

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY**

08.00 Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer 1662*) [LB]

09.15 Family Service [LB]

11.00 Messy Church [S]

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [South Woodham Ferrers Parish Church]

10.00 House Communion [Nurses Cottage, North Hill LB]

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**MARY MAGDALENE**

09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]

11.00 United Eucharist [St Mary's, LB]

18.30 Evensong [LB]

**Monday 23<sup>rd</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 [S]

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [South Woodham Ferrers Parish Church]

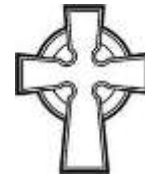
10.00 House Communion [Longwood Chase, The Ridge LB]

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10.00 *'Come Together'*

*Parish Eucharist [St Mary's, LB]*



**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*

**Priest-in-Charge**

The Revd Clive A. Ashley

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**15<sup>th</sup> July 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*

**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.

## **"TRANSFORMING PRESENCE" WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 6th October**

We have already drawn your attention to this blueprint from the Bishop of Chelmsford Stephen Cottrell, for the future needs of the Diocese, and that, of course, includes the future needs of Little Baddow and Sandon Parish churches! (Copies are available in church if you have not yet had one). As members of the Chelmer-Crouch Group of parish churches, we have now been invited to send up to 8 representatives from each Church to this group workshop, **If you would like to attend, please give your name to Clive as soon as possible.** DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED. The PCC's believe it would be in our best interests to have maximum representation.

**Tel: 01245 243863 /07939 509628**

**Email: [cliveashley@btinternet.com](mailto:cliveashley@btinternet.com)**



**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**

Today we hear of the integrity and courage of John the Baptist who remains true to his calling even when imprisoned and his life in danger. Let us praise God for his faithfulness to us and thank him for the many blessings and gifts we receive from him in Christ Jesus

## Collect

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.

## Today's Readings

### First Reading *Amos 7:7-15*

**Amos asserts that he is not a "paid" prophet who has to earn his bread. Rather he is a prophet called by God to leave his farming work in order to prophesy to the people of Israel.**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

### Second Reading *Ephesians 1:3-14*

**Paul praises God for all the blessings he has shown us and the gifts he offers us in and through Christ Jesus.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according

to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### Gospel *Mark 6:14-29*

**We hear the story of the execution of John the Baptist on the orders of Herod Antipas.**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## Prayer and its uses



*A series of Wednesday evenings talks and led discussions given by*  
**The Revd. Geoff Griggs**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
**7.30pm – 9.00pm**  
**in Sandon Parish Church**

