, and if we were writing a headline in 'The Month' for 2020 for the church we hoped that we might become, what would it be?

Many of the sheets we completed were pinned up around the hall so that we could read the comments from different groups. These were to be collated to help form the vision. Bishop Stephen told us that a Transforming Presence website is to be created so that we can discover the outcomes, and by the time you read this article that should be up and running, so have a look! This event is likely to shape the future for our diocese, so it is important we are all aware of what is reported there. Do feel free to contact me if you would like to find out more or I may be able to refer you to someone who went from your parish. It was hoped that every parish was represented.

Christine Horton.

'WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE'

This Seminar will cover **The New Testament** and is being held at **Holy Trinity Church**, Trinity Square, **South Woodham Ferrers** on **Saturday, 17th March**, meeting at 9.30 am for a 9.45 am start and finishing at 5.00 pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. For further details and to book a place please contact the Seminar Co-ordinator Paul Hardy on 01245 325234 or at hardygang@btinternet.com The cost is £14.00 which includes a full colour workbook. People from any parish are welcome to attend.

NEW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Come and join the **New Community Gospel Choir** if you would love to sing or play your heart out in Church We need singers and musicians who are willing to give it a go! We will be meeting on **Mondays, 20th February, 19th March, 16th April** at 8 pm in **St Andrew's Church, Sandon**. Further details are available from Revd Clive Ashley (01245) 243863.

QUIET DAY AT OTHONA, SATURDAY, 9th JUNE

St Andrew's Church, Boreham is offering a Quiet Day at St Peter's Chapel and the Othona Community at Bradwell. If you like a beautiful and quiet place and some time to yourself why not come and join us? It will be led by James who is Chaplain to Chelmsford Prison and promises to be a day with opportunity for individual and group quiet reflection and prayer. It will last from 10 am until 5 pm and tea, coffee and lunch will be provided. We have about 20 places and there is the possibility of booking a coach to take us and collect us. The cost will be around £20 plus the coach. If you are interested please contact Christine Horton on 466534.

MESSY CHURCH IN LITTLE BADDOW AND SANDON

Messy Church has made a very encouraging start in Little Baddow over the first 3 months of its existence. It continues to meet at St Andrew's Room, North Hill on the first Sunday of each month but the time has changed to 4 pm to 6 pm. Messy Church has now also spread to Sandon and it is planned to start on 19th February at St Andrew's Church at 11 am. It's a Church with a difference for families and others to enjoy. Come and share in craft and games activities, join a celebration and enjoy a meal together. To find out more call Ann Poulard on 224221 for Little Baddow or Christine Mennie on 281305 for Sandon.

CINDERELLA

St Andrew's Youth Fellowship is presenting 'Cinderella' by Richard Hills at Sandon Village Hall from February 14th to 18th at 7.30 pm (2.30 pm Saturday matinee). Tickets – £4 and £3 (concessions), Family (4) £12. Box Office Tina on 01245 604732.

REFRESH will meet again at St Andrew's, Boreham on Sunday, 25th March at 6.30 pm. It is led by Revd Ann Kosla and is an evening service with a difference. Why not try it?

MORE PASSION IN 2014?

On Good Friday morning in 2009 the squares and centre of South Woodham Ferrers saw drama as never before! Around 800 people experienced street theatre, "One Life ... One Passion", in the tradition of the Medieval York Mystery Plays. It was breath-taking and to professional standards.

In 2011 some of the SWF team helped with the Hornchurch Passion Play and learnt a great deal more about arranging and managing this sort of enterprise.

We now need to decide whether or not to repeat "One Life ... One Passion" in South Woodham. The suggestion is to repeat it after 5 years at Easter 2014 and possibly have more than one performance.

To be able to do this we need a production team. We've learnt that if we start now, two years in advance, and have a good production team from the outset, then it is relatively easy and no one has too heavy a load.

So a meeting is being held to discuss this and recruit ten people to form the core production team. It will also be helpful to have early indications of interest in acting and helping with production nearer the time. So at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8th February in Holy Trinity Church we will show the DVD of the 2009 production and then at 8.15 pm discuss the way forward and if decided to repeat the SWF Passion Play in 2014 form the core production team.

If you are interested in exploring this exciting dramatic and Christian opportunity please come along to Holy Trinity by 8.15 pm on 8th February or contact the potential Director, Peter Blackman beforehand on (01245) 322079 or via peter@blackmanservices.co.uk

LENT COURSES

I have been informed of the following Lent Courses:-

Boreham: Prayer Groups will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Pelly Room (14th, 28th February, 13th, 27th March) and on Wednesday afternoons from 1.45 pm until 3.15 pm at 20 Sussex Close (8th, 22nd Feb, 14th, 21st, 28th Mar).

Sandon and Little Baddow: Every Wednesday evening and Friday morning in Lent the Churches in Little Baddow and Sandon are sharing in their study of 'The Creed', asking, what do we believe? The groups will meet on Wednesday at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Sandon and on Friday at 10 am in St Andrew's Room, North Hill, Little Baddow. The venues can be mixed as each week the study will follow the same title :- *Study 1* We believe in one God, *Study 2* For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *Study 3* On the third day he rose again, *Study 4* We believe in the Holy Spirit, *Study 5* We believe in one Church.

Groups start on Wednesday, 29th February and Friday, 2nd March.