

Sunday 29th July

8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 'Come Together'

Parish Eucharist [St Mary's, LB]

Monday 30th

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

Tuesday 31st

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 1st

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 2nd

08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [St Mary's Church LB]

10.00 Holy Communion [St Mary's Church LB]

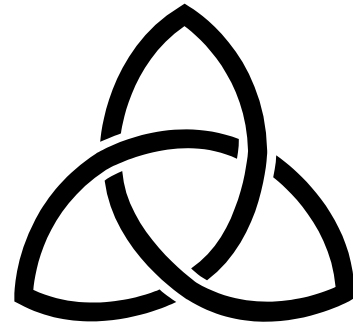
Sunday 5th August

9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

09.15 Parish Eucharist [LB]

11.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

12.30 Burial of Ashes [S]



**St Mary the Virgin
Little Baddow**

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St. Andrew, Sandon

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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

Jesus is the bread of life. As we come to him today, let us seek nourishment for our souls and willingly offer our lives in his service

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and
ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

First Reading *2 Kings 4:42-44*

Elisha has a choice. As a man of God he is given the first fruits of the harvest and he could have kept the food to himself. His response to the gift, however, is to share it with those in need, and so God blesses it.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' ⁴³But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." ' ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Second Reading *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Paul's amazing prayer is for us to have inner strength and spiritual vision: that Christ will be central in our lives and that we will know his energy working through us in ways we can barely imagine.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gospel *John 6:1-21*

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand the presence and direction of Jesus are emphasised far more than in the other Gospels.

Aware of the Passover's nearness, he nourishes the crowd on different levels, physical provision prefiguring spiritual self-offering.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**