

Sunday 4th

2nd 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]

Monday 5th

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

Wednesday 7th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 8th

- 10.00 House Communion at Spring Cottage, Colam Lane Hilary Bardsley

Sunday 11th

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Evening Eucharist [S]

Monday 12th

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

Wednesday 14th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 15th

- 10.00 House Communion at Hayfield, Spring Elms Lane Kay Miller

Sunday 18th

4th Sunday of Advent

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
10.00 Family Service followed by Mayoral Tree Planting [LB]
18.00 Carols and Christingles by Candlelight [LB]

- 19.30 Carols by Candlelight [S]

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Monday 19th

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

Tuesday 20th

- 20.00 Beer and Carols at 'The Crown' in Sandon

Wednesday 21st

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]
20.00 Beer and Carols at 'The Rodney' in Little Baddow

Thursday 22nd

- 10.00 House Communion at Longwood Chase, The Ridge Margaret Martin

Saturday 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 16.00 Christingle and Crib Service [S]
16.00 Christmas Eve Meditation [LB-URC]
23.30 'Midnight Mass' [LB]
23.30 'Midnight Mass' [S]

Sunday 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
10.00 Carols around the Crib [S]
10.00 Carols around the Crib [LB] followed by a said Holy Communion



What is a 'Posada'?

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



Parish Churches of St. Andrew, Sandon and St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow

*part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry*

4th December 2011

2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

Advent Wreath Prayer

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen**

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading (Old Testament)

Isaiah 40:1-11

The prophet brings good news and comfort to the people of Jerusalem to whom the glory of the Lord is to be revealed.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the
LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way
of the LORD,

make straight in the desert a
highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be
made low;

the uneven ground shall become
level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall
be revealed,

and all people shall see it
together,

for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass;

their constancy is like the flower
of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower
fades,

when the breath of the LORD

blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower
fades;

but the word of our God will
stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good
tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with
might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a
shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in
his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother
sheep.

Second Reading (New Testament)

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Peter encourages his readers to prepare themselves for the final coming and judgement of the Lord by being at peace with God and with each other.

But do not ignore this one fact,
beloved, that with the Lord one
day is like a thousand years, and a
thousand years are like one day.

⁹The Lord is not slow about his

promise, as some think of
slowness, but is patient with you,
not wanting any to perish, but all
to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the
day of the Lord will come like a
thief, and then the heavens will
pass away with a loud noise, and
the elements will be dissolved
with fire, and the earth and
everything that is done on it will
be disclosed.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be
dissolved in this way, what sort of
people ought you to be in leading
lives of holiness and godliness,
¹²waiting for and hastening the
coming of the day of God, because
of which the heavens will be set
ablaze and dissolved, and the
elements will melt with fire? ¹³But,
in accordance with his promise,
we wait for new heavens and a
new earth, where righteousness is
at home.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you
are waiting for these things, strive
to be found by him at peace,
without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and
regard the patience of our Lord as
salvation. So also our beloved
brother Paul wrote to you
according to the wisdom given to
him,

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

John identifies himself as the voice spoken of by Isaiah. He is out in the wilderness, calling people to turn to God. He urges them to prepare themselves for

the revelation of God's glory in the one who is to come after him.

The beginning of the good news of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet
Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the forgiveness

of sins. ⁵And people from the
whole Judean countryside and all
the people of Jerusalem were

going out to him, and were
baptized by him in the river

Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now

John was clothed with camel's
hair, with a leather belt around his
waist, and he ate locusts and wild

honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one
who is more powerful than I is

coming after me; I am not worthy
to stoop down and untie the thong
of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you
with water; but he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit.'

Beer and Carols?

and Pharisees said... How is it that he
eateth and drinketh with publicans?

See Mark 2.13-17