

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15th – 21st May

Please be generous in your support of the house to house collections and in the many fund raising activities that are taking place during the Week and also at other times of the year. Please also remember in your prayers the organisation, its partners and the vast number of needy people that Christian Aid tries to help.

THE BRADWELL FESTIVAL - 2nd and 3rd July

The Bradwell Pilgrimage is being rebranded this year as a Festival taking place over two days. For full details I refer you to the May edition of The Month.

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- May 8th - For all those involved in the house to house collections and running activities and events for Christian Aid.
- May 22nd - For the clergy and lay ministers of our parishes, that the Holy Spirit will empower them in the demands of their ministries.
- June 12th - We give thanks for our Queen and her life of service to this country and the Commonwealth. May God bless her in the coming days and years.
- June 26th - For the mission in each of our parishes, that God's love and Jesus' saving power may be known more widely in our communities.
- July 10th - For all who are planning and leading holiday clubs and other activities for children and other young people in our parishes.
- July 24th - For all families with children who will be on school holidays. May they be able to spend time together and discover more of God's wonderful world.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- May 5th - Chelmer Crouch Group Ascension Day Service at All Saints', Stock at 8 pm.
- May 7th - Men's Breakfast at Butts Green Garden Centre, 8.30 – 10 am.
- May 8th - Rogation Sunday Service at Cherries Farm, Hulls Lane, Sandon, 10 am.
- May 14th - Sponsored Walk from Sandon to East Hanningfield and back, 10 am.
- May 14th - Coffee Morning and Plant Stall at Holy Trinity, SWF from 11 am to 1 pm.
- May 15th - Pentecost.
- May 15th – 21st - Christian Aid week.
- May 21st - Gospel Singing Workshop at St John's, Danbury. 11 am to 5 pm.
- May 21st - May Concert with People of the Green at Sandon.
- May 28th - Little Baddow Open Gardens, 11 am to 5 pm.
- June 4th - Chelmer Crouch Group Quiet Day at the Othona Community, Bradwell.
- June 11th - Coffee Morning and Book Sale at Holy Trinity, SWF from 11 am to 1 pm.
- June 12th - The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations.
- June 15th - Special Choral Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral at 3.30 pm.
- June 18th - Ladies' Breakfast at Butts Green Garden Centre, 8.30 - 10 am.
- June 19th - Wedding Tea at Sandon, 3 – 5 pm.
- June 26th - Teddy Bears' Picnic at Sandon, 3 – 5 pm.
- July 2nd - Sandon Church Fete, 1 – 4 pm.
- July 2nd – 3rd - The Bradwell Festival.
- July 9th - Coffee Morning and Cake Sale at Holy Trinity, SWF from 11 am to 1 pm.

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Deadline date for next issue is Friday, 29th July.



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Chelmer – Crouch Group News

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.

DEANERY DAY OF PRAYER WITH THE BISHOP OF BRADWELL

We arrived at Stock for the Chelmsford South Deanery Day of Prayer (& Feasting) on Saturday 5th March and were greeted by a wonderful breakfast at All Saints Church., Coffee, croissants, cheese, big smiles of welcome, jams, fruit, fruit juice. After a time of prayer and quiet accompanied by gentle music we set off with Bishop John on a walk to Downham. This took us along footpaths – a little muddier than expected – through fields and over hills with wonderful views over Wickford and Downham church. The picture shows a property the Bishop did not realise was named after him. We chatted and stopped for prayer at intervals reaching our target rather later than anticipated but after an enjoyable and inspiring morning. Another great welcome at Downham with hot drinks, apple pie and cakes -we all agreed it was an appropriate reward for our exercise! Time too for prayer in the church at stations set up to provoke our thoughts., and then on by car to The Eagle, Galleywood, for more prayer activities, (and refreshment!) A bit behind schedule at this point we jumped back into the cars for Great Baddow Meadgate Church Centre. Apologies were offered for our lateness and then we shared communion with a time of prayer and singing to guitar accompaniment. After eating our various packed lunches and enjoying the hot drinks



provided we moved on to East Hanningfield and were welcomed there by refreshment and delicious cake. We joined others already gathered in the church for quiet prayer accompanied by music.

All this feasting had prepared us for more exercise – so we set off towards Bicknacre. Again walking footpaths through fields and a quiet road and stopping for prayer – at one point especially for Danbury, Little Baddow and Sandon as we saw St John's church, Danbury in the distance. On reaching Bicknacre we joined in worship with singing and prayer, with some cake and coffee! Another wonderful welcome.

