

Sunday 22nd July

MARY MAGDALENE

09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]

10.30 United Morning Worship [URC Chapel, LB]

18.30 Evensong [LB]

Monday 23rd

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

Tuesday 24th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 25th

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 26th

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

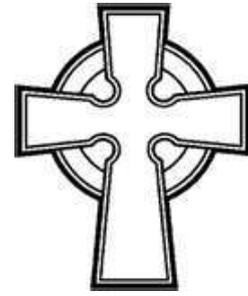
10.00 House Communion [Longwood Chase, The Ridge LB]

Sunday 29th July

8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 'Come Together'

Parish Eucharist [St Mary's, LB]



St Mary the Virgin Little Baddow

www.littlebaddowchurches.org.uk

St. Andrew, Sandon

www.sandon-church.info

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Chelmer-Crouch Group Ministry

Priest-in-Charge

The Revd Clive A. Ashley

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"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.
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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.

Prayer and its uses



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

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd August

7.30pm – 9.00pm

in Sandon Parish Church



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

As we respond to the call to worship today, let us hold in our thoughts and prayers the knowledge that each of us has a vocation – not just for life, but day by day, hour by hour and moment by moment

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
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 *Song of Solomon 3:1-4*
In the opening lines of the "Love's dream" colloquy of the bride, she recounts her search for her bridegroom. She roams the city at night, asking the sentinels if they have seen him. When she finds him, she holds on to him tightly until she has brought him back to her mother's house.

Upon my bed at night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.
2 'I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him, but found him not.
3 The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
4 Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:14-17*
Christ's death and resurrection changed everything irrevocably. Since he died "there is a new creation... everything has become new!"

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18

Mary Magdalene becomes the first witness to the resurrection of Jesus.
Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other

disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD

- Chelmsford Diocese is part of the [Church of England](#) and the worldwide [Anglican Communion](#).
- We are a church region of about 1,500 square miles.
- We cover Essex, the unitary authorities of Southend and Thurrock and the five East London boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.
- Thames Gateway, M11 corridor and Stansted airport, Harwich seaport, main site for the London 2012 Olympic games are all inside this region.
- Population of 2,854,000.
- 68% of the population (or 1,940,720 persons) are Christian (2001 Census).
- This is the second largest Church region in England (after London).
 - [Barking Area](#) / [Bradwell Area](#) / [Colchester Area](#)
- [474 parishes](#).
- 600 churches.
- [140 church schools](#).
- [Bishop of Chelmsford](#) + 3 area bishops
 - [Barking](#); [Bradwell](#); [Colchester](#)
- 4 archdeacons
 - Harlow; West Ham; Southend; Colchester
- 26 area or rural deans
- 380 paid clergy.
- 111 self-financing clergy.
- 339 lay readers.
- 27 chaplains in the health, industry, prisons and education sectors.
- About 50,000 people on church electoral rolls