

## 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]  
12.00 Baptism [LB]  
18.30 Evensong [LB]

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]  
13.00 Wedding [S]

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

- 10.00 House Communion Mill  
*Mead, Mill Lane*

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 'Come Together'  
Eucharist at St Mary's [LB]  
and Commissioning of Alison  
Buchanan as the first 'Pastoral  
Assistant' in Little Baddow

*A 'Come Together' Eucharist is  
when the congregations of St  
Mary's Little Baddow and St  
Andrew's Sandon 'come together'  
for the one service of the day. Please  
come and join in.*

### Monday 1 August

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

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 09.15 A Service of Healing and  
Wholeness with Holy  
Communion [S]

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

- 10.00 A Service of Healing and  
Wholeness with Holy  
Communion at St.  
Andrew's Chapel, LB  
13.00 Wedding [LB]

### PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

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**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.



### CHELMER CROUCH GROUP

## BARBEQUE

St Andrew's Sandon  
4<sup>th</sup> September  
12.30

Cost £3.50 per adult / Family Ticket  
£10 for 2 adults and 3 children  
All welcome / Games for the children  
come along and have a good time!

Contact: Christine Mennie on 281305 or  
Christine Horton on 466534 for tickets.



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*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

24<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** (the Sacraments of  
bread and wine) you are welcome  
to receive Communion 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 after the service.  
If you would appreciate **gluten  
free bread at Communion**, please  
inform a Church Warden prior to  
the service beginning.

## 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 and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church

is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for  
all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and  
truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

*Romans 8:26-39*

**Paul continues his teaching  
upon the role of the Holy Spirit  
in the Christian life and the  
invincible nature of Christ's love  
for us.**

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.

28 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.

31 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.

### THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

#### **Jesus continues teaching about the kingdom of heaven through a series of parables.**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

[www.devotions.net/bible](http://www.devotions.net/bible)

### Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **An eye witness account from New York City , on a cold day in December**

Some years ago: a little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!' 'I was asking God to give me a pair of Shoes, 'was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes.. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him.. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her. 'Are you God's wife?'

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**PARISH MINISTRY**  
**WORKSHOP 3 : How to Read the Bible in Church Services**  
7.30pm at St Andrew's, Sandon  
.....Come along.....