

## CORONATION COMMEMORATION IN DANBURY 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Saturday

**Coronation Coffee Morning** in Church Meeting Room, 10 am to 12 noon.

Danbury Parish Church **bell ringing** team will ring a ¼ Peal at 10.30 am.

**Exhibition** of 1950's Memorabilia, 10 am to 12 noon.

**Royal Music** – A concert of music with royal connotation for singers, organ, piano and flute Admission £6 at the door.

**Barbeque and Fireworks** on the Meeting Room Field, BBQ at 7.30pm, Fireworks at 9.30 pm - Admission by ticket £6.

### Sunday

**Service of Commemoration** at 11 am. Following that of 31<sup>st</sup> May 1953.

**The Big Lunch** Come and enjoy a picnic on the Meeting Room Field at 12.30 pm. Free squash, teas and coffees, but please bring your own food.

## A VILLAGE GARDEN PARTY - Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2 pm to 6 pm

This will be held in the listed Repton Garden at Riffhams, Danbury. There will be many attractions and stalls, and also live TV coverage of the Wimbledon Men's Final. Admission £3 per adult, children under 16 free.

Proceeds in aid of St John the Baptist Church.

## CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - For the Parish of St Andrew's, Sandon during their time of vacancy and especially for those who have extra responsibilities during it.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** - For Revd Pam Pennell at East Hanningfield who is not well at this time, and for the Church and community that she serves.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** - For those in our parishes who visit the sick, the elderly and the housebound. May they be faithful agents of God's love.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 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.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** - For all who will be planning and leading holiday clubs and other activities for children and young people in our parishes.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** - 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 6<sup>th</sup> - Open Day at Pleshey Retreat House.

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Chelmer Crouch Group Ascension Day Service at St Andrew's, Boreham.

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Little Baddow Open Gardens, 11am – 5 pm.

May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> - Christian Aid Week.

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Sandon Open Gardens, 11am-5 pm.

June 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> - Coronation Commemoration in Danbury.

June 9<sup>th</sup> - Danbury and Little Baddow Open Gardens.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Boreham in Bloom.

July 6<sup>th</sup> - Bradwell Pilgrimage. Starts at St Thomas' Church at 11 am.

July 7<sup>th</sup> - Danbury Village Garden Party at Riffhams, .2 pm – 6 pm.

*Please send items for inclusion in CCGN to Brian Gilders  
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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.

## ASCENSION DAY - THURSDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Chelmer Crouch Group of parishes will be joining together to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on 9<sup>th</sup> May at St Andrew's, Boreham. Refreshments will be available from 7.30 pm and the service will begin at 8 pm. It will take the form of a 'High Mass' to enable people to experience this particular tradition of worship. We are delighted that the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, Ven David Lowman, will be officiating and preaching at this service, and that the choirs of the Chelmer Crouch Group churches will be playing a major part in our celebration.

Revd Lee Batson (Chair of the Chelmer Crouch Group).

## VOXETTE – SWEDISH CHOIR

A choir of 16 young ladies aged between 15 and 21 years came to Chelmsford over the Easter weekend. They sang at Meadgate Church and the Cathedral, and gave a concert in the Cathedral on the Wednesday evening after Easter. They were from our twin Diocese of Karlstad in Sweden and had truly lovely voices. They were hosted around Chelmsford and you may have heard an interview with them on the Dave Monk Show on Radio BBC Essex. A choir from Chelmsford Cathedral hope to go over to Sweden next year as part of the Diocesan Centenary celebrations. If you would like to hear them, tune into U tube after typing in Voxette.

Christine Horton.

## OPEN DAY AT PLESHEY - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> May

Come and visit the Diocesan Retreat House and garden. Ploughman's Lunches and light refreshments will be served all day. Lots of crafts, flower workshops, jewellery, Fairtrade products, cakes, wood carving, and much more. Open from 10 am until 4 pm.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May

Please be generous in your support for those in need in many parts of the world.

## LITTLE BADDOW CHURCH ROOF AND OPEN GARDENS

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May**

We now have a new roof on the north side of the nave and chancel. We can't see the sky anymore and the draft has been cut off! The scaffolding has gone from inside and outside and we have had a massive clean-up operation. Services resumed in St Mary's on Maundy Thursday.

