

**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 : **TODAY 17 February 2019**

**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:

**4 March 2019**

**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.

**WED**

**PRAY TOGETHER** - an opportunity to pray and to listen to God. All welcome. **7.45 p.m.** in Church

**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.** Term time only.

**LADIES BOOK CLUB - 8.00 p.m.** in the Small Hall. Next Meeting: **28 February**. Film **Fri 22 February**, all welcome.

**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.** Next meeting **1 March**.

**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 February 2019**

**CORNERSTONE COFFEE SHOP** closed for half term and will re-open on **Monday 25 February**.

## Prayer Focus

If there is an urgent prayer request to be sent round 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 the volunteers who have come forward to help in the Church office and coffee shop recently.

Please pray for the bereaved families of:

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

For our Mission Partners:

Street Pastors Billericay; Schools Ministry Billericay; Jeremy & Kate Ellis (WEC); St Francis Church Ciamanda & Ciamanda School, Kenya; Pappy Daniel (Light of Hope Mission, India); Verity Butt (YWAM); Church Mission Society.

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## Christ Church, Billericay

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

**17 February 2019**

**Third Sunday before Lent**

**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Lead/Preside:** Rev Margaret Fowler

**Preach:** Pete Fisher

**Bible Readings:** Jeremiah 17: 5-10

**Small Print 776 Large Print 1201**

Luke 6: 17-26

**Small Print 1034 Large Print 1600**

**10.00 a.m. Celebration Sunday (Blessings and Woes)**

**Lead:** Rev Margaret Fowler

**Preach:** Mark Tiddy,

Bradwell Area Youth Adviser

**Bible Reading:** Luke 6: 17-26

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**Songs:**

**SOF 2007** Praise is rising

**SOF 728** Give me oil in my lamp

**SOF 1193** Blessed be Your name

**SOF 496** Shout for joy and sing

**A Prayer for this week:**

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

**24 February 2019**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

**10.00 Family Communion**

**Lead/Preside:** Rev Margaret Fowler

**Preach:** Catherine Benbough

**HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE**

## CHRIST CHURCH

### CHRIST CHURCH – AGM Reports for ADCM on 7 APRIL

If you lead a group at Christ Church could you please write a report for the Annual Report. Please either email your report to [dcc.sec@christchurch-billericay.co.uk](mailto:dcc.sec@christchurch-billericay.co.uk) or write the report and leave it in the Church Office. **Reports need to be received today, Sunday, 17 February.**

### YOUTH GROUP

The Friday night Youth Group has been going extremely well and the high numbers attending often means extra volunteers are needed. Working as a volunteer with children/young people is of course subject to requirements being met, but if you feel you would like to help at Youth Group, even once a month, do let Andy Butt know ([AandS.Butt@talktalk.net](mailto:AandS.Butt@talktalk.net)).

### VISIT TO KENYA

Margaret Fowler and Stuart Gibbs will be visiting Kenya from 13-20 March. Eric, the son of the Headteacher of Ciamanda Primary School has been diagnosed with Leukaemia and there is to be a fund-raising event in Ciamanda on 16 March to help pay for his treatment. and we would like to be there to support that event. If you feel you could give towards Eric's treatment please speak to Margaret. Also if you are able to donate any pens, pencils, children's underwear or socks (the girls wear long white socks), for the schoolchildren they would be most grateful.

### PENSIONERS' PRAISE 30TH BIRTHDAY

On 1 July 2019 we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Pensioners' Praise and we are delighted that Rt Rev Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne, who was the inspiration for Pensioners' Praise all those years ago, will be coming to speak at the Service. Please put the date in your diary – everyone is invited.

### PRAY TOGETHER

Please join us at "Pray Together" on a Wednesday evening at 7.45 p.m. when we spend time both praying and listening to God. Please take a copy of the notes

from prayers this week which are on the welcome table. There is also a copy on the "Pray Together" notice board.

### ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

In preparation for our ADCM/AGM in April, the Electoral Roll (ER) is to be completely updated. This happens every six years in accordance with Canon Law and means that everyone has to reapply to be included. Being on the ER identifies you as a full member of Christ Church and entitles you to vote at the ADCM/AGM. If you are baptised and aged over 16 and would like to go on the ER, please complete an application form and return it to Sue Goldsmith ASAP. There will also be an additional form to be completed to enable us to comply with GDPR Regulations.

## TEAM

### CTB CIVIC SERVICE – 10 MARCH

If you have never been to a Civic Service, then do think about coming along to the United Reform Church in Chapel Street at 3 p.m. on **10 March**. This Service is held every year in a different Church in Billericay at the request of the Billericay Town Council and is organised by Churches Together in Billericay.

### TEAM LENT COURSE

We are now planning to hold a Team Lent Course to be held at Christ Church on **13, 20 & 27 March** and **3 & 10 April**. The Course will be from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2019 on Reconciliation. Please put these dates in your diary and further information will be available shortly.

### BRADWELL AREA CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH - SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2019 AT 4 P.M.

If you have been thinking about becoming Confirmed, this may be the year for you! Our new Area Bishop, Bishop John Perumbalath, has requested confirmations to take place at Christ Church on 13 October at 4 p.m. Please speak to Rev Margaret Fowler if you feel you would like to be confirmed. Dates for Confirmation classes will be advised shortly.

### 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

18 February	PCC at Christ Church
1 March	Women's World Day of Prayer, Methodist Church, 10.30 a.m.
4 March	Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.
6 March	Ash Wednesday Communion Service at St Mary Magdalen at 8 p.m.
10 March	Civic Service, 3 p.m. at URC
11 March	DCC
13 March	Lent Course at Christ Church
31 March	Mothering Sunday
7 April	ADCM
29 April	APCM at Christ Church, 8 p.m.

### 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 for the planning she needs to do as she prepares to go to Kenya.