

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / VOCATIONS SUNDAY

10am Come Together Eucharist at St Andrew's,  
Sandon

*with the Gospel Choir*

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

#### *Philip and James, Apostles*

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer  
[Sandon]

10.00 House Communion [St Andrew's Chapel,  
North Hill, Little Baddow]

### 6<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]

11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

16.00 Messy Church [St Andrew's, Little  
Baddow]

### Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

*No Services*

*Monday 30 April at 7.30pm*

### **LITTLE BADDOW COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

*Meeting at the URC Chapel*

## PINTS OF VIEW

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 8pm  
at The Generals**

## LITTLE BADDOW PASTORAL VISITORS

**Meeting**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8pm  
Nurse's Cottage, North Hill.**



## Inter-village Sponsored Walk

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May.**

**10.15 start**

St Mary's Little Baddow to St Andrew's Sandon and back via 'The Crown'

**For more info and sponsor forms please contact:**

**David Farrar (471484) or Malcolm Breeze (225089)**

Supporting your local Church and

THE ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL  
(STANMORE)



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*

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**

**Vocations Sunday**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

*"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

**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**

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we give thanks for God's loving care of us and for the promise of resurrection

### **Collect**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### **First Reading**

*Acts 4:5-12*

**Filled with God's Holy Spirit, Peter explains  
that he has healed the lame man in the name of**

## **Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead to bring salvation and healing.**

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### **Second Reading**

*1 John 3:16-24*

**The Spirit enables us to recognise Jesus as the Son of God, who showed God's love by dying for us and who asks us to love one another in practical ways, in his name.**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **Gospel**

*John 10:11-18*

**Extending the biblical image of God as a good shepherd, Jesus reveals his identity and promises to lay down his life to save his Father's sheep, trusting in the resurrection.**

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

#### **29 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

Please pray for our representatives on National Synod as the Church is faced with problems, both financial and spiritual.

Pray, too, for Canon Richard More, the Director of Ordinands, his staff and everyone involved in selecting men and women for ministry.

*Anglican Church of Kenya, Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala, Primate*

We pray for the Church: that, like good shepherds, Christian leaders may search for a safe path for us through the dangers of dogma and doubt.

*We pray for the world: that, like good shepherds, all governments may feed and care for their flocks, protecting them from harm.*

We pray for ourselves: that, like good shepherds, we may all tend to the weak and the vulnerable, and to those who suffer in any way.

*We pray for those who mourn: trusting in the promise of our divine Good Shepherd to lead us all into eternal life.*

The Revd Clive Ashley, Priest-in-Charge

Mrs Liz Barnes, Ordinand

Ms Alison Buchanan, Pastoral Assistant

Mr Charles Cope Reader

Mr Brian Gilders, Reader

The Revd Canon Christine McCafferty, Hon. Assistant Priest

The Revd Chris Poulard, Hon. Assistant Priest

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