

Sunday 20th

3rd Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Family Worship [LB]
11.30 Burial of Ashes:
Fr Gordon Law [S]
18.30 Kenyan Evening Eucharist
[LB]

Monday 21st

- 09.00 Morning Prayer [LB]

Wednesday 23rd

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 24th

- 10.00 House Communion [LB]

Sunday 27th

2nd Sunday after Trinity

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
10.00 Morning Worship [S]
10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evensong [LB]

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

Please pray for those who are to be Confirmed at 3pm on 6th March St Luke's, Moulsham by Bp. Stephen Cottrell
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Mark Button; Allie Russell; Jonny Streatfeild; Katie Streatfeild and Penny Streatfeild.

LITTLE BADDOW & SANDON CHURCHES QUIET DAY

8th June

10am-4pm

**Pleshey Diocesan Retreat House
Further details coming soon.**

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

Leaders will include:

Simon Medcroft (The Mission), Revd

Jon Sermon (URC),

Rev Kate Moore,

Rev Keith Plaister,

Revd Canon Hugh Bevan.

Thursdays 11.00am

Home groups around Little Baddow

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Further details coming soon.

VESTRY HOUR

Following Monday Morning Celtic Prayer at St Andrew's Chapel (to which anyone may come) **I will be in the Vestry at St Mary's 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 granted leave to be on holiday!



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

3rd Sunday before Lent

20th February 2011

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
(Matthew 5:48)

Welcome

We are God's holy people, made perfect through the loving work of God in Christ. Let us bring God our praise and thanksgiving.

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Paul teaches that the Christian life is always built on someone else's faithfulness. Our task is to make sure we do not destroy what has been built.

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 18 Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', ²⁰and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' ²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas

or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you,²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Psalm 119. 33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus radically redefines our “rights”. Our primary horizon is no longer what each of us owes the other, but what all of us can do for God

38 ‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also;⁴⁰ and if anyone wants

to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well;⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

43 ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.”⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Introduction to the Peace

If we love only those who love us, we cannot begin to share God’s peace with the world. As we share the peace here, let us continue to share it wherever we go. The peace of the Lord...

Post Communion prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...✠

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,

Honorary Assistant Priest

The Revd Canon Christine

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Friday 18th March at 7.30pm

Memorial Hall, Little Baddow

CALL MY WINE BLUFF!

An evening of wine tasting and fun

(No expertise necessary!)

Contact: John Wheeldon

01245 227608

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Jumble Sale

Saturday 19th March

12 noon

Sandon Village Hall.

We would appreciate help before to sort the jumble, during to man a stall and after to clear up.
Also we would welcome donations for the jumble. Please bring to the village hall as early as possible on the morning or we can collect beforehand - ring **Joan on 01245 328369**

Little Baddow

Open Gardens Day

14th May

We do need lots of volunteers for various tasks on the day both small and large. If you are splitting any of your garden plants this spring will you please put some aside for us to sell. Contact Malcolm Breeze on 225089 if you can help ***in any way***