

ST. MARY'S SERVICES

Sunday 19th

16th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Family Service

18.30 Evening Eucharist

Thursday 23rd

10.00 House Communion

Sunday 26th

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

10.30 HARVEST THANKSGIVING
at Little Baddow URC Chapel

12.30 HARVEST LUNCH

18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]

Little Baddow and Sandon's Shared Ministry Team

Mr Charles Cope, Reader

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ST. ANDREW'S SERVICES

Sunday 19th

16th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Parish Family Eucharist

Wednesday 22nd

09.15 Holy Communion

Sunday 26th

17th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Family Morning Worship

Alpha Course

Have you ever thought about joining an ALPHA COURSE; you might be interested to join us in the informal surroundings of our home. We begin with a simple supper.. There is no course fee but a small donation to cover costs will be received with thanks.

The Introductory Evening is on **Wednesday 29th SEPTEMBER 2010 starting at 7.45pm** Please come to **The Rectory, 25 The Lintons, Sandon CM2 7UA.** Parking is very limited, so please park around the corner and walk.

To help with catering for the right number please call and leave a message to say you are definitely coming: 01245 243863

Youth Emmaus Confirmation Course

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 joining this course which is designed especially for young people to explore the basics of the Christian faith. First session is on Tuesday 28th September 4.30pm-5.30pm at The Rectory, 25 The Lintons, Sandon CM2 7UA
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The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow and

St. Andrew, Sandon Sunday 19th September 2010 16th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

Our aim at St Mary's and St Andrew's 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 (the Sacraments of bread and wine) 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. **If you are physically unable to come to the Altar rail** the Priest will always bring the Sacrament to you.

Gluten Free Wafers If you need gluten free bread, please inform a Church Warden at the door before the service begins.

Introduction and Call to Worship

As we gather to praise the Lord of all, we ask for strength to serve God faithfully in our Worship, in our work and in the World.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 forever.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

God grieves at the plight of "my poor people" who paid lip

service to “the Lord” but turned to idols, only to discover that idols could not save them from their suffering.¹

⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: ‘Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?’ (‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’) ²⁰ ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’ ²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ⁹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

With heavy use of irony, Jesus cautions against paying lip service to God while pursuing dishonest wealth: ultimately, only God can save

Then Jesus^{*} said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him,

“What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.”

³ Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” ⁶ He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” ⁷ Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth^{*} so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is

dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,^{*} who will entrust to you the true riches?

¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’^{*}

Post Communion prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Amen

**Little Baddow Harvest
Thanksgiving service**

begins on
Sunday 26th September

10.30am at the URC Chapel followed by a Harvest Lunch at 12.30 in the Memorial Hall for those who book a meal.

Sandon Harvest Thanksgiving

begins in Church on Saturday 2nd October at 7pm with ‘Harvest Praise’ followed by a ‘Harvest Supper’ at 8pm in the Village Hall come again on **Sunday 3rd October** 10.00am St. Andrew’s Church for the ‘Harvest Thanksgiving Service’

Come to our “Vicar of Dibley”

Pet Service

at St Andrew’s Church, Sandon on **Sunday 3rd October** 4pm

ALL animals welcome to bring their human friends with them