

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST**

09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]  
11.00 United Eucharist [LB-URC]  
18.30 Evensong [LB]

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [St John's, Danbury]  
10.00 House Communion [Cuddington, Colam Lane LB]  
12.00 [S]Funeral: Malcolm Eden

**3<sup>rd</sup> June TRINITY SUNDAY - QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]  
11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

**Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

*No Services*

**Bank Holiday Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

*No Services*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [LB]  
10.00 House Communion [St Mary's, LB]

**PINTS OF VIEW**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 8pm**  
**at The Crown, Sandon**

Come join the Jubilee Celebrations at St Andrew's Church, Sandon.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**"The Queen A Life In Flowers"**

*A Flower Festival in celebration of the HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee*

**Open Sunday 12.00- 4.30,**

**Monday & Tuesday 11.00 -5.00**



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Diamond Jubilee Parish Eucharist**  
**11.00 am**



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Jubilee Fete**  
**in the Church Grounds**  
**1.00-4.00pm**

*Gift Stall Books and Toys Cream Teas Ducks in a Pool Cakes Raffle Burgers and Hot Dogs Messy Church Tent and more*



**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*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth... because he will take what is mine and declare it to you."*

**A warm welcome is extended to all visitors.**

*Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are normally served after the main morning 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 day of Pentecost, we give thanks for the power of God's love, resting on each one of us. Come, Holy Spirit, and set our hearts ablaze in wonder and worship!

***Collect***

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***First Reading***

*Acts 2:1-21*

**Joel's prophecy helps Peter to understand the gifts of Pentecost: God's Spirit empowers men and women to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations.**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:22-27*

**As we wait in hope, yearning for our promised redemption, the Spirit lifts our prayers into the heart of God.**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,

because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## Gospel

*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

**Jesus promises to send the Spirit of truth to all his followers, to help them interpret and apply his teaching in today's world.**

'When the Advocate\* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate\* will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about\* sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**