

## 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)*

### WE URGENTLY NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS

Last Sunday was very successful with Muddy Church for children at the Team Service, but we really need regular teaching for children to be able to leave the Service and go to their own groups. Several people have already come forward to offer help, but we need some more support please. This is a really urgent plea as we must serve our children today so that we have a Church of tomorrow. Please speak to Margaret if you are willing to help. It may be that you can help just once a month, but if you feel God is calling you to help with ministry to children and young people in any way, we would love to hear from you.

### REPAIR WORKS TO ATRIUM WALKWAY

The repair works are moving along, and the lights along the walkway have now been reinstated after they were damaged by vandals many years ago! The protective light covers that have been installed are much stronger, and of course we now have CCTV which discourages vandalism. These low level lights will be so helpful in the darker evenings. The walkway paving slabs no longer wobble, and re-pointing to the brickwork has been commenced. So we are making good progress to complete works that have been outstanding for a long time.

### REPAIRS TO ATRIUM ROOF - HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

The next major repairs that need to take place, pretty urgently, are to the atrium roof. The atrium is over 25 years old and has served us very well, but the weather has taken its toll, particularly on the woodwork. We need approximately £10,000 to complete these works. If you are able, you could help with these costs by sponsoring Rev Margaret, Jennifer Anderson, Jenny Chalk, or Pauline Alden who will be taking part in the Fun Walk. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, a donation of £10 could become £16.80 when the Fun Walk Bonus Pot is added. If you want to take part in the Fun Walk, you can walk up to 5 km at any time during September then please take a sponsorship form from the welcome table and start asking people to sponsor you!

### 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!

### ECO FUN WALK

Paul Hunt is organising an Eco Fun Walk on Sunday afternoon, 14 September, meeting at Christ Church at 2 p.m., and is open to anyone from any of the churches, your friends, or others who want to join in, even if you're not sponsored for the Fun Walk. However, if you are taking part in the Fun Walk, this walk would be perfect for you. The circular walk is from Christ Church to St Giles Church, Mountnessing, and then back to the Inn on the Green for a much needed lemonade (or something else!). The total distance is about 8kms (5 miles). This eco walk will also boost our credentials when applying for the A Rocha Eco Church Gold Award!

### BILLERICAY FOOD BANK MUSIC EVENT ST MARY MAGDALEN, 20 SEPTEMBER 7.30 P.M.

"RamsJam" with bands such as The Bad Cadillacs, Suzanne Maddock (from "The Bill"), Lady Grey & The Earls, plus special guests will be featured for one night only in aid of Billericay Food Bank. Tickets available from Eventbrite, Adults £12, Children £6. See poster on notice boards in lobby and coffee shop for QR Booking Code.

### KENYA EVENING - SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 6.30 p.m.

Please come and support our Kenya Evening in Church to raise funds for laptops for two of our sponsored University students, and also to enable a remote school to renovate one of their classrooms which presently has a dirt floor, and no windows or door. The evening will start with a fish & chip supper, and then a presentation by Stuart Gibbs and Margaret Fowler on their visit to Kenya in May this year. Raffle prizes would be welcomed, and donations would be very much appreciated. Bring your own drinks. Food choices below (all with chips):-

**Sausage £5.00 1/4 Chicken £7.00**

**Fish £7.20 Veggie Burger £6.50**

Bookings to the Church office.

### 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.

### ALPHA COURSE AT EMMANUEL

Starting on **Wednesday 17 September**, Emmanuel will be running a weekly Alpha course, which is an introduction to Christianity and a place to ask all the questions and explore all the issues people have ever wanted to ask about life, faith and purpose.

Contact [emmanueloffice@billericaychurches.org](mailto:emmanueloffice@billericaychurches.org)

## DATES FOR DIARY

- 9 Sep** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. -2 p.m.
- 14 Sep** Education Sunday, Ann Robinson, Buttsbury School, at CC
- 16 Sep** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. -2 p.m
- 17 Sep** Chapter Lunch 12 noon Venue TBA
- 17 Sep** Alpha Course, Emmanuel, 7.30 p.m.
- 18 Sep** Deanery Synod, Holy Cross, Basildon 7.30 p.m.
- 21 Sep** Bubble Church from 9 a.m.
- 21 Sep** Baptism of Henry and Amelia Short 10.30 a.m.
- 23 Sep** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. -2 p.m
- 26 Sep** Buttsbury Junior Harvest Services 9.15 a.m.
- 27 Sep** Kenya Presentation 6.30 p.m.
- 30 Sep** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. -2 p.m
- 5 Oct** Messy Church in hall 10 a.m
- 6 Oct** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.
- 7 Oct** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. -2 p.m
- 12 Oct** Rev Hugh Dibbens speaking at CC
- 14 Oct** Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. -2 p.m
- 19 Oct** Bubble Church from 9 a.m.
- 19 Oct** Christ Church Harvest Service 10.30 a.m.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

**For Rev Margaret Fowler:** Please pray for Margaret as she begins to look at services and events in the Autumn and for Christmas.

**For children and young people:** Please pray for new initiatives that we are praying about for 18-30s and a regular Sunday School. Also for Bubble Church and Messy Church for younger children.

**SUN****MESSY CHURCH**

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

**Next service: 7 September**

**BUBBLE CHURCH**

Third Sunday of the month 9.15 a.m. (Breakfast from 9 a.m.) **Next service: 21 September**

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

First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next Service: 6 October**

**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**

An opportunity to pause, reflect and pray.

**ONLINE**

See 'Christ Church Billericay' FaceBook page

**IN CHURCH**

1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings at **7.45 p.m.**

**Next meeting: 17 September**

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

Fortnightly 9.30 a.m. **Next meeting: 11 September**

**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: 20 September**

**CORNERSTONE COFFEE-SHOP**

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); Barnabas Fund, LMDC, Schools Ministry Billericay, Community Pastors, Prison Fellowship, Anvil House, Church Urban Fund, St Luke's Hospice, Billericay Foodbank

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Day off: Friday

**Church Wardens**

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**Church Office & Hall Bookings**

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"*

**7 September 2025 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Preside:** Rev Margaret Fowler

**Preach:** Catherine Benbough

**Bible Readings:** Deuteronomy 30: 15-end  
Luke 14: 25-33

**10.00 a.m. Messy Church (Hall)**  
'Happy Harvest'

**10.00 a.m. Morning Worship**

**Preach:** Bernadette Fisher,  
Catholic Children's Society

**Bible Readings:** Deuteronomy 30: 15-end  
Luke: 14: 25-33

**Worship Songs:** King of Kings  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
I will offer up my life  
All I once held dear  
Because of You

**Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**14 September 2025 – Education Sunday**

**10.00 a.m. Family Communion**

**Preach:** Ann Robinson, Headteacher,  
Buttsbury Primary School

**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.