

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Passiontide begins**

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]  
18.30 United Evening Worship:  
*Stations of the Cross* [URC]  
18.30 Evening Parish Eucharist [S]

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 House Communion  
*(The Fold, High Pastures)*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**PALM SUNDAY**

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]  
10.00 United Family Worship [LB]  
18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]  
20.00 'The Last Week' *Reflections on the Passion* [S]

**HOLY WEEK**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday in Holy Week**

- 09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]  
18.00 Evening Prayer [S]  
20.00 'The Last Week' *Reflections on the Passion* [S]

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday in Holy Week**

- 09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]  
18.00 Evening Prayer [S]  
20.00 'The Last Week' *Reflections on the Passion* [S]

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday in Holy Week**

- 09.00 Morning Prayer [LBC]  
18.00 Evening Prayer [S]

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 10.00 Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar and Church [LB]  
19.30 Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar and Church [S]

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**

- 09.45 Children's Easter Garden Service at St Mary's [LB]  
10.00 Ecumenical Service starting at the Memorial Hall  
14.00 Children's Easter Garden Service at St Andrew's [S]  
20.00 Good Friday Meditation and Prayers [S – Lady Chapel]

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

- 08.00 United Easter Day Liturgy and Eucharist [LB]  
*Followed by Breakfast in the Memorial Hall*  
10.30 *Preceded by Breakfast in the Memorial Hall*  
United Easter Day Communion [URC]  
10.00 Easter Day Liturgy and Eucharist [S]

in aid of the **USPG PROJECT 452**  
an agricultural development scheme in  
Pakistan

**THE**  
**BIG CURRY**  
**PARTY**

**7.45pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
**at 'The Crown', Sandon**

A 2 course dinner is being donated by  
Chef Mumin Ali (Royal Tiger Restaurant,  
Rettendon Common) and Eddie and Liz  
(The Crown) so that **100% of your**  
**donation will go to Project 452**

**Please support this evening by**  
**donating (£15.00) which will ensure you**

a place at the party: see Clive or Lesley  
Ashley to book your place (243863)



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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011

**Welcome**

Welcome to the house of God. This is not a special place, it is not remarkable, just a building of bricks and mortar. And we are not special people, quite unremarkable, just flesh and blood. But come and worship, and know that however earthbound and ordinary we feel, each one of us can embrace and enjoy the possibilities of heaven.

**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**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading**

*Psalm 130*

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!  
<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.  
<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

## Gospel

*John 11:1-45*

**Jesus' friend Lazarus dies, and Mary and Martha send for him. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and restores him to his family in an echo of Jesus' own death and resurrection soon to come.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus\* was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

<sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there

again?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin,\* said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus\* had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles\* away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.\* Those who

believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,\* the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead

man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## Post Communion prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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