

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 15th

2nd Sunday of Easter

- 10.00 Family Service [LB]
- 10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
- 11.15 Messy Church [S]
- 12.15 Baptism [LB]

Monday 16th

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

Tuesday 17th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 18th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Sandon]
- 20.00 Server's Guild Office [LB]

Thursday 19th

- 08.30 Morning Prayer [LB]
- 10.00 House Communion [Oak Lea, Mill Lane, LB]
- 11.30 Funeral [S]

Sunday 22nd

3rd Sunday of Easter

- 08.00 Holy Communion [S]
- 10.00 United Eucharist [LB]

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

15 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for all those organisations that strive to bring peace to a warring world, remembering especially the conflicts in the Middle East.

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan), Most Revd Nathaniel Makato Uematsu, Primate.

16 Monday

BARKINGSIDE (St George): Benjamin Wallis (V).
BARKINGSIDE (St Laurence): Ernie Guest (V), Sue Taylor (AC), Catherine Elliott, Sharon Guest (RDR).

Diocese of Byumba (Rwanda)

17 Tuesday

GOODMAYES (All Saints): Petros Nyatsanza (V).
GOODMAYES (St Paul): Ben Rutt-Field (V).
Diocese of Calabar (Niger Delta, Nigeria).

18 Wednesday

GREAT ILFORD (St Margaret of Antioch and St Clement): Stephen Pugh (V).
Diocese of Calcutta (North India).

19 Thursday

GREAT ILFORD (St Alban): Stuart Halstead (PIC), Sue Miell (RDR).
GREAT ILFORD (St Andrew): Marie Segal (PIC), Hayley Morris (RDR).
Dioceses of Caledonia (Yukon, Canada) and Calgary (Rupert's Land, Canada).

20 Friday

GREAT ILFORD (St John the Evangelist) [Seven Kings]: Jon Evens (V), Jean Richards (RDR).
Diocese of California (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church USA).

21 Saturday

Pray for all those who teach God's word in a world hungry for knowledge.
Diocese of Cameroon [Region Missionaire] (West Africa)

22 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for the people who use their talents and skill to write hymns and music that enrich our worship.



St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow

www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk

St. Andrew, Sandon

www.sandon-church.info

part of the
Chelmer-Crouch Group Ministry

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER 15th 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, 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

We gather in the joy of the resurrection of Christ, to worship and adore him, and to renew faith and hope for ourselves and for one another. Let us worship God with eyes open to the presence of Christ among us.

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

The first Christians live in the power of the resurrection, in their faith and joy sharing everything with one another.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as

many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1 - 2.2

Walking in God's light, we find joy and forgiveness.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

²My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The truth of the resurrection becomes clear even to Thomas, for whom Jesus provides the evidence he needs.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PEACE
BE TO YOU

The Gospel Choir

Monday 16th April

8pm

Saint Andrew's, Sandon *This is singing for pleasure, please come and join us.*

Christian Studies Group

An introduction to the New Testament

Wednesday

7.30pm - 9.00pm

St Andrew's Room, Sandon

This is an open group, intended to be a fairly lightweight introduction to the NT for 'the man/woman in the street'

9th May - The Gospels

16th May - The Acts of the Apostles

23rd May - The Letters

30th May - Revelation

LITTLE BADDOW

OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 12th 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.

Prayer of the Week

Blessed Saviour, who in your hours of desolation hung upon the cross, stretching forth your loving arms: embrace us in those arms, that your cross may be our cross; so that we may embrace all who are desolate, and for whom you died and rose again, that all people may live like you in the image and likeness of your Father, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory for ever more. Amen.

Anthony Phillips

Question of the week:

Should Churches be favoured when it comes to tax?

Yes No