

## OCTOBER

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

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

10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]

12.00 Baptism [S]

18.30 Kenyan Eucharist [S]

18.30 United Evensong [LB]

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

~~09.15 Holy Communion [S]~~

10.00 Funeral: Robert Fishwick [S]

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

10.00 House Communion [Joyces Corner, Spring Elms Lane Madeleine Robertson]

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

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

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

10.00 Family Service [LB]

18.30 Evening Eucharist [LB]

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

10.00 House Communion [1 Pledgers, High Pastures Pat Williams]

## et cetera

Monday's at 10am  
St Mary's Church, Church Road,  
Little Baddow  
*formerly 'Vestry Hour'*  
If you need to ask about weddings, baptisms, etc. the Priest-in-Charge is available on a first come basis at **et cetera.**

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## STARTING SOON

**St Andrew's Rooms,  
North Hill, Little Baddow  
on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
from 11.30am to 1.30pm.**

**WITH LUNCH  
COME AND JOIN US  
To find out more call  
ANN on 224221**

## Parish Churches of



## St. Andrew, Sandon and St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow

*part of the Chelmer Crouch  
Group Ministry*

9<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
*Little Baddow Churches  
Harvest Thanksgiving*  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**A warm welcome is extended to visitors.** Coffee, tea and squash are 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 meet people.*

**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 to the Altar rail and receive a blessing (please carry a service book with you) you will never be alone.

## 5 minutes

For 5 minutes before a service begins let us all try to stop talking and keep a time of prayerful quiet as we all prepare to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

## COLLECT for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

## FIRST READING

### Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long

for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### **Exhortations**

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and

the God of peace will be with you.

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **Matthew 22. 1-14**

#### **The Parable of the Wedding Banquet**

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they

found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.'

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you  
with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as  
ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **7 Marks of a Healthy Church**

- 1. Energized by faith** rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive
- 2. Outward-looking focus** with a 'whole life' rather than a 'church life' concern
- 3. Seeks to find out what God wants** discerning the Spirit's leaning rather than trying to please everyone
- 4. Faces the cost of change and growth** rather than resisting change and avoiding failure
- 5. Operates as a community** rather than functioning as a club or religious organisation
- 6. Makes room for all** being inclusive rather than exclusive.
- 7. Does a few things and do them well** focused rather than frenetic.

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