

**SUN BREAKFAST TOGETHER** - Join us for a buffet style breakfast with cereals, toast, croissants, coffee and tea every third Sunday in the month. Next Breakfast : **17 December 2017.**

**COME TOGETHER** - Informal evening worship. **5.00 p.m.** every 2nd Sunday in the Main Hall. Next Service: **14 January 2018**

**MON MORNING PRAYER - 9.00 a.m.** in Church every Monday (except Bank Holidays).

**PENSIONERS' PRAISE - 2.00 p.m.** All welcome! You don't have to be a pensioner. Next service: **5 February**

**TUE TODDLERS** - From **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** in the hall every Tuesday in term time. Please contact the office if you would like a place.

**COFFEE DROP-IN** - Tea, coffee, cakes and chat every Tuesday morning from **10.00 a.m. to 12 noon** in the Atrium.

**THU LADIES ON THURSDAY** - A chance for ladies to explore and grow in the Christian faith, from **9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** in the Small Hall, in term time.

**LADIES BOOK CLUB - 8.00 p.m.** in the Small Hall. Next Meeting: **18 January**

**FRI TODDLERS** - From **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** in the hall every Friday in term time. Please contact the office to join the waiting list.

**YOUTH CLUB** - Calling 11 - 16 year olds! Come and join the youth team for various fun activities in the Church Hall.

**Every Friday in term time from 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.**

**SAT DAMBUSTERS** - Fun, games, coffee and bacon rolls for dads plus under 5s. Third Saturday of every month from **8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.** in the hall. Next meeting: **16 December**

**CORNERSTONE COFFEE SHOP**  
**Open weekday mornings 8.45 a.m. — 12 noon**

## Prayer Focus

**If there is a prayer need that you would like sent around our prayer circle please contact the Church Office or Marigold Benbough 01277 624960.**

**Please pray for people on our Church Electoral Roll:**

**Give thanks for** a very successful first church Bazaar for 30 years

**Please pray for the bereaved families of:**

**For those who are ill, or who have specific needs:**

**For our Mission Partners:**

**Associate Priest: Rev Margaret Fowler**

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Days off: Tuesday and Friday

**Church Warden: Val Sheppard 01277 652639**

**Church Warden: Susan Goldsmith 01277 650932**

**Youth Outreach Worker: Liz Skudder (On maternity leave)**

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Rest Day: Saturday

**Church Office:**

Open Monday to Thursday 9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

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## Christ Church, Billericay

*"To know Jesus better and to make Jesus better known"*

**10 December 2017**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10.00 a.m. Family Communion**

**Lead/Preside:** Rev Margaret Fowler

**Preach:** Catherine Benbough

**Bible Readings:** Isaiah 40: 1-11

**Small Print:** 723 **Large Print:** 1119

Mark 1: 1-8

**Small Print:** 1002 **Large Print:** 1551

**Songs:**

**SOF 192**

How lovely on the mountains

**SOF 315**

Jubilate, everybody

**SCREEN**

One red candle

**SOF 449**

O, the joy of your forgiveness

**SOF 783**

How wonderful

**5.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service**

With Buttsbury Junior School Choir

**A Prayer for this week:**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

**Next Sunday 17 December 2017**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**8.00a.m. Holy Communion**

**Lead:** Catherine Benbough

**Preach/Preside** Rev Margaret Fowler

**10.00 a.m. Celebration Nativity and Baptism**

**Lead:** Rev Margaret Fowler

**Preach:** Carol Cockcroft

**HEARING LOOP PROVIDED**

## CHRIST CHURCH

### CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS – URGENT!

We need as much help as you can give us please to deliver the Christmas cards to our community. Please take whatever roads you can from the table in the lobby.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER - METHODIST CHURCH 1.00 P.M.

This is your invitation to enjoy good food with good company on **Christmas Day at 1.00 p.m.** There is no charge, and transport can be arranged. To book your place please call 01277 637174 no later than Monday, 18 December.

