

Sunday 8th
EPIPHANY

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evening Eucharist and
prayers for healing [S]
18.30 United Evening Worship
[URC LB]

Monday 9th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St
Andrew's Chapel, North Hill
Little Baddow]

Tuesday 10th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 12th

- 10.00 House Communion [Joyces
Corner, Spring Elms Lane
Madeleine Robertson]

Saturday 14th

- 16.00 Wedding [LB]

Sunday 15th

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Family Service [LB]
12.00 Baptism [S]
18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]

Monday 16th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St
Andrew's Chapel, North Hill
Little Baddow]

Tuesday 17th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]
14.30 Funeral: Kay Miller [LB]

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th-25th January

Thursday 19th

- 10.00 House Communion
[Spring Cottage, Colam
Lane, Hilary Bardsley]

Prayers at St Mary's

*If you wish to ask for prayer, for
yourself or a dear one, there is now a
place to write a request.
You will find a prayer table near the
lectern where you may also light a
candle.*



Pints of View

Men's pub night

Monday 9th January 2012
from 8pm in the bar at The Crown,
Sandon

I would really like some support in trying to start a men's fellowship group (so sorry ladies), which could possibly be called 'Pints of View', or "Pub Night". I would like as many men as possible to meet on a Monday night once a month from 20:00 onwards, for a pint, fellowship plus the option of food (peanuts)! There would be no hidden agenda but a chance to discuss, moralise, 'philosophise' (umm and ahh) express yourself a little over a glass, on a given subject e.g. if you could start the world again, what rules would there need to be? If you're interested please drop him an email to either say you're coming on the 9th or that you'll be coming to a night later in the new year or that your Mother won't let you out!

Hope you're free to come.

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Parish Churches of
St. Andrew, Sandon
and
St Mary the Virgin,
Little Baddow

*part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry*

8TH January 2012

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**A warm welcome is extended to all
visitors.**

*Coffee, tea and squash are normally
served after the 10am Service [in
Church at St Mary's Church and in
The St Andrew's Room at St
Andrew's Church].*

Please stay and meet people

**If you are here attending a 'Holy
Communion' or 'Eucharist' here
today and normally receive the
Sacraments of bread and wine, you
are welcome to receive them here
too.**

**If you do not normally receive
Communion you are very welcome
to come and kneel at the Altar rail
and receive a blessing (please carry
a service book or hymn book with
you) you will not be alone.**

***For 5 minutes before the Service
begins PLEASE allow others to keep
a time of prayerful quiet in
preparation to worship our Lord
Jesus Christ. Thank you.***

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the
peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to
face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah offers a message of hope for
an exiled people. One day all nations
will acknowledge the light of God.
Mention of frankincense and gold
echo today's story of the wise men.
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen
upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your
dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they
come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be
carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea
shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall
come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall
cover you,
the young camels of Midian and
Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and
frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of
the LORD.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul explains his mission: to bring the riches of his ancient faith to a people who had previously been excluded from its scope. This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the

Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

It is business as usual for Mary and Joseph and their infant child when some strangers arrive from the East with gifts fit for a king.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all

Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Care Training Course

'Care and Share'

7.30pm – 9pm at St Mary's, Little Baddow

11th January – What is pastoral care?

18th January – Visiting and Listening

25th January – Making Contact

1st February – Dealing with Loss

15th February – Confidentiality and getting organised

SALT at SANDON

Begins again on Tuesday 10th January
Come on your way home from school
3.45 -5.30pm
(Doors open at 3.30pm)



St Andrew's Rooms, Little Baddow
Sunday 5th February at 4pm
St Andrew's Church, Sandon
Sunday 19th February at 11am