The cost of the exercise was around £120,000 so we are now looking forward to Little Baddow Open Gardens to begin to replenish the Church Fabric Fund. Please come and support us!

18 lovely gardens will be open from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Lunches will be served at the Memorial Hall and several of the gardens will be selling teas. See Vintage and Classic Cars at The Puddock's Tail in Church Road. Other displays include an Art Exhibition in St Andrew's Room, Morris Dancing, the Corps of Drums and musical entertainment. Visit the Churches and the History Centre.

Programmes/Tickets for adults can be obtained from the Memorial Hall and any of the participating gardens for £6 giving entrance to all sites (accompanied children under 16 are free). Please use the designated car parks. Mini-buses will offer transport around the village.

Proceeds will be divided between St Mary's Church and Little Havens Children's Hospice.

## COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE!

Many thanks to those of you who have generously supported our coffee mornings this year. We hope that you are enjoying the fellowship and the refreshments! We are pleased to announce our next coffee morning, this time with plants, alongside the usual books for 50p! The stall will be outside **Holy Trinity Church** in the town centre on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May** from 11 am to 1 pm. You can also enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and biscuit (cake if you are lucky!) for 50p in the warmth of our meeting room. All proceeds will help maintain the Church of England presence in the town. *HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!*

## CHELMER CROUCH GROUP SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Bishop Stephen has designated 2013 as a Year of Prayer in the Diocese. In support of this the Chelmer Crouch Group has organised a monthly School of Prayer giving an opportunity to explore different approaches to prayer within the Christian tradition. The introductory sessions will be held on one evening a month starting at 8 pm and finishing at 9.30 pm. They will be held either in the Church itself or associated Church meeting room/hall. Each evening will consist of three key elements: an introductory talk, an opportunity to experience prayer and praying, an opportunity to meet, discuss, share thoughts over a cup of tea/coffee.

There is no course or session fee, however a contribution towards refreshments would be appreciated.

The first session on Celtic Prayer has already taken place. The remaining sessions are:-

- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May ..... **St Andrew's, Boreham**  
*Praying with St Benedict - Revd Lee Batson*
- Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June ..... **Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers**  
*The Lord's Prayer - Revd Chris Poulard*
- Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July ..... **St Mary's, Woodham Ferrers**  
*Prayer and the Body - Revd Michele Marshal*
- Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September .. **Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers**  
*Praying the Eucharist - Revd Carol Ball*
- Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October ..... **St Andrew's, Boreham**  
*Ignatian Prayer - Revd Christine Mc Cafferty*
- Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November ... **St Mary's, Little Baddow**  
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## EVENTS AT SANDON

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May** ..... **Open Gardens, 11 am – 5 pm**

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June** ..... **Village Walk** - Meet in church car park at 10 am

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July**..... **St Andrew's Church Fete** in the churchyard, 1-4 pm

## QUIET DAY AT OTHONA, BRADWELL - Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June

You may already have heard about this and it is now possible to sign up for the day. It is being led by Bishop John and costs £15, which includes lunch and refreshments, plus the venue. It was much appreciated by all who went last year. To book a place, cheques need to be made payable to Boreham PCC and sent to Christine Horton (20 Sussex Close, Boreham, Chelmsford, CM3 3ED), by 17<sup>th</sup> May. Time is 10 am until 4 pm and it will be a case of sharing lifts, which worked well before. Hope to see you there!

## BOREHAM IN BLOOM - 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> June

This promises to be a great weekend with Open Gardens, a Flower Festival in the Church, lunches, teas, ice creams, pony rides, plant stall, stalls selling various wares, and many more things going on. The Sunday morning service will be Songs of Praise, starting at 10.30 am. For more information contact [Suzanne@borehamchurch.org.uk](mailto:Suzanne@borehamchurch.org.uk) Do come and join us.

## SUMMER CONCERT - Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm

**Music for a Summer's Evening at Holy Trinity Church, Pleshey.**

Fiddle and Strum, The James Family and Molly Ranford (a finalist in Britain's Got Talent). Tickets £8 include wine and nibbles (11 – 16 year olds £5)

## DANBURY & LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Over 20 gardens open from 10.30 am to 5 pm in support of Farleigh Hospice. £5. Including lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, crafts, classic cars, plant & book sales.