

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Remembrance Sunday**

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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]

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**\*PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no ETC (Vestry Hour) on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Clive will not be present to lead Morning Prayer.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]  
**14.30 Memorial Service for Ted**  
**Grace at St Mary's Little Baddow**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 House Communion [LB]  
Hen Cottage, North Hill  
Vicki Briggs

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Christ the King**

*Sunday next before Advent*

- 08.00 Holy Communion [LB]  
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]  
10.00 Family 'SHOEBOX' Service [LB]  
12.15 Baptism [LB]

**Wednesday 16.11.2011**  
**NEW COMMUNITY GOSPEL**  
**CHOIR**

Next rehearsal on Wednesday  
from 8pm - 9.30pm

St Andrew's Church Sandon  
**ALL WELCOME**

Contact Clive (243863) for further details

St Andrew's Sandon

## Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Clive and Lesley Ashley invite you to*  
*drop in to*

**The Rectory**  
**Open Evening**

**25 The Lintons, Sandon,**  
**CM2 7UA**

**Tel 01245 243863**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**7pm - 10pm**

for an early introduction to mulled wine,  
mince pies, coffee, tea and a warm  
welcome



Parish Churches of  
**St. Andrew, Sandon**  
and

**St Mary the Virgin,**  
**Little Baddow**

*part of the Chelmer Crouch*  
*Group Ministry*

13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**Remembrance**  
**Sunday**

**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 are here attending a**  
**'Holy Communion' or**  
**'Eucharist' and normally**  
**receive the Sacraments of**  
**bread and wine, you are**  
**welcome to receive them here**  
**too.**

**If you do not normally**  
**receive Communion** you are  
very welcome to come and  
kneel at the Altar rail and  
receive a blessing (please carry a  
service book or hymn book  
with you) you will not be alone.

### **Introduction and Call to** **Worship**

We have been made by God, to live  
with God. Let us then come out of  
darkness and into his marvellous  
light, living in peace, humility and  
righteousness

**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**

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of  
all:  
govern the hearts and minds of  
those in authority,  
and bring the families of the  
nations,  
divided and torn apart by the  
ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle  
rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

## First Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11

**The image of “a thief in the night” indicates not so much God’s stealth as the spiritual indifference and unawareness of his world. But those in Christ have eyes open.**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security”, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore

encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Gospel

### Matthew 25. 14 - 30

**What appears at first to be a vindictive parable must be read in its cultural context, where slaves had only one purpose – to do the master’s will.**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into

the joy of your master.” <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

## Post Communion Prayer

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed  
the kingdom  
and restored the broken to  
wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the  
anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and  
nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

