

Church Services December 2012

Sunday 9th ADVENT 2

- 08.00 Holy Communion (1662) [S]
09.15 Parish Eucharist [S]
11.00 Parish Eucharist [[Saint Andrew's Rooms, North Hill, Little Baddow]
18.30 United Evening Worship [LB-URC]

Monday 10th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, LB]

Tuesday 11th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Wednesday 12th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 13th

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [tba]
10.00 House Communion at [LB]

Sunday 16th ADVENT 3

- 08.00 Holy Communion (1662) [LB]
09.15 Morning Worship [[Saint Andrew's LB]
11.00 Messy Church [S]
18.00 Carol Service [LB-URC Chapel]
19.30 Nine Lessons and Carols [S]

Monday 17th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's, LB]

Tuesday 18th

- 09.15 Holy Communion [S]

20.00 Beer and Carols @ The Rodney, North Hill, Little Baddow

Wednesday 19th

- 09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [S]

Thursday 20th

- 08.30 Chelmer Crouch Group Morning Prayer [LB]
10.00 House Communion at [LB]

20.00 Beer and Carols @ The Crown, Sandon

Sunday 23rd ADVENT 4

- 09.15 Jubilate Eucharist [S]
11.00 United Family Eucharist [Saint Andrew's Rooms, North Hill, LB]
16.00 Christingle Service [LB Memorial Hall]

Monday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

- 16.00 Christingle Service [S]
23.30 'Midnight Mass' [Venue TBA - LB]
23.30 'Midnight Mass' [S]

Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10.00 Carols 'round the Crib [S]
10.00 Carols 'round the Crib [LB Memorial Hall]
followed by a shortened said Holy Communion Service

Sunday 30th THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 10.00 'Come Together' Eucharist [Sandon]



The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

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The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Little Baddow

are part of the
Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches
Priest-in-Charge: The Revd Clive A. Ashley

2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT 9th December 2012

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All Baptised and Confirmed 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.

Communicants requiring *gluten-free wafers* are asked to identify themselves to a Sides person before the service starts.

BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION

If you are not yet Baptised and/or Confirmed and would like to make some initial enquiries, please feel free to ask Clive (the Parish Priest) or call him on 243862.



For 5 minutes before our Service of worship begins together
PLEASE allow a time to be quiet and permit others to keep a time of prayerful quiet in preparation to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.



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 for a coffee

Introduction and Call to Worship

Let us use this time of worship to prepare the way of the Lord and to remove all the barriers in our hearts and lives that make us unready for the coming of Christ.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Readings

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord's terrible, judging messenger is coming.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

Paul gives thanks for the Philippians, and prays that that their faith will bear fruit and enable them to come safely before Christ's judgement.

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist, God's messenger, breaks into the ongoing history of the world.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." "

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen



Beer and Carols

Join us at 8pm on
Tuesday 18th December
at The Rodney, North Hill, Little Baddow
and/or
Thursday 20th December
at The Crown, Sandon



Christingle Services

Sunday 23rd in Little Baddow
(Memorial Hall) at 4pm
and on
Christmas Eve in Sandon
(The Parish Church) at 4pm