

Church Services December 2012

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]



*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



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

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT 16th 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 wor-
ship our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.*

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries may likewise so prepare and make
ready your way by turning the hearts of the
disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your
sight; for you are alive and reign with the Fa-
ther in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. . Amen

Today's Readings

First Reading Zephaniah 3.14-20

A Song of Joy
 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem!
 The LORD has taken away the judgements against
 you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands grow weak.
 The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness,
 he will renew you in his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing
 as on a day of festival.
 I will remove disaster from you,
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.
 I will deal with all your oppressors
 at that time.
 And I will save the lame
 and gather the outcast,
 and I will change their shame into praise
 and renown in all the earth.
 At that time I will bring you home,
 at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and praised
 among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes
 before your eyes, says the LORD.

Second Reading Philippians 4.4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Luke 3.7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every

tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his face;
 who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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