

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

08.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**11.00 Village Carol Service at The Chapel**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

16.00 Messy Church Nativity – Special Delivery at St Mary's (see panel)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

11.00 Parish Eucharist Service at St Mary's

**Sharing in Ministry at St Mary's & The Chapel**

**At St Mary's**

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**Christmas Services in Little Baddow**

**Saturday 21 Dec Messy Nativity @ 4pm**

**Christmas Eve - 'Midnight' Mass @ 9pm**

**Christmas Day - Carols round the Crib @ 10am**

followed by a shortened Holy Communion for those who wish to stay

All above services are at St Mary's

**Sunday 29 Dec - United 'End of the Year'**

**Service at 10.30am @ The Chapel**



*The Churches in Little Baddow*

*The Chapel (URC)*

*And*

*St Mary the Virgin (C of E)*

*(One of The Compass Churches)*

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*15<sup>th</sup> December 2024*

**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT**

*Welcome*

To our churches today and our ecumenical

**Pew News**

If you are a visitor to our Church or Chapel today, please make yourself known to our Ministers, Sidespeople or Stewards. You are warmly invited to join us for coffee, tea and biscuits after the Service (before the Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at St Mary's)

**INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for those known to you who are unwell, sad or anxious 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 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

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 Father in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen

## 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. Amen

## READINGS

### Zephaniah 3: 14-end

#### A Song of Joy

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter  
Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> 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.  
<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do  
not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow  
weak. <sup>17</sup> 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 <sup>18</sup> as on  
a day of festival I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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..

### Luke 3: 7-18

#### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

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? <sup>8</sup> Bear 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. <sup>9</sup> Even 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.' <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, 'What then  
should we do?' <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them,  
'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone

who has none; and whoever has food must do  
likewise.' <sup>12</sup> Even tax-collectors came to be  
baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what  
should we do?' <sup>13</sup> He said to them, 'Collect no  
more than the amount prescribed for  
you.' <sup>14</sup> Soldiers 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.'  
<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and  
all were questioning in their hearts concerning  
John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John  
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. <sup>17</sup> His 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.' <sup>18</sup> So, with many  
other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news  
to the people.



Village Carol Service  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
11am at The Chapel

Collection for the Salvation  
Army's Christmas Gift Appeal.



No Coffee after this Service, but there will be Coffee  
after our United Service on 29<sup>th</sup> December



Messy Church does  
**The Nativity**  
~ a special delivery...

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**4:00 pm**

in the beautiful, atmospheric setting of  
**St Mary's Church, Little Baddow**

Everyone welcome – come, listen and join in if you like  
– props provided  
Christmas refreshments afterwards

Questions? Email [messychurch@littlebaddowchurches.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@littlebaddowchurches.org.uk)

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24<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight Mass, 9pm at St Mary's