

Sunday 17th

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 18th

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 19th

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 20th

Wednesday in Holy Week

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

Thursday 21st

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 22nd

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 24th

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]

Notices of forthcoming events

EASTER FLOWERS Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers in both Churches would be greatly appreciated.

4th May The BIG CURRY PARTY in aid of the USPG PROJECT 452 an agricultural development scheme in Pakistan. A 2 course dinner for 45 persons 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 the Project. Please support this evening by donating (£15.00) which will ensure you a place at the party **18 Places remaining: Further details available from: Clive or Lesley Ashley to book your place (243863)**

14th May LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS We are looking for lovely people to help on the day with showing visitors round the church, preparing and serving lunches at the Memorial Hall, manning a car park or driving a bus. If you can help, please sign the list in St Mary's Church or tell one of the committee members.
Thank you!

18th May NEW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR This is just the start of a new choir. If you would love to sing or play your heart out in Church to some of the best worship tunes and rhythms written? Then come and join us, we will need singers and musicians who are willing to give it a go! Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church, Sandon.
Further details available from: The Revd Clive Ashley (01245) 243863

4th June INTERVILLAGE WALK. Do join us for a sponsored circular walk. In aid of your Church or the USPG Farming Project 452. Starting at St Mary's Church at 10.15am (or by car from St Andrew's at 10am) walking to Sandon via a lunch break at 'The Crown' in Sandon and then back to St Mary's, Little Baddow.
For further details contact: David Farrar (471484) or Malcolm Breeze (225089).



The Parish Churches of
**St Mary the Virgin,
Little Baddow**

www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk
and

St. Andrew, Sandon

www.sandon-church.info
*part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry*

PALM SUNDAY

17th APRIL 2011

Welcome

"Jesus Christ humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Let us worship Jesus Christ the Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 Holy 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

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Palm Sunday Readings

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21.1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'

¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5-.4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion Gospel

Matthew 27.11-54

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said, ‘You say so.’¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

¹³Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

²¹The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’²²Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’²³Then he asked, ‘Why, what

evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’

⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were

mocking him, saying,⁴²‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.’⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’

⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

⁴⁶And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’

⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

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A warm welcome is extended to visitors.

Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served after the 10am Service [in Church at St Mary’s Church and in The St Andrew’s Room at St Andrew’s Church]. Please stay and join in.