

CHRIST CHURCH

SCRIPTURE FOR THE NEW YEAR

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland". (Isaiah 43.19)

BILLERICAY & LITTLE BURSTEAD TEAM LENT COURSE

We had a great first session at the Lent Course at St John the Divine last Thursday. This week's session is "Jesus serving with Gladness". The sessions are each Thursday from 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. and continue until 21 March. The Course follows the Bible Reading Fellowship etc. We are following the Bible Reading Fellowship Lent Course "Holy Habits" which includes video, worship, prayer and group discussion. We do hope you will be able to join us as we journey together through the season of Lent.

PILGRIM MAGAZINE

The February/March edition of the Pilgrim is now available at a cost of £1 per copy and it's a very good read! Copies are available in the lobby, or if you would like one delivered or posted to you, please let the Church office know.

EASTER FLOWERS 2024 IN MEMORIAM

If you would like to buy an Easter lily or rose in memory of a loved one, forms are available on the welcome desk. The cost is £2 per named person. The flowers will be displayed in and around the Church on Easter Day, and names of loved ones will be displayed on the board just inside the Church. Our thanks to Linda Gilbey who organises this for us.

PENSIONERS' PRAISE- MONDAY, 4 MARCH

Join us at 2 p.m. tomorrow when we continue our series on Favourite Hymns with Rev Rupert Hankey looking at 'When I survey the Wondrous Cross'. All welcome, you don't have to be a pensioner! Refreshments afterwards.

"ANNA'S PLACE" (FOR OLDER ADULTS) EASTER FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

On 26 March Linda Gilbey will be demonstrating and helping us to make Easter flower arrangements to take home for our Easter table. You are welcome to join us between 10.30 - 2 p.m. The session includes refreshments and lunch. There is no charge.

HONEY IN COFFEE SHOP!

There are small jars of honey from Ian Grant's bees available in the coffee shop at 60p per jar. Why don't you try some?

GREENING CHRIST CHURCH - GARDENING TEAM

When the weather allows, the gardening team work on the Church grounds on a Thursday morning between 10 a.m. - 12 noon to do weeding, trimming back shrubs, or sweeping up the leaves. If you are able to help us and aren't sure whether we plan to meet due to weather conditions, please email Jennifer Anderson jaanderson45@yahoo.co.uk or Margaret Fowler m.j.fowler@btinternet.com

We could really do with some extra help!

PROCESS FOR APPOINTING NEW TEAM RECTOR

The advert for the Team Rector role has now been published and the deadline for applications closes on 25 March. Interviews take place on 25 April. Please continue to pray for (1) the right person to be appointed to lead our Team Ministry, (2) for all those involved in this process, (3) for those who take on additional workload during the vacancy.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BILLERICAY – PRAYER AND PRAISE EVENING

The next CTB Prayer and Praise event is at Christ Church on Wednesday, 20 March at 7.30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to worship with Christians of all denominations, and to encourage each other, and pray that the love of Jesus will transform the lives of all who live in Billericay and the surrounding areas.

BRADWELL AREA VOCATIONS DAY - 18 MAY 2024

Would you like to know more about what ministry or vocation is for you? Then the Vocations Day could be a day of discovery. There will be workshops for Churchwardens, Spiritual support, Course in Christian Studies, Pastoral Assistant, Licensed Lay Ministry, and Ordained Ministry. The day is from 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. at Meadgate Church, the Orchards, Mascalls Way, Great Baddow, CM2 7NS. To book your place call Sabrina Stoecklin on 01375 673806 or email sstoecklin@chelmsford.anglican.org. Lunch is included.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service at Christ Church on Sunday, 23 June at 4 p.m. when Bishop Adam Atkinson will be presiding. If you are interested in being confirmed please speak to Rev Margaret Fowler.

CHRIST CHURCH AGM - 21 APRIL 2024

If you have a report to submit for the Christ Church Annual Report could you please email Joy Eayres at dcc.sec@christchurch-billericay.co.uk as soon as you can.

AUTOMATIC NUMBER-PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM

Please be alert to any visitors to ensure they enter their registration number when visiting the Church. There is no need to do so on a Sunday between 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you change your vehicle please email: parking@christchurch-billericay.co.uk. However, this email address is not for NEW registrations. Requests for new permanent registration of vehicles for Church members only should be entered on the list on the Welcome Desk.

