

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]  
10.00 Eucharist (Said) [LB]  
18.00 United Carol Service  
and Christingle [LB]

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

18.00 Christingle Service for  
Hargrave House [S]

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00 House Communion [LB]  
19.00 BEER & CAROLS  
at The Crown, Sandon

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

16.00 Crib Service [S]  
23.30 'Midnight Mass' [LB]  
23.30 'Midnight Mass' [S]

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00 Family Eucharist [S]  
10.00 Carols around the Crib  
followed by a said Holy  
Communion [LB]

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

10.00 'Come Together  
Sunday' Eucharist at St  
Andrew's, Sandon

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**St John the Evangelist**

19.00 Compline [S]

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**The Holy Innocents**

19.00 A Service of  
Remembrance for  
Babies and Children  
that have died [S]

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**St Stephen, deacon and first  
martyr**

19.0 Compline [LB]

**20.0**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

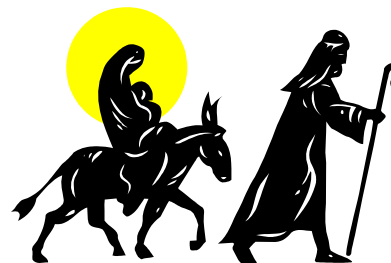
08.00 Holy Communion [LB]  
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [LB]  
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]  
18.30 Evening Prayer  
[S]

**Celtic Morning Prayer**

*at St. Andrew's Chapel, Little Baddow  
every Monday DURING ADVENT at  
8.30am from 29th November. (30  
minutes)*

**BEER & CAROLS**

*at  
The Crown, Sandon  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7pm  
all welcome - mine's a pint and  
'Silent Night'*



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

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT**  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Introduction and Call to Worship**

Today we hear how Joseph obeyed God's call and so played his role with Mary in the story of Jesus. May we too open wide our imaginations and offer our lives to the God who comes among us

**Welcome**

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 do not be embarrassed to stand at the Altar rail to receive. **If you do not feel strong enough to walk to the Altar rail** the Priest will always bring the Sacrament to you., but please ask via the Sidesperson or Churchwarden. **We have Gluten Free Wafers** for those who need gluten free bread, again please inform a Church Warden as soon as possible.

**Collect for this Sunday**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord..Amen.

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*

**At a time of great insecurity a sign of God's presence is given: a virgin will bear a child whose name means "God is with us."**

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you

weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

### Gospel

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Joseph accepts the angel's message that Mary's pregnancy is the work of God's Spirit and part of God's saving purposes.**

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by

the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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### Advent Wreath Prayer

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world, blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary your mother and ours: Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children who long for your coming.**

### Introduction to the Peace

May we, like Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, learn the truth behind the words of the angels: "Do not be afraid!" The peace of the Lord...

### Post Communion prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the

promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *A Celtic Canticle*

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;

in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light;

Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF ESSEX  
*Michael Hindmarch*  
invites you to  
**"A WINTER CELEBRATION"**  
*An Evening of Musical Entertainment with*

**The Lingwood Consort  
The Kelvedon Singers  
Flautista**

on Friday 28th January 2011 at  
7.30pm in St. John the Baptist  
Church, Danbury

The proceeds of the concert will be  
donated to The Friends of Essex  
Churches; Danbury Parish Church  
and Little Baddow Parish Church  
*Wine and Light Refreshments Coffee  
and Cookies*

**£25 per person**

To reserve a seat email:  
hs.sec2010@gmail.com  
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Danbury, Essex CM3 4DS

**A Service of  
Remembrance for Babies  
and Children that have  
died**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Holy Innocents Day  
Sandon Church at 7pm**

*A quiet service for anyone whose  
baby or child has died, whatever  
their age and whatever your age  
now. There will be an opportunity  
for their names to be spoken and  
remembered.*