

Sunday 8th May 2022

11.00 Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Monday 9th May

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 15th May

08.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.30 Morning Worship at the Chapel – A celebration of the life of Revd. John Geyer

11-00 Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Monday 16th May

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 22nd May 2022

11.00 Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Thursday 26th May 2022 – Ascension Day

19.30 Compass Churches Ascension Day Service at St John's, Danbury

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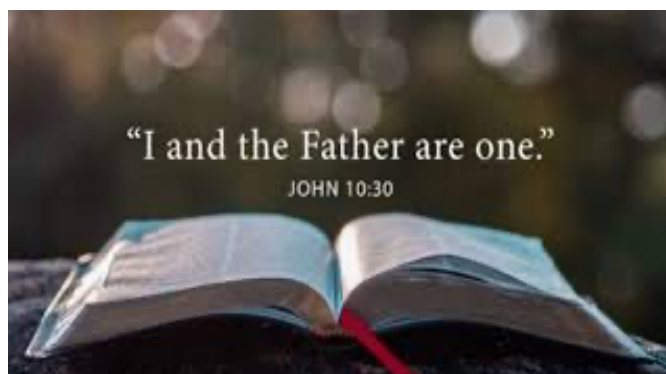
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The Churches in Little Baddow

St Mary the Virgin (C of E)

(One of The Compass Churches)

and

The Chapel (URC)

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8th, 15th, 22nd & 26th May 2022

**FOURTH, FIFTH & SIXTH SUNDAYS OF EASTER
and ASCENSION DAY**

Welcome

To our ecumenical Pew News and to our churches today.

**NB. The wearing of face coverings is optional.
There are 'safe' areas at the back of both Church
and Chapel for any who wish to use them.**

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those known to you who are unwell or sad at this time and for the people who care for them.

✠ Remember too, the faithful departed, commending them to God's love and mercy:

Your prayers are also asked for all that is going on in our village community, for each other and for those who minister to us

For 5 minutes before the Service PLEASE allow yourself time to be quiet and permit others to keep a time of prayerful preparation to worship our Lord Jesus Christ

**A HEARING AID LOOP SYSTEM OPERATES
DURING SERVICES IN CHURCH**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS

Acts 9: 36-end

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10: 22-30

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has

given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.

See extra page for 15th -26th May Services

Traidcraft Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th May 2022

10-12noon

at St Andrew's Room

Come and chat with friends, old and new, over coffee and cake and do some sustainable shopping



Chelmsford Foodbank

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

Next Foodbank delivery is on Monday 9th May

The following items are in short supply

Crisps.	Cuppa soups
Long life Fruit juice.	Sponge puddings
Powdered potato sachets.	Long life milk (full/semi)
Powdered custard sachets	Tea bags (40s)

'Pints of View'

Monday 9th May, 7.30pm on Zoom, or 8pm at the General's

Contact Mark Button (467286)

Men's discussion group over a pint or two of beer



Christian Aid Week 15th-22nd May

Jessica lives in drought-ridden Zimbabwe and

struggles to grow food to feed her family. This loving Mum, and many others like her, want to provide for their children, but severe lack of rainfall means they desperately need our help. It is no longer possible for us to do the 'house to house' collections, as in the past, and so Collections at St Mary's on Sunday 15th May will be given to Christian Aid.

Donations can also be made through [justgiving.com/fundraising/Danbury2022](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Danbury2022) or contact Richard Godden (223873) for other methods of payment

Please be as generous as you can

Advance dates for your diaries:

15th-21st May – Christian Aid Week

Sunday 15th May

At the Chapel

10.30 The Service of Morning Worship at the Chapel, led by the Elders, will be a Celebration for the life of the Revd. John B Geyer

At the close of worship, the Geyer family will lay a memorial plaque. If any wish to attend, they will be most welcome.

At St Mary's

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

READINGS

Acts 11: 1-18

Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very

moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The

Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

John 13: 31-35

The New Commandment

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'



Open Gardens

Saturday 21st May

11am to 5pm

Do you remember Open Gardens in pre-Covid times?

Well, it's back - Come and enjoy a super day out!

Lovely gardens - plant sales - History Centre - Pimms and prosecco - vintage/classic cars - marching band - historic church and chapel - chance to ring the bells - art display - homemade lunches/teas, and watch and listen for a possible Spitfire flypast

Adults £7 in advance or £8 on the day

Under 16s free

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Sunday 22nd May**READINGS****Acts 16: 9-15****Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia**

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

John 5: 1-9**Jesus Heals on the Sabbath**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' ⁷ The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' ⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Ascension Day – 26th May**READINGS****The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Luke 24: 44-end**Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

