

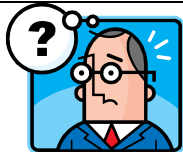
Sunday 30th January
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN
THE TEMPLE
10.00 'Come Together' Parish
Eucharist at St Mary's Little Baddow

Monday 31st
09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer
Wednesday 2nd
09.15 Holy Communion and
Prayers for Healing [S]

Thursday 3rd
10.00 Holy Communion and
Prayers for Healing [LB]

Sunday 6th
5th Sunday before Lent
08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist and
Baptism [LB]
18.30 Evening Prayer [S]

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



VALENTINE'S
QUIZ NIGHT.
SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY
7.30.P.M.
SANDON VILLAGE HALL
TICKETS: £8 INCL.FISH AND
CHIPS OR CHICKEN AND CHIPS -
B.Y.O DRINKS
TABLES OF 6.
Tickets from: Christine Mennie
281305 ; David Farrar 471484
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Proceeds to St Andrew's Church
FABRIC FUND

Let us pray for those who are to be
Confirmed at 3pm on 6th March
St Luke's, Moulsham
by Bp. Stephen

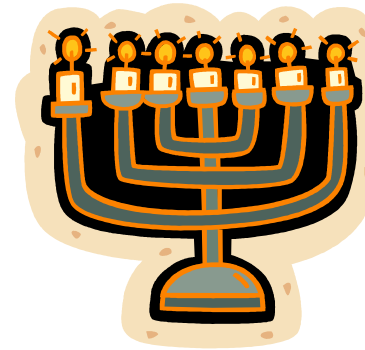
Mark Button; Allie Russell; Jonny
Streatfield; Katie Streatfield and
Penny Streatfield.

In the power of the Spirit and in union
with Christ, let us pray to the Father.
We pray for Church; guide and govern
us by your good Spirit, that all who
profess and call themselves
Christians may be led into the way of
truth, and hold the faith in unity of
spirit, in the bond of peace and in
righteousness of life
Amen.

2011 LENT STUDY GROUPS

'Growing the Church'
Lessons from the Acts of the
Apostles and the contemporary
Church
Tuesdays 7.30pm
Little Baddow URC Chapel Vestry
Wednesdays 7.30pm
St Andrew's Room, Sandon
Thursdays 11.00am
Venues around Little Baddow t.b.c.
Further details coming soon.

LITTLE BADDOW & SANDON
CHURCHES QUIET DAY
8th June
10am-4pm
Pleshey Diocesan Retreat
House
Further details coming soon.



The Parish Churches of
St. Andrew, Sandon
and
**St Mary the Virgin,
Little Baddow**
*part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry*

**Presentation of Christ in
the Temple**
Candlemas
30th January 2011

Welcome

"Who can endure the day of the
Lord's coming, and who can stand
when he appears?" If these words
from the prophet Malachi fill us with
dread, let us take heart and
inspiration from Simeon who,
through his devotion, was fully
prepared to hold the child Jesus in
his arms, and to worship him.

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to

you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-5

**A prophecy that God's messenger
will come suddenly to his Temple, as
a purifying force, until the people
become righteous. Then God will
make swift judgement against those
who do not fear him.**

See, I am sending my messenger to
prepare the way before me, and the
Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger
of the covenant in whom you
delight—indeed, he is coming, says
the LORD of hosts. ²But who can
endure the day of his coming, and
who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like
fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner
and purifier of silver, and he will
purify the descendants of Levi and
refine them like gold and silver, until
they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of
Judah and Jerusalem will be
pleasing to the LORD as in the days
of old and as in former years.
⁵Then I will draw near to you for
judgement; I will be swift to bear
witness against the sorcerers,
against the adulterers, against those
who swear falsely, against those
who oppress the hired workers in
their wages, the widow, and the
orphan, against those who thrust
aside the alien, and do not fear me,
says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
² for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Selah

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Selah

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When Jesus' parents take him to the Temple according to the custom, they are spotted by Simeon, a holy

man who recognises Jesus as the Messiah and, taking the child in his arms, utters a prayer of thanks and praise. Jesus is also recognised by the elderly prophetess Anna

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord
²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),
²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and

to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,
³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Introduction to the Peace

Brothers and sisters of Christ, we turn to one another with the message of peace that the child Jesus brought into the world. The peace of the Lord...

Post Communion prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Shared Ministry Team

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Mr Charles Cope, Reader

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VESTRY HOUR

Following Monday Morning Celtic Prayer at St Andrew's Chapel

I will be in the Vestry at

St Mary's, Little Baddow on

Monday's between 10am and 11am

for anyone in either of the parishes who wishes to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings etc or to make a future appointment to discuss other matters more privately.

There may be the odd week when I am away having been granted leave to be on holiday!

If you don't ask.....

I need a Laptop computer, a portable Digital Projector and Projection Screen with Tripod stand for use in the Churches. Can anyone help? See Clive