

**Sunday 16 May**  
**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08.00 Holy Communion (S)  
09.15 Holy Communion (LB)  
10.30 Family Service (S)  
10.30 Family Service (LB)  
18.30 Celtic Evening Prayer (S)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Coffee & Chat  
3.45pm SALT-'In the sky'

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

09.15 Holy Communion (S)  
14.00 St Andrew's Tiny Tots  
19.45 St Andrew's PCC  
Meeting, St.Andrew's Room.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 Holy Communion *at the home of Pat Williams, Pledgers, High Pastures (LB)*

**Sunday 23 May PENTECOST**  
**(WhitSunday)**

09.00 Parish Eucharist (S)  
10.30 United Morning Worship  
(St Mary's, LB) 12.30  
Baptism (S) 18.30 Celtic  
Evening Prayer (LB)

**Sandon**  
**OPEN GARDENS**  
**2010**



**PREQUEL**

our Churchyard will be on display next Sunday and whilst a tremendous amount of work has been completed over the last few months we do require a little final tidy up - the horticultural equivalent

of a light dusting'. We propose to start at 10.00 am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and finish around lunch time. AH are more than welcome to attend.

**SANDON OPEN GARDENS**

in aid of Farleigh Hospice are on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm**. Admission, covering all gardens, is Adults £5 Children under 16 free. Available in advance from Meacock & Jones, Danbury, Chris and Coral Man, 5, The Green Sandon or any garden on the day. The Royal British Legion Youth Band will play on The Green at 3.00 pm



**Christian Aid Week** finished yesterday and we thank you for your generous contributions which will help to empower people in poor communities around the world to find solutions to the problems they face. If you missed the collection please return your envelope via the collection bag. Spare envelopes should be available from the rear of the church.

**SPONSORED WALK**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
will start at Little Baddow Church at 10.15 am on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May** for a gentle meander to Sandon and return. Refreshments can be a picnic on the Green or in the St Andrew's Room, or lunch in the 'Crown'. Non-walkers are welcome join us for lunch in Sandon. We do need your support in the way of sponsorship which is even more important than walking.



**St Mary the Virgin,**  
**Little Baddow**  
**and**  
**St. Andrew,**  
**Sandon**

**16 May 2010**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
*Sunday after Ascension*  
*Day*

**Introduction and Call to Worship**

Let us praise our God of Creation,  
and celebrate together our God of Resurrection

**Welcome,**

Our aim at Little Baddow and Sandon is to so sense Christ's rule in our hearts and minds that we make decisions and craft policies that may help us all to walk together in the Way that leads to the Kingdom of God  
If you normally receive Holy Communion you are welcome to receive Communion here too. If you do not normally receive Communion you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing (please carry

a service book with you) you will never be alone. **If you have difficulty in walking** and would appreciate a supportive arm, please let a Sidesperson know before the service begins. If you have difficulty in kneeling please come and stand at the Altar rail to receive.

**Gluten Free Wafers** If you need gluten free bread, GF wafers are available - the Priest will need to know before the service starts, please inform a Church Warden at the door before the service begins.

**Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**The First Reading**

Acts 16:16-34 **This incident in Philippi, when Paul drives a spirit out of a slave girl, serves to demonstrate that there are spirits which enslave us, and there is the Holy Spirit who frees us to worship, through Christ, the one true God.** 16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. "While she

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God

declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

• blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness'

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### **The Gospel Reading'**

*John 14:8-17 [25-27]*

**When Philip asks to see God, Jesus confirms that God is within him (Jesus) and that he is in God. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit so that we can all experience the God within and be held within God.**

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father, How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the

Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides-with you, and he will be in you.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]

### **Intercessions**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray for *The Diocese of Cuba and within our own Diocese for Jenny Tomlinson and her team of Advisers on Women's Ministry,*

We pray for our links with the Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches; the Catholic Church of Danbury and the United

Reformed Churches of Little Baddow and Howe Green.

### **Post Communion prayer**

Faithful God,

who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **COUNTDOWN TO THE 2010 CHELMSFORD CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL (25-27 JUNE 2010)**

#### **Sunday 23 May (Pentecost Sunday): Countdown five -Let God's people pray**

Only five more weeks to the Chelmsford Christian Festival - a wonderful opportunity to share our faith with people in our town. Let us pray for a fresh out-pouring of God's Spirit when the churches of the town gather together in Central Park on Sunday morning 27 June, that as Krish Kandiah preaches, people will hear with understanding the good news of Jesus: "We hear them speaking about God's deeds of power" (Acts 2.11): Let us pray that the very act of churches of different traditions coming together for 'Praise in the Park' will be a sign of the Gospel to our town.

Let us pray for all the arrangements for the Sunday: not just the service of 'Praise in the Park', but also the 'Party in the Park' and the Salvation Army concert.