



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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

- 08.00 Holy Communion [LB]
- 10.00 Eucharist and Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem [S]
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in Holy Week**

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at St Andrew's Rm. [LB]

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in Holy Week**

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]  
Celebrant: Bp John Wraw

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Holy Week**

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

**5<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 10.00** Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar and Church [LB]
- 19.30** Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar and Church [S]

**6<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**

- 09.45 Easter Garden Service [LB]
- 10.00 Walking the Passion [Memorial Hall, LB]

- 15.00 Easter Garden Service [S]
- 20.00 Good Friday Meditation [S]
- 21.00 Vigil [S]

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday - EASTER EVE**

- 15.00** Wedding [S]

**8<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY**

- 10.00** Parish Eucharist [S]
- 10.00** United Parish Eucharist [St Mary's, LB]

**2012**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
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at the Parish Church of St Andrew's,  
Sandon  
*after Church on Palm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April followed by Lunch*

**A CHANCE TO MEET BISHOP JOHN WRAW – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 8pm.**

The Bishop will be celebrating the Eucharist at St Andrew's, Sandon at 9.15am  
Bishop John is also visiting our Deanery and will be leading a service of Night Prayer at 8pm St. Michael and All Angels Church, Galleywood.  
Everyone from the Deanery s invited to attend,

**Prayer Focus**

*You will find below a useful beginning for our own private prayers and a helpful pattern to follow*

- Strengthen all your Church in the service of Christ.....
- Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace.....
- Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.....
- Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ.....
- we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.....



**St Mary the Virgin,  
Little Baddow**  
[www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk](http://www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk)  
**St. Andrew,  
Sandon**  
[www.sandon-church.info](http://www.sandon-church.info)  
*part of the  
Chelmer-Crouch Group Ministry*

**Palm Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2012**

Today we hear again the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, who remained obedient to God's will even when that led to death on the cross. Let us together worship God, proclaiming that the once crucified Jesus is now exalted and Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God.

**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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

### **The Liturgy of the Palms Gospel**

**Mark 11. 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The servant of the Lord speaks of his obedience to God's word and his faith in God's saving help. The servant obeys even though to do so brings insults and cruelty upon him.

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,\*  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who  
struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who  
pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been  
disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face  
like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put  
to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a  
garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

### **The New Testament Reading**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

St Paul speaks of the humble obedience of Jesus to the will of God. Jesus obeys God even though that leads to the cross before it leads to exaltation.

Let the same mind be in you that was\* in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form  
of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point  
of death—

even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly  
exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **The Passion Gospel**

*Mark ch.14.v1- ch.15. end*

St Mark tells the story of Christ's passion and death, throughout which Jesus remains obedient to God's will.



## **Easter Flowers**

*Come to see the beautiful  
arrangements of Easter Flowers  
in St Andrew's Church  
Sunday 8th April & Monday 9th  
April*

**2.00pm-4.30pm.**

*Homemade Cakes and  
refreshments.*

**Admission Free**

Donations to Sandon Church  
funds.

*Come, join, sing, enjoy  
the gospel*



**choir**

**16th April**

**Sandon Parish Church**

**8pm-9.30pm**