

Sunday 2nd January 2011
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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

Monday 3rd January

9am Celtic Morning Prayer
St Andrew's Chapel LB]

Wednesday 5th

9.15 Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 4th

10.00 Holy Communion
St Andrew's Chapel [LB]

Saturday 8th

4.30 Evening Prayer [LB]

Sunday 9th January
BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10am Parish Eucharist [LB]
10am Morning Worship [S]
18.30 Evening Communion [S]
18.30 United Evening
Worship [URC Chapel LB]

Tuesday 11th

2pm Funeral: Eileen Bridger [S]

Thursday 13th

12.00 Funeral and Requiem
Mass: Father Gordon Law [S]

**For news and details of all youth
and children groups, activities
and leaders please refer to the
latest Parish Magazines**

Shared Ministry Team

Mrs Liz Barnes, *Ordinand*
Miss Alison Buchanan, *Pastoral
Assistant in Training*
Mr Charles Cope, *Reader*
Mr Brian Gilders, *Reader*
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**NB Clive Ashley (Priest-in-
Charge) is on annual leave until
8th January**

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

or write: H.S. Secretary, Riffhams,
Danbury, Essex CM3 4DS



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

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Welcome

As seekers came before the
infant Christ, so today we are
invited to come to his table. As
they knelt low to open up their
gifts to him, so we are called to
kneel low and open up our
hearts.

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

**God awakens faith in his
people, taking the initiative
and coming to them. Their
crucial part is in receiving,
allowing, looking and seeing
his active Spirit.**

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.

Psalm

Psalm 72.1-9

Give the king your justice,
O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live* while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon,

throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ May his foes* bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Herod was the closest thing the ancient Near East had to a secular ruler and Jesus was in the way of his political ambitions. But accepting Christ requires a genuine worship response.

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

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus Christ is peace, and all who seek him will find that peace. The peace of the Lord...

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.

Blessing

May Christ our true worship lead you in humility, Christ our great wisdom fill you with understanding, Christ our journey's end grant you new beginnings. And the blessing of God almighty and the blessing...✠