

WATER AID

As part of the Covenant between St Mary's and Little Baddow URC we have monthly shared services. On the 24th April it is planned to have an activity based on water. It will start at the URC Chapel at 9 am with a charity 'Walk for Water' to raise awareness in a hands-on way of the problems facing millions of people each day who have no access to clean drinking water. We also hope to raise money for 'Water Aid'. The walk of about 1.5 miles will proceed from the Chapel by footpaths over the fields to the ford at Sandon Brook. Once there, walkers will have a chance to fill the containers they have brought and carry their load of water back to the Chapel. All are welcome to join us for the walk and for the service afterwards at 10.30 am. For those people who would like to support this effort, but who are unable to come, donations will be gratefully received.

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CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Feb 7th - For those involved in the leading of Lent Courses in our parishes. May God's Holy Spirit give them inspiration.
- Feb 21st - For all who work in the caring professions – doctors, nurses, therapists, health visitors, psychiatrists and carers. May they be agents of God's love.
- Mar 6th - 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.
- Mar 20th - For all who will be arranging and taking part in the services and other activities over the Easter Season. May they be witnesses to God's great love.
- Apr 10th - We give thanks for the promise of new life in the coming of Spring. May we live our Christian witness with renewed zeal in the light of the Easter Message.
- Apr 24th - For the schools that serve our parishes; for teachers, assistants and pupils, that together they may enjoy their work and play.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Feb 6th - Ladies' Breakfast at Sandon at 8.30 am.
- Feb 10th - Ash Wednesday.
- Feb 13th - Lent Lunch at St Andrew's Sandon, 12 – 2 pm.
- Feb 14th - First Lent Course begins
- Mar 4th - Women's World Day of Prayer.
- Mar 5th - Bishop of Bradwell's Day of Prayer.
- Mar 6th - Mothering Sunday
- Mar 12th - Men's Vreakfast at Sandon, 8.30 am.
- Mar 12th - Lent Lunch at St Andrew's, Sandon, 12 – 2 pm.
- Mar 22nd - Passover Meal at St Andrew's, Sandon, 7.30 pm.
- Mar 24th - Maundy Thursday.
- Mar 25th - Good Friday
- Mar 27th - Easter Day
- Apr 23rd - Ladies' Breakfast at Sandon, 8.30 pm.
- Apr 24th - Little Baddow Walk for Water, URC Chapel at 9.00 am.
- Apr 29th - Jazz Evening at Little Baddow Memorial Hall.

*Please send items for inclusion in CCGN to Brian Gilders
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Deadline date for next issue is Friday, 22nd April.



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For the Churches of St Andrew, Bicknacre; 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.

A DAY OF PRAYER WITH THE BISHOP OF BRADWELL

During Lent Bishop John Wraw is asking each deanery to have a day of prayer with him. Chelmsford South Deanery is hosting the Bishop on **Saturday, 5th March**. He is asking each of us how we might join in with this endeavour. Options might include praying at home with friends, or praying at our parish church for an hour or so, or joining in with any or all parts of his schedule which is as follows:-

- 8.00 am - Arrive at All Saints', Stock for breakfast and prayer.
- 9.00 am - Set off on a prayer walk to St Margaret's, Downham.
- 10.30 am - Arrive at Downham.
- 12 noon - Drive to St Michael and All Angels, Galleywood for Quiet prayer.
- 1.00 pm - Visit St Mary's, Great Baddow (Please bring your own lunch).
- 2.30 pm - Drive to All Saints', East Hanningfield.
- 3.00 pm - Walk to St Andrew's, Bicknacre via St Peter's Way.
- 6.00 pm - Compline at Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers, followed by a take away Chinese.

Please let your Minister know what you might be doing. In particular, if you want to join in with food, let Ashley John (ashleymjohn@gmail.com or 07709 571331) know by the end of February.

Please pray for this day and for the advance of the Gospel and that God's name will be glorified.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, 4th MARCH

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women from a different part of the world each year to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world. This year it is the turn of the Christian women of Cuba to draw up the service. The theme 'Receive children, receive me' reflects St Mark's Gospel (10 : 13 – 16) is the focus of the service and is a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of our love and respect.

