

Church Services *December 2012*

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]

As most of the congregation at Sandon already know Clive will soon not be serving us as our Priest and will be installed at Danbury at the end of January 2013

Let us all wish him and Lesley every success for the future, Clive in his new position and both Lesley and Clive in their new home.

We have learned a lot from both of them in their short time with us, let us all continue the good work that Clive has taught us and may we all go forward with the knowledge we have been given in the name and spirit of God and his son Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU CLIVE AND LESLEY FOR ALL YOU HAVE TAUGHT US AND THE FRIENDSHIP YOU HAVE BOTH GIVEN.

MAY GOD GO WITH YOU BOTH



The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

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

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT 23th 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

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Readings

Micah 5: 2-5

² *But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his
God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be
great
to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Hebrew 10: 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1: 39-45

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Christingle Services

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

Weather permitting

Carols in The Lintons

Christmas Eve at 6.30pm

Residents of The Lintons and Gablefields are invited to come to the last cul-de-sac in The Lintons- bringing your mulled wine and mince pies and a torch!

Music and Carol Sheets will be supplied.