

Sunday 29th

ROGATION SUNDAY

10am *COME TOGETHER*
SUNDAY EUCHARIST
[Danbury Park Farm Barn]

Monday 30th

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

Wednesday 1st June

09.15 Holy Communion and prayers for healing
[St Andrew's, Sandon]

Thursday 2nd

Ascension Day

10.00 Holy Communion and prayers for healing [St Andrew's Chapel, Little Baddow]
20.00 Ascension Day Chelmer-Crouch Group Service at St John's, Danbury

Sunday 5th

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist
[St Andrew's, Sandon]
10.30 United Morning Worship 'Homecoming Service'
[United Reformed Chapel, Little Baddow]

VESTRY HOUR

Clive (Priest-in-Charge) 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!

4th June INTERVILLAGE WALK.

Do join us for the annual 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).

Wednesday 15th JUNE

NEW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

We have started 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 15th JUNE 2011 at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church, Sandon.

Further details available from: The Revd Clive Ashley (01245) 243863

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Group Ministry*

ROGATION SUNDAY

6th Sunday of Easter
29th May 2011

A warm welcome is extended to visitors. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available after this Service in the Barn. Please stay and join in.

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 interested in being Confirmed, please enquire with the Minister/Priest.

If you would appreciate **gluten free bread**, please inform a Church Warden at the Barn door prior to the service beginning.

We hope you find the hay bales as comfortable as the pews this morning!

Collect

God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
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.
Amen

FIRST READING

2 Cor. 9:6-15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

⁹As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land.

²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³‘Listen!

A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’ ⁹And he said, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

¹⁰ When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, ‘To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes

in parables; ¹²in order that “they may indeed look, but not perceive,

and may indeed listen, but not understand;

so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.” ’

¹³ And he said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.

¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.

¹⁸And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing.

²⁰And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’

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The Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,

you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:

as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this Eucharist, so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread, that the world may praise you for your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing ... ✚
