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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>****3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 Parish Eucharist and  
Baptism [LB]  
18.30 Kenyan Eucharist [S]  
18.30 United Evensong [LB]

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

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at  
St. Andrew's Chapel, LB

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

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

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

10.00 House Communion  
*Longwood Chase, The Ridge*

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>****4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 Family Service [LB]  
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]  
18.30 Evening Parish  
Eucharist [LB]

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

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at  
St. Andrew's Chapel, LB

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

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

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

10.00 House Communion *Joyces  
Corner, Spring Elms Lane*

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

14.00 Wedding [S]

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>****5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 Holy Communion [S]  
10.00 United (C.of E and  
URC) Parish Eucharist at  
St Mary's [LB]  
18.30 Evensong [LB]

**The 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.

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## A Celtic Concert

*on a summer's evening  
at St Andrew's Church, Sandon*

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 7.30pm**

*Enjoy the flute music of 'Flautista'.*

*Singing by Clive Ashley; Chris*

*Davies and Caroline Ogden.*

*Church Organ music played by  
Michael Little.*

*TICKETS: £10.00 to include a glass  
of wine and canapés during the  
interval. Tickets available from:*

*Barbara Underwood (225756) Janet*

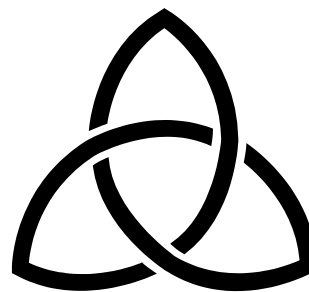
*Terry (472997) All proceeds from*

*this evening will go towards the*

*maintenance and development of St.*

*Andrew's Church, Building and*

*Fabric.*



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

and

**St. Andrew, Sandon**

[www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk](http://www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk)  
[www.sandon-church.info](http://www.sandon-church.info)

*part of the Chelmer Crouch  
Group Ministry*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**A warm welcome is extended to  
visitors.** Coffee, tea and soft drinks is  
normally 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.

**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 be interested in being  
Confirmed, please enquire with  
the Minister/Priest.  
If you would appreciate **gluten  
free bread**, please inform a  
Church Warden at the church  
door prior to the service  
beginning.

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## 5 minutes

**For the 5 minutes before a  
service begins let us try to keep  
a time of prayerful silence as we  
all prepare to worship the King  
of Kings.**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son  
into our hearts

whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom  
to your service,  
that we and all creation may be  
brought

to the glorious liberty of the  
children of God;  
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.

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**FIRST READING**

*Romans 8:1-39*

**Paul explains how we are  
irrevocably bound to God through  
the Spirit of his Son. Nothing can  
separate us from this love - not our  
weakness, or difficulties or evil. We  
are God's children for ever.**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. <sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you

did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his

purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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#### THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

**Preaching from the boat in the lake, Jesus offers the crowds a series of parables about the kingdom of God. He begins with the parable of the sower.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!'

<sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'