Leaving, perhaps a little tired we knew we were on the home run – the day had offered opportunity to meet new friends, share experiences and pray individually and together for some of the needs of the deanery and the wider world. Great to have Bishop John able to walk and pray with us. We ended the day with Compline at Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers, followed by some food from the local Chinese take-away courtesy of Bishop John. Judy & Richard Cecil

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – 5th MAY

This shared service will be held at All Saints' Stock on Thursday, 5th May at 8 pm. In the re-organisation of the Deanery Stock will be joining in with the current members of the Chelmer Crouch Group. Please do your best to support this occasion.

GOSPEL SINGING WORKSHOP AT ST JOHN'S, DANBURY

Come and learn to sing **GOSPEL** with Cecelia Wickham Anderson from the group "**Black Voices**" on **Saturday, 21st May from 11 am until 5 pm**. You need no experience of choir singing. You do not need to be able to read music.

At **6 pm** we shall give a performance of what we have learned to our friends and families, when we shall be singing with members of **The Chelmsford Community Gospel Choir**.

The day will end with a BBQ in the garden for those singers and their guests that want to stay and relax in good company.

The cost for the Workshop will be £10 (£5 for 16 years and under). Tickets for the BBQ will be sold separately. For more details contact Paul Hagger on 01245 400079.

LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS - Saturday, 28th May 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

Join us for this traditional village event, with a wide variety of lovely gardens open, from large sweeping landscapes with views over beautiful countryside, to delightful small cottage gardens packed with flowers and vegetables.

The historic 11th Century Church and 18th Century Chapel will be open at times as well as a range of additional facilities and attractions including Ploughman's Lunches and Plant Sales at the Memorial Hall, Refreshments in some gardens, an Art Exhibition in St Andrew's Rooms, Classic Cars on display at Riffhams, Clog-Morris dancing at The Generals Arms, History Centre Exhibition, KEGS Corps of

Drums at Riffhams and Pimms and Prosecco tent in a garden with music by Flautista Flute Ensemble.

Tickets £5 in advance from Meacock and Jones (01245 222856) or £6 on the day from all open gardens. Free car parks and free courtesy buses will run between car parks and around gardens.

CHELMER CROUCH GROUP QUIET DAY

This will 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. The leader will be Edward Carter, Canon Theologian of the Cathedral. Further information from Christine Horton who is asking for bookings to be given to her as early as possible. (01245 466534)

EVENTS AT SANDON

Saturday, 7th May – Men's Breakfast at Butts Green Garden Centre at 8.30 am. The speaker will be Canon Andy Griffiths.

Sunday, 8th May – Rogation Sunday Service at Cherries Farm, Hulls Lane.

Saturday, 14th May – Sponsored Walk – Meet in Church car park at 10 am. Walk to East Hanningfield. Stop for lunch at Folly Bistro at 12 noon before walking back

Saturday, 21st May – May Concert with People of the Green. Cost £10 (£5 for those attending school). Start at 7.30 pm. Refreshments included.

Sunday, 12th June – A Family Service to celebrate the Queen's birthday at 10 am with the Chaplain to the Queen and the Mayor followed by a BBQ with the Parish Council and Uniformed Organisations.

Saturday, 18th June – Ladies' Breakfast at Butts Green Garden Centre, 8.30 - 10

Sunday, 19th June – Wedding Tea with speaker, 3.00 – 5.00 pm.

Sunday, 26th June – Teddy Bears' Picnic. 3 pm to 5 pm.

Saturday, 2nd July – Church Fete. 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Saturday, 16th July – Men's Breakfast at Butts Green Garden Centre.

"For all the Saints" FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST JOHN'S, DANBURY

This will take place from **Friday, 24th June to Monday 27th June** and will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on Friday, Saturday and Monday and from 12 noon to 5 pm on Sunday. Refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

To sponsor an arrangement or donate to this event please contact either Sylvia (01245 222163) or Janet (01245 222429)

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

As part of the **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations** there will be a special **Choral Evensong on Sunday, 15th May at 3.30 pm**. All are welcome.

COME TO HOLY TRINITY, SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

Saturday, 14th May - Coffee Morning and Plant Stall – 11 am to 1 pm.

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Saturday, 9th July – Coffee Morning and Cake Sale – 11 am to 1 pm.