The Republic of Cuba is the largest Caribbean island, located at the entrance of the Gulf of Mexico and called 'the key to the Gulf'. For some long time it has been politically at odds with the USA and has suffered greatly due to the economic embargo imposed upon it in 1960, but has found strength within itself to move on and overcome many of its problems.

There are services at The Church of English Martyrs, Danbury at 10.00 am, at Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers at 2.00 pm, and in Maldon at The United Reformed Church, Market Hill at 10.30 am and at The Salvation Army, Wantz Road at 7.30 pm.

This is not just a day of prayer for women - everyone is welcome to attend.

SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS', EAST HANNINGFIELD

New times of services:

1st Sunday of the month - 9.00 am. All other Sundays - 10.00 am.

Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Morning Worship on the 2nd Sunday and Matins on the 5th Sunday.

Special Services:

- Sunday, 14th February - Service for St Valentine's Day. Come and celebrate your love for one another. Couples newly wedded or thinking about marriage are especially welcome, but it is a celebration for all.
- Sunday, 6th March - Mothering Sunday. Bishop Stephen will be coming to All Saints' to celebrate Communion with us. Flowers for Mums. All welcome.
- Sunday, 21st February and Sunday, 20th March - Messy Church at 3 pm in the Village Hall.
- Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday - Assemblies in church with children from the school. Adults welcome.

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP QUIET DAY

This is booked to take place on **Saturday, 4th June** at the **Othona Community, Bradwell**. It will be looking at the 'Rule of St Benedict' and how we can apply this in our lives. Further information will be included in the next Newsletter. Keep the date in your diary. Christine Horton.

EVENTS AT SANDON

Saturday, 6th February – **Ladies' Breakfast** at Butts Green Garden Centre at 8.30 am. The speaker will be Revd Carol Ball.

Saturday, 13th February – **Lent Lunch** at 12-2 pm in St Andrew's Room

Saturday, 12th March – **Men's Breakfast** at Butts Green Garden Centre from 8.30 am. The Speaker will be Revd Michael Hall.

Saturday, 12th March - Lent Lunch 12 – 2 pm in St Andrew's Room. There will be and illustrated talk by Revd Terry Brown on his recent visit to Kenya

Tuesday, 22nd March, - Passover Meal at 7.30 pm. Please phone Revd Terry Brown for a place.

Sunday, 27th March - Easter Breakfast at 8.45 am.

Saturday, 23rd April – **Ladies Breakfast** at Butts Green Garden Centre from 8.30 am. The speaker will be Revd Carla Hampton.

LENT COURSES

I have been told of the following Lent Courses:-

- **Sandon** – This is based on the film 'The Way' which is a story of the travels of a father as he tries to find his son. It deals with how he went and the travellers that journeyed with him. It's rather like a pilgrims journey. The Course will take place for 5 weeks on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm starting on 17th February, and on Thursdays from 10 am to 12 noon starting on 18th February.

- A joint Course between **Danbury** and **Little Baddow** using Rowan Williams book 'Meeting God in Paul' in which he explores the essentials of Paul's thought for complete beginners as well as for those who have read Paul's letters many times before and want to see them in a new light. The Course will have 4 sessions and will take place on Tuesday evenings (16th, 23rd February, 1st, 15th March) at 7.30 pm at St John's Rectory, Danbury, and on Friday mornings (19th, 26th February, 11th, 18th March) at 10.00 am at Cuddington, Colam Lane, Little Baddow, CM3 4SY. Tuesdays will be with Revd Clive Ashley and Fridays will be with Revd Chris Poulard.

- **East Hanningfield** – Lent Meetings will be taking place in the church after the Sunday Service beginning at 11 am for 5 weeks starting on 14th February. It will take the form of '20 Questions! So come and ask those questions you have always wanted to ask about the Bible or the Christian faith, but have never liked to!

JAZZ EVENING AT LITTLE BADDOW MEMORIAL HALL, 29th APRIL

A relaxing evening of cool jazz played by 'Clap Twice'. Bar open all evening. Tickets £15 to include a meal. Starting at 7.30 pm. Proceeds to support the schools in the Umpium Refugee Camp on the Thailand/Burma border.

LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS – Saturday, 28th May

Book the date in your diaries. More details in the next Newsletter.