

Sunday 24th June

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
11.00 United Eucharist [LB]
13.00 Baptism [S] Annie Clubb
18.30 Evensong [LB]

Monday 25th

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

Tuesday 26th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 27th

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

Thursday 28th

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, Boreham]
10.00 House Communion [1 Pledgers, High Pastures, LB]

Sunday 1st July

ST PETER AND ST PAUL

09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]
11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
16.00 Messy Church [St Andrew's, Little Baddow]

**Please remember the 'Cuckoo's Farm' Service which takes place on Sunday 1st July at 10.30am after the 09.15 Eucharist at St Mary's.*



St Mary the Virgin

Little Baddow

www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk

St. Andrew, Sandon

www.sandon-church.info

part of the

Chelmer-Crouch Group Ministry

3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY

Birth of John the Baptist

24th June 2012

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 and in the St Andrew's Room at St Andrew's. Please stay and meet people



Pints of View

Men's Discussion Night

Monday 25th June @ 8pm
In The Generals, Little Baddow



ESSEX POLICE CHOIR CONCERT

at St Andrew's, Sandon

Saturday 14th July @ 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 (+Wine +nibbles)

Available from Michael (222066) Janet (472997)

Christine (281305) and Clive (243863)



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If there is anyone, of any age, who wishes to enquire about Confirmation and/or Baptism, they are encouraged to speak to Clive (Parish Priest) after a Sunday morning service or call him in the week. Preparation for Confirmation can be arranged to meet individual needs.

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Receiving Holy Communion

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 before the service starts.



For 5 minutes

before any Service begins PLEASE allow others to keep a time of prayerful quiet in preparation to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Introduction and Call to Worship

Let us praise God together as we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ the Messiah

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
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

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Isaiah declares that God is speaking comfort to Jerusalem and that Jerusalem will be the place of God's coming to the earth in might and in gentleness.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading

Acts 13:14b-26

Paul, speaking in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, reviews the history of Israel's relation to God, concluding with John the Baptist, the immediate forerunner of Jesus the Saviour.

¹⁴but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of

exhortation for the people, give it.' ¹⁶So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. ²²When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." ²³Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." ²⁶'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Gospel

Luke 1:57-66, 80

John the Baptist is born; his father gives him a name and praises God.

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.'

⁶¹They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.'

⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea.

⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,

whose prophet John the Baptist
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world:
grant that we who in this sacrament

have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Bible texts can be found on-line at:

www.devotions.net/bible

The Bible version used in today's pew sheet is the

New Revised Standard Version