

Church Services Easter 2013

Date	Time	Festival	Type of Service
Sun 24 Mar	9:15 am	Palm Sunday	Sung Eucharist
Wed 27 Mar	9:30 am	Mid-Week Service	Celtic Morning Prayer
Thu 28 Mar	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar
Fri 29 Mar	2:30 pm	Good Friday	Easter Garden Service
Sun 31 Mar	10:00 am	Easter Day	Sung Eucharist



The Parish Church of St. Andrew Sandon

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is part of the

Chelmer-Crouch Group of Churches

Priest-in-Charge: Vacant Position



Easter Day

Holy Communion Service

All Welcome

10am



Easter

Teas & flowers



Sunday & Monday

2 - 4pm



Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are normally served after the main morning Service in the St Andrew's Room at St Andrew's.

Please stay for a coffee

**We welcome today
The Venerable David Lowman
Archdeacon of Chelmsford**

**Easter Sunday
31st March 2013**

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 one of the Church Wardens

Mrs Janet Terry or Mr Michael Puffett



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.

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings

Old Testament Acts 10.34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel John 20.1-18

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. So 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus 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." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.



The 2013 School of Prayer

organised by the *Chelmer Crouch Group of Churches*

The 2013 School of Prayer is being organised by the *Chelmer Crouch Group of Churches* and welcomes anyone of any church or none to explore different approaches to prayer from within the Christian tradition.

The introductory sessions will be held on one evening a month starting at 8pm and finishing at 9.30pm. The sessions will be held either in the Church itself or associated Church meeting room / hall (further details will be available throughout the year).

Each evening will consist of three key elements: an introductory talk; an opportunity to experience prayer and praying; an opportunity to meet, discuss, share thoughts over a cup of tea/coffee.

There is no course or session fee, however a contribution towards refreshments would be appreciated.

Please call any of the CCG clergy for further details.

Thursday 11th April

8pm in the meeting room opposite the main entrance door to

St John the Baptist, Danbury

Celtic Prayer

Led by The Revd Clive Ashley, Priest-in-Charge of St John the Baptist, Danbury and St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow.

Morning, Midday and Evening Prayer - is at the core of the life of the 'Northumbria Community' and other Celtic based Communities who also follow the rich tradition of monastic communities through the centuries. A regular cycle of daily prayers constitutes the essential rhythm of life around which other activities can take their proper place. Saying or praying the Office can be a routine part of the Christian community meeting together and a routine part for individuals and families. The words of the Daily Office are drawn from a variety of sources, such as St Patrick's Breastplate, Teresa's Bookmark, Columba's Blessing. Morning and Evening Prayer include scripture readings, meditations and prayers there is an opportunity to pray whatever is on your mind and heart, offering to God the concerns of the day, your personal needs and prayers for other people.

Come along and find out more