



**Alpha**

**29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**  
**Alpha Course Introductory**  
**Evening**  
**7.45pm at The Rectory,**  
**25 The Lintons, Sandon**  
**CM2 7UA**

If you are over 18 yrs old and have ever thought about joining an ALPHA COURSE or being BAPTISED and/or CONFIRMED as an adult, you might be interested in finding out about what's happening here. We begin with a simple supper. No course fee but a donation to cover costs will be received with thanks



**Youth Emmaus course**  
**starting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**September**  
**4.30pm-5.30pm**

If you are between the ages of 11-ish and 16-ish and have ever thought about being BAPTISED and/or CONFIRMED you might be interested in finding out about what's happening here. The course is designed for young people to explore the basics of the Christian faith.  
**More info' coming very soon**  
**or if you can't wait, ask Clive**  
**01245 243863**

**YOUR GIFTS OF MONEY**

**PLEASE remember to use the CHARITY or PARISH GIFT AID envelopes** if you are a tax payer (or should be!). Your regular giving is important to the local church. Please consider setting up a Standing Order to ensure the Church receives your gift even when you go away. Have a word with the PCC Treasurer.

**ST. MARY'S SERVICES**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00 Family Service [LB]  
18.30 Parish Eucharist [LB]  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
10.00 House Communion  
20.00 Taizé Service [LB URC Chapel]

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
12 noon Wedding [LB]

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]  
18.30 Informal Evening Worship [LB]

**ST. ANDREW'S SERVICES**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
09.15 Holy Communion (CW) [S]  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) [S]  
10.00 Morning Worship [S]  
12.30 Baptisms [S]

**Little Baddow and Sandon's**

**Shared Ministry Team**

**Mr Charles Cope**, Reader  
**Mr Brian Gilder**, Reader  
**The Revd Chris Poulard**,  
Honorary Assistant Priest  
**The Revd Canon Christine McCafferty**  
Honorary Assistant Priest  
**The Revd Clive A. Ashley**  
Priest-in-Charge 01245 243863



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

*'The first shall be last and the last shall be first'*

**Seventh Sunday after**  
**Trinity**  
18th July 2010

**Introduction and Call to**  
**Worship**

Let us lay aside our work and worries that can so fill our thoughts, and draw close to our Lord with quiet minds and open hearts.

**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**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

**The First Reading**

*Amos 8:1-12*

**The prophet speaks of God's judgement on the people's unfaithfulness**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. <sup>2</sup>He said, 'Amos,

what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the LORD said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

<sup>3</sup> The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the LORD GOD; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup> saying, 'When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practise deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

<sup>8</sup> Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

<sup>9</sup> On that day, says the LORD GOD,

I will make the sun go down at noon,

and darken the earth in broad daylight.

<sup>10</sup> I will turn your feasts into mourning,

and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,

and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning

for an only son,

and the end of it like a bitter day.

<sup>11</sup> The time is surely coming, says the LORD GOD,

when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,

but of hearing the words of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> They shall wander from sea to sea,

and from north to east; they shall run to and fro,

seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

## Gospel

*Luke 10:38-end*

**When Martha welcomes Jesus into her home, she becomes distracted by household duties, whereas her sister Mary sits at Jesus' feet in the position and attitude of a disciple.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

<sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

**Bible readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version (Anglicized edition)**

## Intercessions

### In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

we are asked to pray for Vicky Thomas, Mary Love and Brian Thomas and the work of all the Friends of Pleshey, who give of their time, their talents and themselves to support work of our House of Retreat.

*Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, The Right Reverend Edward Pacyaya Malecdan, Prime Bishop Elect*

*Pray for Churches Together in Chelmsford; all our Sister churches; the Deanery of South Chelmsford; the people and*

*clergy of the United Reformed Churches in Little Baddow, Danbury and Howe Green.*

**In our Parish Prayers** we are asked to remember before God all those amongst our families, friends and neighbours who suffer in body, mind or spirit.....

and all our loved ones who have died in the faith of Christ, those they leave behind and those whose memories we treasure.....

## Post Communion prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Blessing

Now may Christ in you, the hope of glory, so shine through your lives, that you fulfil his purposes by the power of his Spirit till you are presented, perfect in the Father's presence. And may the blessing of God almighty...