

Sunday 6th

3rd Sunday before Advent

- 08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
10.00 Morning Prayer and the
Commemoration of All Soul's
[LB]
11.30 Messy Church [St Andrew's
Chapel, North Hill Little
Baddow]

Monday 7th

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

Tuesday 8th

- 15.45 SALT [S]

Wednesday 9th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 10th

- 10.00 House Communion [LB]
'Cuddington', Colam Lane
Ann Poulard

Sunday 13th

Remembrance Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
10.00 Remembrance Day Service
[S]
10.00 Remembrance Day
Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Peace and Reconciliation
Service [LB- URC]

et cetera

Monday's at 10am-11am
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Little
Baddow

If you need to ask about weddings,
baptisms, etc. the Priest-in-Charge is
available

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MessyChurch

STARTING TODAY

in Little Baddow
and coming to Sandon
in 2012

NEW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Next rehearsal on Wednesday
16.11.2011 from 8pm - 9.30pm
St Andrew's Church Sandon

ALL WELCOME

Contact Clive (243863) for further details

St Andrew's Sandon

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26th November

From 12 noon
in the Village Hall
Woodhill Road, Sandon

St Mary's Little Baddow
first ever

Luxury Christmas
Shopping Evening

Friday 2nd December
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall Little Baddow
*Entry £3 including glass of
mulled wine and mince pie
Licensed Bar*



Parish Churches of
St. Andrew, Sandon
and

St Mary the Virgin,
Little Baddow

*part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry*

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**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.

Introduction and Call to Worship

Let us come to worship Christ
in confident faith in the
salvation he has won for us, and
in certain hope of his return.

*For 5 minutes before the
Service begins PLEASE allow
others to keep a time of
prayerful quiet in preparation to
worship our Lord Jesus Christ.
Thank you.*

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's
salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be
healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

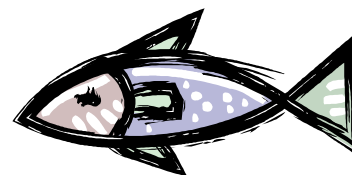
**Paul assures the
Thessalonians that the hope
of their faith embraces
Christians of both past and
present generations. When
Jesus returns in glory, all who
love him will rise to share
eternal life with their Lord.**

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel
Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells the story of the ten bridesmaids to urge his followers to be wise in ensuring they are prepared to receive him at all times; for

no one can know the exact moment of his return.
 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion Prayer
 Gracious Lord,
 in this holy sacrament
 you give substance to our hope:
 bring us at the last
 to that fullness of life for which
 we long;
 through Jesus Christ our
 Saviour.



5 Marks of Mission

In Bp. John Perry's presidential address to Diocesan Synod in June 1997, he articulated a strategy for the diocese of Chelmsford based on the Five Marks of Mission. These marks were formulated by the Anglican Consultative Council and have been endorsed by General Synod:

- 1 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2 To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- 3 To respond to human need by loving service
- 4 To seek to transform unjust structures of society.
- 5 To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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.

The Healthy Churches' Handbook
 Robert Warren Church House
 Publishing 2004 (Appendix 4)

