

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]

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

Monday 19th

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

Tuesday 20th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 22nd

- 10.00 House Communion Mill Mead, Mill Lane [LB]

Sunday 25th

5th Sunday of Lent

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
- 10.00 United Parish Eucharist [LB]
- 18.30 Evensong [LB]

2012
Annual Parochial Church
Meetings
at St Andrew's Rooms, North Hill, Little Baddow
after Church on Sunday 25th March
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and at St Andrew's, Sandon
after Church on Palm Sunday 1st April



St Andrew's Church, Sandon
Mothersing Sunday 18th March at 11am

St Andrew's Rooms, Little Baddow
Palm Sunday 1st April at 4pm

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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St Mary the Virgin,
Little Baddow
www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk
St. Andrew,
Sandon

www.sandon-church.info

part of the
Chelmer Crouch Group Ministry

Mothering Sunday
4th Sunday of Lent
11 March 2012

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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

1 Samuel 1:20-28

The Lord remembered
Hannah's faithful petition

with a gift of life, and she remembered the Lord through giving her son over to the Lord.

²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

²¹The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the

woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Suffering and comforting are two sides of the same coin of grace of knowing God.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we

know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel

Luke 2:33-35

Simeon blesses the holy family.

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion Prayer

May we who know ourselves as the Body of Christ be daily knit together more and more, for the glory of God and in service to the world. Amen.

Blessing

May our Church be a reminder of God's transforming presence, Christ's voice be heard in us, And love renew our relationships, So that God's glory be known. And the blessing of God almighty...✠



The Church of England
In Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

Vision Statement of Chelmsford Diocese

Our passion is Jesus. We are passionate about proclaiming and living out God's love for all people. **Our aspiration** is to be a transforming presence in every community, open and welcoming to everyone, and serving all people. **Our resources** are faithful people, prayer and worship, visionary leadership and liberating gifts.

What will the diocese of Chelmsford look like in 2025?

The answer to this question depends to a large extent on decisions we make now.

For too long strategic planning in the church has been limited to time scales too short to initiate meaningful change.

We expect too much to happen too soon and end up either disappointed or dis-illusioned.¹ Instead of a five year plan we need a fifteen year plan. We need to

re-imagine what the church could look like in 2025, and then work back to discern what decisions we need to make now and in the coming years to make this a reality.

This re-imagining also needs to be the work of the whole church. Of course it is the responsibility of bishops and synods to lead the church, but this work is too important for it not to be shared with the whole people of God.