

## 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]

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

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

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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

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

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

### 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]

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## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

### 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*

4<sup>th</sup> December 2011

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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 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way  
of the LORD,

make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall  
be revealed,

and all people shall see it  
together,

for the mouth of the LORD has  
spoken.'

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower  
fades,

when the breath of the LORD

blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower  
fades;

but the word of our God will  
stand for ever.

<sup>9</sup> 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!'

<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with  
might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup>The 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. <sup>10</sup>But 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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,  
<sup>12</sup>waiting 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? <sup>13</sup>But,  
in accordance with his promise,  
we wait for new heavens and a  
new earth, where righteousness is  
at home.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you  
are waiting for these things, strive  
to be found by him at peace,  
without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and  
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.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet  
Isaiah,

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

who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness:

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the  
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism  
of repentance for the forgiveness

of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now

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

honey. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>I 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**