

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

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

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
10.00 Holy Communion and  
Prayers for Healing [LB]

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Jack Whinney 222239  
Proceeds to St Andrew's Church  
FABRIC FUND

Let us pray for those who are to be  
Confirmed at 3pm on 6<sup>th</sup> 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**  
8<sup>th</sup> 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*  
30<sup>th</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup>But 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; <sup>3</sup>he 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of  
Judah and Jerusalem will be  
pleasing to the LORD as in the days  
of old and as in former years.  
<sup>5</sup>Then 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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*Selah*

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup> 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**

<sup>22</sup> 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  
<sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),  
<sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

<sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then 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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> 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,  
<sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>At 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.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The 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

**Mrs Liz Barnes, Ordinand**

**Miss Alison Buchanan, Pastoral Assistant in Training**

**Mr Charles Cope, Reader**

**Mr Brian Gilders, Reader**

**The Revd Chris Poulard,**

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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**