

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**ROGATION SUNDAY**

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
2011 at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church,  
Sandon.

**Further details available from:  
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The Parish Churches of  
**St Mary the Virgin,  
Little Baddow**  
and  
**St. Andrew, Sandon**

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www.sandon-church.info

*part of the Chelmer Crouch  
Group Ministry*

**ROGATION SUNDAY**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
29<sup>th</sup> 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  
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. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must  
give as you have made up your  
mind, not reluctantly or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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.

<sup>9</sup>As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures for ever.’

<sup>10</sup>He 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.

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

<sup>13</sup>Through 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, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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## 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.

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

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

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

in parables; <sup>12</sup>in 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.”’

<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup>The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>These 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. <sup>16</sup>And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.

<sup>17</sup>But 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.

<sup>18</sup>And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup>but 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.

<sup>20</sup>And 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**

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### 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 ...✙

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