ROTARY CLUB OF BILLERICAY - ANTIQUES ROADSHOW CHARITY EVENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

This event will be held on Saturday, 16 March when there will be a Dinner and live music with The Ladybirds. The guest speaker will be Mark Stacey from Stacey's Auctioneers and Valuers. You can bring along your antiques to find out whether they have any value. The evening is in aid of Little Havens Children's Hospice and St Luke's Hospice. Tickets are £35 per person and are available from The Rotary Club of Billericay <https://bit.ly/RCAntiques2024>. If you have any questions please ask Les Sheppard or Rev Margaret Fowler.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 3 Mar** Messy Church 10 a.m.
- 3 Mar** Methodist Church Centenary Celebrations 3 p.m.
- 4 Mar** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.
- 5 Mar** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 7 Mar** Team Lent Course (3) St John the Divine 7.30 p.m.
- 10 Mar** Mothering Sunday
- 12 Mar** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 14 Mar** SMB AGM
- 14 Mar** Team Lent Course (4) St John the Divine 7.30 p.m.
- 16 Mar** St Mary's High Street Market
- 16 Mar** Rotary Club Antiques Roadshow Dinner
- 17 Mar** Street Pastors AGM, Hub, High Street 7 p.m.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Rev Margaret Fowler:

Please pray for Margaret as she continues to prepare for Lent and Easter.

For children and young people: Please pray for the Messy Church team and All Age Service planning.

SUN**MESSY CHURCH**

First Sunday of the month 10 a.m. in the Hall.
Contact Angela Wood for details.

Next Messy Church: TODAY 3 MARCH

MON

PENSIONERS' PRAISE - 2.00 p.m. First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next service: TOMORROW 4 MARCH**

TUE

MORNING PRAYER - 9.30 a.m. Join us in Church.

'ANNA'S PLACE' 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m. A warm welcome and activities every week in the Church hall for older people. Refreshments and lunch included. Just come along. Free.

WED

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY MAGDALEN
"The Church in the High Street" at **10 a.m.**

PRAY TOGETHER 7.45 p.m. An opportunity to pause, reflect and pray wherever you are. See the Christ Church Facebook page.

THU

LADIES ON THURSDAY (LOTS) Fortnightly at 9.30 a.m. **Next meeting: 14 MARCH**

FRI

CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP
10 - 11.30 a.m. Contact Church Office for details.

SAT

DAMBUSTERS
For dads and children under 5. Third Saturday of the month at 8.30 a.m.
Next meeting: 16 March

PARISH PRAYERS ON WEDNESDAY

We meet together in prayer on **Zoom at 6 p.m** to pray for the parish and the wider world. Please contact Team clergy for details.

CORNERSTONE COFFEE-SHOP

The Coffee Shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.45 a.m. to 12 noon

Prayer Focus

If there is an urgent prayer request to be sent round our prayer circle please email the Church Office:-
office@christchurch-billericay.co.uk

For our Mission Partners:

St Francis Church Ciamanda & Ciamanda Primary School, Kenya; Pappy Daniel (Light of Hope Mission, India); Verity Butt (YWAM); Aaron Stanbury (CMS); Barnabas Fund, LMDC, Schools Ministry Billericay; Street Pastors Billericay, Prison Fellowship, Anvil House, Church Urban Fund, St Luke's Hospice

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Christ Church, Billericay

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

3 March 2024 -Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 a.m. **Messy Church (Hall)**
'Rahab the spy'

10.00 a.m. **Morning Worship**
Lead: Catherine Benbough
Preach: Paul Hunt

Bible Readings: Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Worship Songs:

SOF 935 My Jesus, My Saviour
SOF 1404 King of Kings, Majesty
SOF 646 All I once held dear
SOF 559 To God be the Glory

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

10 March 2024 – Mothering Sunday

10.00 a.m. **Family Communion**
Lead/Preside: Rev Margaret Fowler
Preach: Pete Fisher

OUR 10 A.M. SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED**HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE****NO PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE SERVICE PLEASE****CONTACTLESS DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

We do not pass a collection plate around during the Service, but if you would like to make a donation to Christ Church, the card machine and collection plate are next to the Welcome Table.