

Sunday 13th
1st Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 Morning Prayer [S]
10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 United Evening Worship
[URC Chapel]
18.30 Evening Eucharist [S]

Monday 14th

- 09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

Wednesday 16th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 17th

St Patrick's Day

- 10.00 House Communion
[Spring Cottage, Colam Lane]
19.00 St Patrick's Day Service [S]

Sunday 20th

2nd Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 United Family Worship [LB]
18.30 Celtic Evening Eucharist [LB]

Sandon Parishioners are invited to
THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING
of St Andrew's Church, Sandon at
11.30am following the 10am
Eucharist
Sunday 20th March

a LENT LUNCH will follow at
12.45
further details from Christine Mennie
281305

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

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

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**



OLD SPECTACLES
WANTED
There will be a Collection box in
St Mary's, during Lent



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

1st Sunday of Lent
13th March 2011

Welcome

Just as Jesus knew our human
weakness and temptation, so he
came to show us a new way to live.
We live that life with his example
and in the power of the Spirit.
Let's worship together, members
of the same Body, and allow
ourselves to be opened again to
God's Spirit of love and strength.

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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Since the beginning, temptation's
choices have been present; since the
Fall, the passions of our bodies, led by
our desires and our pride, have
tempted all humanity everywhere.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'
3Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman,

‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?”’² The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;’³ but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die;’⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
² Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up* as by the heat of summer.
Selah
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’,

and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Selah

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress,* the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Selah

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was tempted, just as Adam and Eve, by bodily needs, desires and pride, and, in ways reminiscent of Israel’s experience in the desert, Jesus faced the temptations of dissatisfaction with and rejection of God’s provision, presence and methods, but answered with the words of Deuteronomy

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.³ The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’⁴ But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,⁶ saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;⁹ and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’¹⁰ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Post Communion prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who

is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

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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!

Beginning this week 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