

Services April/May 2013

Date	Time	Festival	Type of Service
Sun 7 Apr	11:00 am	Easter 2	Sung Eucharist
<i>Tue 9 Apr</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
Sun 14 Apr	9:15 am	Easter 3	Sung Eucharist
<i>Tue 16 Apr</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
Sun 21 Apr	10:30 am	Easter 4	Messy Church
<i>Tue 23 Apr</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wed 24 Apr</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 28 Apr	9:15 am	Easter 5	Sung Eucharist
<i>Tue 30 Apr</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
Sun 5 May	11:00 am	Easter 6	Sung Eucharist
<i>Tue 7 May</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wed 8 May</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 12 May	8:00 am	Easter 7	Said Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Easter 7	Sung Eucharist
<i>Tue 14 May</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
Sun 19 May	9:15 am	Pentecost	Sung Eucharist
	10:30 am	Pentecost	Messy Church
<i>Tue 21 May</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wed 22 May</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Mid-Week Service</i>	<i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 26 May	9:15 am	Trinity Sunday	Sung Eucharist



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



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

We welcome today
Canon Christine McCafferty

2nd Sunday of Easter
7th April 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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Readings

Old Testament Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Revelation 1. 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. 'When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to be-

lieve that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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