



## 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

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

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

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

**NO MIDWEEK SERVICES IN EASTER WEEK**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 Family Service [LB]

10.00 Jubilate Eucharist

11.15 Messy Church [S]

12.15 Baptism [LB]

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Sandon]

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

10.00 House Communion [Oak Lea, Mill Lane, LB]

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

08.00 Holy Communion [S]

10.00 United Eucharist [LB]

## Prayer Focus

You will find below a useful beginning for your 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.....



### LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

To make this a really special day and help raise funds for the new church roof, we need lots of people to help with:

- Memorial Hall lunches
- Driving a minibus
- Manning a car park
- Selling plants
- Selling raffle tickets
- Church sitting
- Clearing up at the end of the day

If you can give a little time to help with anything please sign the list in St Mary's church or contact Malcolm Breeze on 225089.

# ALLELUIA

## 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**

### EASTER SUNDAY

**8<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

### Call to worship

*Christ is risen!*

**Your sorrows will pass.**

*Christ is risen!*

**A new day is breaking.**

*Christ is risen!*

**The darkness is falling away.** *Christ is risen!*

**Let us arise and give thanks!**

### Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### First Reading

*Acts 10:34-43*

**Peter's Jewish culture was just as negative towards Gentiles as that of Isaiah's time. Yet just as the vision dawned unexpectedly on Isaiah's horizon, so the reality burst upon Peter's.**

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You

know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

**Paul proclaims the core Gospel truth of the historical Jesus, passed on to him by the Twelve. Living “on a limb” from the Jerusalem church it was vital for him to reassert this. As we live even further away, restating the tradition is central to our faith.**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—

unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them— though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### Gospel

*John 20:1-18*

**John's narrative sparkles at every turn, words and images bearing rich allusion. In his first resurrection narrative Mary's tears seem quite natural, yet Jesus' questioning of them becomes the announcement that Isaiah's longing prophecy has been fulfilled.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to

them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

<sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

<sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended

to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' ' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

# PEACE BE TO YOU

### Post Communion prayer

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Easter Flowers

*Come to see the beautiful arrangements of Easter Flowers in St Andrew's Church, Sandon*

**Easter Sunday 8th April**

**2.00pm-4.30pm**

**Easter Monday 9th April**

**2.00pm-4.30pm**

*Homemade Cakes and refreshments.*

**Admission Free**

Donations to Church funds