### NEW CHRIST CHURCH A-Z

Copies of the new A-Z are now available in the Church lobby. Suggested donation is 50p.

### USE OF CHURCH EQUIPMENT

If you want to borrow church equipment to take off-site could you kindly remember to ask a Church Warden or speak to the Church Office beforehand who will know if it is required for a service or event on site. Please ensure the item's prompt return.

### SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES – HELP NEEDED!

We have 7 schools carol services on 14, 15, 19, and 20 December. If you can offer a couple of hours to welcome and usher people in, do let Val Sheppard or Catherine in the office know. Extra help will be needed in the Coffee Shop on those dates so if you are able to help please contact Maureen Mynard.

### LIME TREES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Unfortunately, it has been discovered that one of the lime trees on the war memorial triangle has a fungus called 'Kretschmaria Deusta'. This causes severe decay and means the tree is likely to fall down at any moment. Basildon Borough Council have given permission/notice for this tree to be felled as a matter of urgency. This should be in the next 7-10 days. Meanwhile (and sadly) the Christmas lights will be removed from the tree.

### FORGING MEN - MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 7.30 P.M.

Curry and Quiz night at Indian Ruchi, 9 High Street, Billericay, or meet in The Crown pub at 7.00 p.m. Join us for a great evening of good food, and fun facts. Reserve your place by texting Julian on jul35d@gmail.com

### CURATE'S HOUSE, 9 ARUNDEL CLOSE

Following with the recommendation of the PCC in 2016 to offer the empty Curate's house to the government Vulnerable Persons' Resettlement Programme, a family of refugees originating from Syria has arrived in the UK and will move into the house on Thursday, 7 December. They are being supported by Essex Integration, a service provider chosen by Essex County Council. Visitors must be monitored, but if you are interested in supporting the family please speak to Rev Margaret Fowler.

### HELP NEEDED!

#### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – 10 DECEMBER 5.30 P.M.

We need help to serve refreshments after the Service please. Let Jo Fisher know on 655297 if you are able to help. We also need donations of mince pies, cakes and biscuits please.

#### CHRISTMAS TEA – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

Invitations are available if you know of anyone who would love to come. Please speak to Sue Potts if you can make sandwiches, or donate cakes. If you are able to come on the day just to chat to people around the table we would be pleased to see you.

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICES – CHRISTMAS EVE

We will need lots of helpers at each of our Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. We need people to welcome and direct people, fire wardens, people to help with the refreshments, and spare pairs of hands to ensure the oranges and Christingle packs are replenished between the services. If you can help please let Sue Goldsmith or the office know.

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP -

#### BILLERICAY TEAM MINISTRY & CTB

- Mon: Morning Prayer at Christ Church at 9.00 a.m.  
Tue: Morning Prayer at Emmanuel at 9.00 a.m.  
Wed: Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalen "The Church in the High Street" at 10.00 a.m.  
Shared between the Team Clergy  
Thur: Morning Prayer at St Mary the Virgin at 9.00 a.m.  
Fri: United in Prayer with CTB at St Mary Magdalen "The Church in the High Street" at 8.00 a.m.

## KEY DATES IN CHRIST CHURCH DIARY

- 10 December Advent Carol Service, 5.30 p.m.  
11 December Thanksgiving Service for Lily Knightbridge, 12 noon  
16 December Christmas Tea, 3 p.m.  
17 December Celebration Nativity! 10. a.m.  
24 December Christingle Services: 3, 4.15 & 5.30 p.m.  
24 December Midnight Communion, 11.30 p.m.  
25 December Family Communion Celebration, 10 a.m.  
25 December Christmas Dinner, Methodist Church Western Road 1 p.m.  
31 December Team Service, Christ Church  
8 January 2018 Christ Church DCC

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

**Morning Prayer is held in the Church every Monday at 9.00 a.m. when we pray for the Church and the world.**

**For Rev Margaret Fowler:** Please pray for Margaret as she prepares for a considerable number of Services.

**For Liz Skudder Outreach Worker:** Please pray for the Ignite Leaders Team.