

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)

PENSIONERS' PRAISE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Join us at 2 p.m. on Monday 1 December (tomorrow!) for the first carol service of Christmas! We will be joined by children from Buttsbury School for what is always a lovely celebration. Mince pies to follow. Everyone welcome.

JUNIOR MUDDY CHURCH IS EVERY SUNDAY!

Muddy Church for 7 - 11 yr olds will be held every Sunday in the small hall with opportunities for the children to sometimes go outside and learn about Jesus from Creation.

We still need helpers to join the team. Please speak to Paul Hunt or Rev Margaret Fowler if you feel this exciting new venture is for you.

MEETING TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF THE PARISH

Archdeacon Sue Lucas has called a meeting to discuss the future of the Parish at Emmanuel Church on Monday, 8 December at 7.30 pm. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

MARIGOLD BENBOUGH'S FUNERAL

Marigold's funeral service is at 12 noon on Thursday, 11 December at Christ Church, and everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

60th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

After the Anniversary Service on 14 December, there will be a hot lunch. We have already been promised two chicken dishes, a pork dish and a veggie curry. If you would like to contribute something else to the meal (e.g. salad, cheese, coleslaw, soft drinks or a dessert) please see or email Jennifer Anderson (jaanderson45@yahoo.co.uk) by 7 December.

ALL AGE NATIVITY SERVICE - 21 DECEMBER 10 a.m.

Our Nativity Service this year will be something a little different! We are inviting our Bubble Church families to join us for this service as we won't be having Bubble Church that morning. Without giving anything away, we would love adults and children to come dressed up as angels, shepherds, or Wise Men (or women!). We will also have some costumes available for the children. You don't have to dress up of course, but if you want to join in, then that would be great. Paul Hunt will be telling us more about it on Sunday!

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!

'MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS' AT ST MARY MAGDALEN, HIGH ST

Sunday, 7 December 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Billericay Christmas Market. If you would like to sing carols in St Mary's with the Team Churches between 2 - 3 p.m. you would be most welcome. Saturday, 13 December 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. There is a Family Activity Morning in St Mary's, so do take along your children or grandchildren to keep them occupied for a couple of hours with Christmas activities.

'ANNA'S PLACE' CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Please join us at 'Anna's Place' for our Christmas party on 9 December with the wonderful Offshoots choir, and making Christmas Table decorations with Linda Gilbey and Carol Heath on 16 December. We won't be closing over the Christmas period, so will be open on 23 and 30 December as usual.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA AND MAKING CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS – 20 DECEMBER 2 – 5 p.m.

This is always a lovely afternoon when we have fun together creating our own flower arrangement for the Christmas table, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. We also fund-raise for Kenya education, and have in the past bought a laptop and supported a child in their education. Do join us for a most enjoyable afternoon, held in the main hall. Call in or telephone the church office if you'd like to come. Tickets £5 per person.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE ON THEIR OWN

Give thanks that Cat Calcott, who co-organised the lunch last year, now has a team together so the Christmas Day lunch can go ahead at Emmanuel Church! If you would like to book, please telephone Kay on 07795 217217 or email: CTBChristmas1@gmail.com. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF INFORMATION FROM THAT POSTED ORIGINALLY.** If you are able to volunteer on the day, please use the same contact details. Your help would be most appreciated!

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TEAM PRAYERS

Monday, 15 December 7.45 Emmanuel

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYERS

Wednesday, 3 December 7.45 p.m. in Church

Wednesday, 17 December 7.45 p.m. in Church

1 Dec Pensioners' Praise Carols & Buttsbury choir 2 p.m.

1 Dec Christ Church DCC, 7.45 p.m.

2 Dec Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

2 Dec Chapter Advent reflections, St Andrew's Wickford 7.30 p.m.

3 Dec Nazareth Community Mtg, Methodist Church 7 p.m.

6 Dec St Luke's Light Up a Life Service, SMM 3 p.m.

8 Dec Meeting with Archdeacon, Emmanuel 7.30 p.m.

9 Dec Anna's Place Christmas Party 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

9 Dec Bennetts Christmas Memorial Service, SMM, 7 p.m.

11 Dec Funeral of Marigold Benbough CC 12 noon

14 Dec CC 60th Anniversary Celebration Service, 10 a.m. followed by Lunch.

16 Dec Anna's Place with Christmas Table decorations 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

18 Dec Buttsbury Yrs 3-6 Carol Services from 9 a.m.

19 Dec Buttsbury Yrs 1 & 2 Carol Services from 1.30 p.m.

20 Dec Christmas Flower arrangements & Afternoon Tea. 2 – 5 p.m. Christ Church hall. Tickets £5

21 Dec All Age Nativity (with a difference!) 10 a.m.

23 Dec Anna's Place 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

24 Dec Christingles @ 3, 4.15 & 5.30 p.m.

24 Dec Candlelit Communion Service 11.15 pm.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Rev Margaret Fowler: Please pray for Margaret as she prepares for two funerals, the 60th Anniversary Service, and Christmas events and services.

For children and young people: Please pray for our new Junior Muddy Church, and the initiatives that we are praying about for 18-30s. 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 December

JUNIOR MUDDY CHURCH - EVERY SUNDAY 10 a.m.**BUBBLE CHURCH**

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

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

First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next Service: 1 December**

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: 3 December

THU**LADIES ON THURSDAY (LOTS)**

Fortnightly 9.30 a.m. **Next meeting: 4 December**

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 December

CORNERSTONE COFFEE-SHOP

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8.45 a.m. to 12 noon
(closed during school holidays)

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); LMDC, Schools Ministry Billericay, Prison Fellowship, Anvil House, Church Urban Fund, Billericay Foodbank

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Christ Church, Billericay

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

30 November 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

NO SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

10.30 a.m. Team Service at Emmanuel

Advent Readings:

Isaiah 64:1–9

Luke 1:26–38

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of
holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

7 December 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m. Messy Church (Hall)

Miracle of the birth of

John the Baptist

10.00 a.m. Junior Muddy Church (Small Hall)

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

Lead: Pete Fisher

Preach: Catherine Benbough

OUR 10 & 10.30 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.