

Sunday 11th

3rd Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]
18.30 Eucharist and Prayers for Healing [S]
18.30 United Evening Worship [URC LB]

Monday 12th

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

Tuesday 13th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 15th

- 10.00 House Communion
Spring Cottage, Colam Lane [LB]

Sunday 18th

MOTHERING SUNDAY / 4th Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 Family Service [LB]
10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
11.00 Messy Church [S]
12.15 Baptism [LB]
18.30 Eucharist and Prayers for Healing [LB]



St Andrew's Rooms, Little Baddow
Palm Sunday 1st April at 4pm
St Andrew's Church, Sandon
Mothersing Sunday 18th March at 11am

GOSPEL CHOIR

Monday 19th March at 8pm
St Andrew's, Sandon

Little Baddow and Sandon Churches

Lent Study Groups

'The Creed'

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm and Friday at 10am during Lent this year the Churches in Little Baddow and Sandon are sharing in their study of 'The Creed', asking, what do we believe?

- Lent 1 We believe in one God
Lent 2 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven
Lent 3 On the third day he rose again
Lent 4 We believe in the Holy Spirit
Lent 5 We believe in one Church



PINTS OF VIEW

Men's pub night

Monday 26th March 2012

from 8pm in the bar at

The Crown, Sandon

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2012

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

at St Mary's, Little Baddow
on Sunday 25th March

at St Andrew's, Sandon
Palm Sunday 1st April

The meetings will be held in the respective churches following the morning service
PLEASE PRAY for God's guidance in the election of Church Wardens, PCC Secretaries, PCC Treasurers, PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives



ST MARY THE VIRGIN,

LITTLE BADDOW

www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk

ST. ANDREW, SANDON

www.sandon-church.info
part of the Chelmer Crouch
Group Ministry

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A warm welcome is extended to all 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

All communicant members of Christian Churches are invited to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, keeping their heads bowed at the Altar rail. Those communicants requiring **gluten-free wafers** are asked to identify themselves to a Sides person.

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,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

God meets with Moses and gives him the Ten Commandments.

Then God spoke all these words:
2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
3 you shall have no other gods before me.
4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,

punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

In this passage, Paul challenges those people who claim to be wise.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

St John describes the scene as Jesus clears the Temple of an undesirable element.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!’ ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ ¹⁹Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ ²⁰The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**IF YOU ARE A TAX PAYER:
PLEASE USE THE ‘GIFT-AID’
ENVELOPES FOR YOUR CASH
OFFERING/COLLECTION –
REMEMBERING TO COMPLETE
REQUIRED DETAILS**

Prayer for Lent

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I
speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks
unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
Amen