

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**ADVENT SUNDAY**

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
- 10.30 United Communion and Farewell to Michael Powell [LB - URC]
- 12.30 Baptism [S]
- 18.30 Evensong [LB]

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**16.45 St Andrew's SALT begin the 'Posada' in Sandon, all are welcome to join us in prayer as St Joseph and Mary set out on their journey to Bethlehem.**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**St Andrew's Day**

- 19.00 Patronal Festival Eucharist [S]

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 10.00 Healing Service and Holy Communion [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

- 08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
- 10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
- 10.00 Morning Prayer [LB]
- 16.00 Messy Church [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]



**at St Andrew's, North Hill, Little Baddow on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**

Sandon Parish Church

**St Andrew's Day**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Patronal Festival**

**Eucharist**

**at 7pm**

*followed by*

*Cheese and Wine at 8.15pm*

**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**

**What's a 'Posada'?**



A Christmas festival originating in Latin America that dramatizes the search of Joseph and Mary for lodging. from Late Latin *pausa* are, *to rest*, from Latin *pausa*, *pause*; see **pause**



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

**St Mary the Virgin,  
Little Baddow**

*part of the Chelmer Crouch  
Group Ministry*

27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Advent Sunday**

*"Keep alert... Keep awake."  
(Mark 13:33, 37)*

**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**

This Advent Sunday let us lift our hearts and voices as we come to worship the living God who will come with great glory.

**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 God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

### First Reading (Old Testament)

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

**The prophet Isaiah looks at the disastrous state of God's people and calls upon the Lord, their Father, to come down and make his presence felt.**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

### Second Reading (New Testament)

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**The Apostle Paul thanks God for the spiritual life of the Christians of Corinth and assures them that God will continue to strengthen them to the end.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—  
<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has

been strengthened among you—  
<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel

*Mark 13:24-37*

**In words of a visionary, apocalyptic nature Jesus calls his disciples to keep awake and alert to the end.**

'But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
<sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.  
<sup>26</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

<sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

<sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

### Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen