

**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

**13<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer 1662*) [S]  
09.15 Parish Eucharist [S]  
11.00 Parish Eucharist [LB]  
18.30 United Evening Worship [LB-URC]

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day**

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Sandon]  
10.00 Holy Communion [St Mary's Church, Little Baddow]  
19.30 **Chelmer Crouch Group Ascension Day United Eucharist** [LB]

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer 1662*) [LB]  
09.15 Family Service [LB]  
11.00 Messy Church [S]



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

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

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another... You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:12, 14)*

**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**

Jesus said: "You are my friends if you do what I command you." In this Eucharist we recognise his presence in the bread and wine, and as his friends, we obey his command to "do this in remembrance".

**Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us

**the gospel choir**

**21<sup>st</sup> May at 8pm**

**St Andrew's, Sandon**

**Come and enjoy singing**

**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)

**Pentecost Sunday**

**27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Walk for Water**

*the walk starts at 9.00 a.m. from the URC, bring your own container + 10.30am United Service in the URC Chapel*

**PINTS OF VIEW**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 8pm**

**at The Crown, Sandon**

to eternal joy;  
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

*Acts 10:44-48*

***The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles who have heard Peter preach in Caesarea. Peter sees this as a sign that all who believe in Jesus may be baptised into the faith.***

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### Second Reading

*1 John 5:1-6*

***John meditates on the love of God and the response of faith as testified by the Spirit, that leads to "the victory that overcomes the world".***

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

### Gospel

*John 15:9-17*

***Jesus speaks to his disciples not as servants but as friends. They are to abide in his love and obey his command to love one another.***

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### 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'*

9<sup>th</sup> May - The Gospels

**16<sup>th</sup> May - The Acts of the Apostles**

23<sup>rd</sup> May - The Letters

30<sup>th</sup> May - Revelation

### The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Jesus stirred such angst within the Jewish community that his profile was found in all the postal offices in the land. **Mk 3:6, Mt 26:4**