

## CHRIST CHURCH

### Scripture for 2025

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

### THE ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING – RESULTS

The following were appointed as officers of the Christ

Church DCC: Churchwardens: Chris Davis, Jennifer

Anderson; Assistant Church Wardens: Trevor

Jones, Valerie Sheppard; Deanery Synod: Catherine

Benbough, Jennifer Anderson, 1 vacancy; PCC Members:

Les Sheppard, Val Sheppard, 1 vacancy; DCC

Members: (Peter Fisher and Catherine Benbough automatic as LLMs), Angela Wood, Fran Davis, Mandy Campbell, Graham Deall, Carole Bentley, Stuart Gibbs;

CTB Members: Stuart Gibbs, 2 vacancies; Electoral Roll

Officer: Joy Eayres; Planned Giving Officer: Julia

Moreton; CC Safeguarding Representative: Faith

Benbough. Please give thanks and pray for those who have agreed to stand this year. If you would like to consider any of the vacancies, then please speak to Rev Margaret Fowler.

### VISIT TO OUR LINK PARISH IN KENYA

Rev Margaret Fowler and Stuart Gibbs are visiting Kenya 1 - 13 May. Thank you to all those of you who have donated items for school and also underwear and socks for the children. Stuart and Margaret will be meeting with the Ciamanda Education Committee to be updated on the education sponsorship programme which Christ Church and many friends support. They will also attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Embu, and make a visit to the borewell project at three of the schools where the water was not flowing properly. Please pray for safe travel for Margaret and Stuart, and for positive outcomes to their visit.

### "FORGING MEN" FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Forging Men is a group for men in the Billericay area which meets for discussion and friendship.

**12 May** - Guest Speaker, Rt Rev Adam Atkinson, Bishop of Bradwell at St Mary Magdalen Church, 7.30 p.m.

**30 June** - Summer BBQ at The Community Garden.

### 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](mailto:jaanderson45@yahoo.co.uk) or Margaret Fowler [m.j.fowler@btinternet.com](mailto:m.j.fowler@btinternet.com)

We could really do with some extra help!

### SUMMERFEST - SUNDAY, 6 JULY

It's several months away, but the Mayflower Rotary Club Summerfest is at Sun Corner on 6 July. The Team Churches have booked a gazebo where we can showcase what each of the churches do. Could those that run groups consider what leaflets could be available to be on display please, i.e. Toddlers, Bubble Church, Dambusters, Anna's Place. Pauline Randall, Chaplain at St Mary Magdalen, is co-ordinating for the Team Churches and will be able to take any leaflets you have available, or hand them into the church office and we will get them to Pauline.

### SCHOOLS MINISTRY BILLERICAY (SMB), PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH - 22 MAY

A date for your diary to support SMB for a Ploughman's lunch at Christ Church on Thursday, 22 May from 12 noon - 1.30 p.m. Suggested donation is £5 for the Ploughman's and a drink. There will also be cakes on sale. It's always a busy event with a lovely atmosphere, so do go along to support SMB if you can!

### BUBBLE CHURCH FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

We have now held four Bubble Church services and they have gone extremely well with new young families coming along each time. It's an exciting service for young children, but takes a lot of preparation, especially for the puppeteers who need to rehearse the story each month. We could always do with more volunteers, so if you are interested in joining our amazing Bubble Church team do let Margaret know.

### BILLERICAY FOODBANK

Due to extra demand on its services, the FoodBank have put out requests for the following item: toilet rolls, pasta sauce, tea, cereals (not chocolate), and the following tinned items: meat, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, custard, spaghetti. If you can help, there is a bin in the lobby near the entrance door for your donations. Thank you so much.

### 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](mailto: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.

### NEW LIGHTWEIGHT CHURCH CHAIRS

Thank you to all those of you who have already donated towards our new chairs - it is so generous of you. There are still opportunities to donate towards the cost if you are able to as we do have a considerable shortfall. Each chair costs approximately £52, but if you are able to Gift Aid, the cost is £40. Do remember to complete a Gift Aid form if you haven't already done so. If you have any queries on donations towards the chairs, please speak to Les Sheppard. Thank you so much.

## DATES FOR DIARY

**1 - 13 May** Margaret and Stuart visit Ciamanda, Kenya

**4 May** Soap Box Derby, Sun Corner

**4 May** Messy Church 10 a.m.

**4 May** Deanery Confirmation Service, 3 p.m.  
St Andrew's Wickford

**6 May** "Anna's Place" 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**7 May** Church Leaders' Meeting, 12.30 p.m. BBC

**7 May** Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.

**8 May** 80th D-Day Anniversary, Lighting of Beacon  
Sun Corner 8.30 p.m.

**15 May** Chapter Meeting (online) 7.30 p.m.)

**19 May** APCM at Christ Church 7.30p.m.

**20 May** Deanery Synod with Archdeacon Sue Lucas 12 noon

**21 May** Dementia Services event at The Chantry Centre,  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

**22 May** SMB Ploughman's Lunch at CC 12 noon - 1.30 p.m.

**31 May** St Mary's Indoor Market 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

**2 Jun** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

**For Rev Margaret Fowler:** Please pray for Margaret as she visits Ciamanda.

**For children and young people:** Please pray for the Bubble Church and Messy Church teams 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 Service: 4 May**

**BUBBLE CHURCH**

Third Sunday of the month 9.15 a.m. (Breakfast from 9 a.m.) **Next service: 18 May**

**MON****PENSIONERS' PRAISE - 2.00 p.m.**

First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next Service: 2 June**

**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 adults. Lunch and refreshments 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. **In Church prayers re-start 7 May.** Also on the Christ Church Facebook page.

**THU****LADIES ON THURSDAY (LOTS)**

Fortnightly at 9.30 a.m. **Next meeting: 8 May**

**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. in the Hall.

**Next meeting: 17 May**

**PARISH PRAYERS ON WEDNESDAY**

We meet together in prayer on **Zoom at 6 p.m.**  
Contact parish clergy for details.

**CORNERSTONE COFFEE-SHOP**

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
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](mailto: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; Community Pastors, Prison Fellowship, Anvil House, Church Urban Fund, St Luke's Hospice, Billericay Foodbank

**Associate Priest: Rev Margaret Fowler**

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Day off: Friday

**Church Wardens**

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## Christ Church, Billericay

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

**4 May 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Lead:** Pete Fisher

**Preach/Preside:** Rev Christine Williams

**Bible Readings:** Acts 9: 1-6 & John 21: 1-19

**10.00 a.m. Messy Church (Hall)**

'Zacchaeus, I'm coming for dinner!'

**10.00 a.m. Morning Worship**

**Lead:** Catherine Benbough

**Preach:** Pete Fisher

**Bible Readings:** Acts 9: 1-6 & John 21: 1-19

**Worship Songs:**

**SOF 21** And can it be?

**SOF 646** Knowing You, Jesus

**SOF 830** I the Lord of Sea and Sky

**SOF 148** Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

**Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**11 May 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 a.m. Family Communion**

**Lead:** Pete Fisher

**Preside/Preach:** Rev Ruth Dowley

**OUR 10 A.M. SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED**

**HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE**

**NO PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE SERVICE PLEASE**

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

**ALSO VIA QR CODE – SEE LEAFLET**

**ON WELCOME TABLE**

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.