

Sunday 6th
Sunday next before Lent

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [LB]
15.00 Confirmation at St Luke's,
Moulsham

Monday 7th

09.00 Morning Prayer [St Andrew's
Chapel, Little Baddow]

ASH WEDNESDAY 9th

10.00 Holy Communion with the
Imposition of Ashes [LB]
19.30 Holy Communion with the
Imposition of Ashes [S]

Thursday 10th

10.00 ~~House Communion [LB]~~

Sunday 6th
1st Sunday of Lent

10.00 Morning Prayer [S]
10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 United Evening Worship
[St Mary's, LB]
18.30 Kenyan Eucharist [S]

**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 TODAY
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

**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

**2011 LENT STUDY
GROUPS**

'Growing the Church'

*Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles
and the contemporary Church*

Tuesdays 7.30pm

URC Chapel Vestry, Little Baddow

Wednesdays 7.30pm

St Andrew's Room, Sandon

Thursdays 11.00am

*Held in the House Communion homes
in Little Baddow*

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!

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

Sunday next before Lent
6th March 2011

Welcome

Our aim at St Mary's and St
Andrew's is to so sense Christ's rule
in our hearts and minds that we
make decisions and craft policies
that may help us all to walk together
in the Way that leads to the
Kingdom of God

**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 are physically unable to
come to the Altar rail** the Priest
will always bring the Sacrament
to you.

Gluten Free Wafers If you need
gluten free bread, please inform a
Church Warden at the door before
the service begins.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to
suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

**The author urges his readers to
hold to the truth regarding Christ,
as witnessed by him and other
eyewitnesses. They are to attend to
this truth "as to a lamp shining in
a dark place"; it is a truth
affirmed, not through human
interpretation, but through the
Holy Spirit.**

16 For we did not follow cleverly
devised myths when we made
known to you the power and coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had
been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
17 For he received honour and glory
from God the Father when that voice
was conveyed to him by the Majestic
Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my
Beloved,* with whom I am well
pleased.' 18 We ourselves heard this

voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

Psalm 2

Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
³ 'Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.'

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'

⁷ I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, 'You are my son;
today I have begotten you.'
⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
with trembling ¹²kiss his feet,*
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge
in him.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Peter, James and John witness Jesus' encounter with Moses and Elijah on the mountain of the Transfiguration. A voice from heaven affirms God's delight in his Son, and urges the disciples to listen to him.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I* will make three dwellings* here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;* with him I am

well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lay Ministers of the Eucharist

I would like to involve more people from both parishes in the role of **Lay Minister of the Eucharist (Ministers of the Chalice)**.
If you like to know more about what is involved in a short course of study being planned for a couple of evenings after Easter or would just be interested in attending without any further commitment, please speak to The Revd Clive Ashley after Church, or call him on 01243 243863

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
Lynda Ferguson
0771 4719842

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**