

CHRIST CHURCH

Scripture for the Year

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth" (Job 19.25).

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, MILL MEADOWS, 6.30 a.m.

The Easter Sunrise Service will be jointly led by Revd Moses Agyam, Billericay Methodist Church, and Revd Jim Rose of St John's CofE, Outwood Common. All are welcome to join them for a Service of celebration as the sun rises on Easter Day. There is breakfast afterwards at Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, still giving you time to get to Christ Church for the 10 a.m. Easter Celebration!

PENSIONERS' PRAISE – MONDAY, 13 APRIL

As 6 April is a Bank Holiday, the next Pensioners' Praise is on **Monday, 13 April**. We continue our 2026 theme "To know Jesus better and to make Jesus better known" with Rev Ruth Dowley as our speaker. We will also be joined by a choir from Buttsbury Primary School. All welcome!

NAZARETH COMMUNITY QUIET DAY – 11 APRIL

The Nazareth Community have a Quiet Day on Poetry and Prayer at St Mary's Church, Runwell from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend, so do please feel free to go along. The local Nazareth Community is led by Rev Moses Agyam, Rev Jonathan Evens and Rev Jim Rose.

QUIZ NIGHT AT ST JOHN THE DIVINE

St Mary the Virgin and St John's are holding a joint fundraising Quiz Night at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 25th April. Teams of 8 people, tickets: £8. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book contact: Mari Flack on 01277 624571.

VISIT TO KENYA

Stuart Gibbs and Margaret Fowler will be visiting Kenya 4 - 14 May. Black or blue ballpoint pens, pencils with rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, long white socks for girls, grey socks for boys, and underwear - all welcome as gifts. Thank you!

SCHOOLS MINISTRY BILLERICAY (SMB) - PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

The next Ploughman's Lunch fund-raising event for SMB will be on Thursday, 7 May 2026 12 noon - 1.30 p.m. at Billericay Baptist Church. There is a suggested donation of £5.

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.i.fowler@btinternet.com

We could really do with some extra help!

PRAYER WALK WITH BISHOP ADAM

Bishop Adam will be spending time in our Deanery on Saturday, 23 May 2026 for a prayer walk and to pray at all our churches as part of the 100 Days of Prayer in our Diocese. Please put this date in your diaries. More information will follow shortly.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The next Deanery Confirmation Service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 4 October 2026 at St Mary Magdalene, Gt Burstead. We already have some names of those who would like to be confirmed, but if you are considering being confirmed, please speak to Rev Margaret Fowler.

2026 CHRIST CHURCH AGM REPORTS

If you are completing a report please can you email it to dcc.sec@christchurch-billericay.co.uk or speak to Joy Eayres directly. Please can these be submitted as soon as possible.

IN-PERSON BASIC SAFEGUARDING COURSE

For those who don't find using the internet easy and need to do a safeguarding course, there will be an in-person Safeguarding Course at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 30 April 2026. This will be held at St Andrew's Church, Wickford. Parking is available. For more information, or to attend the course, please contact

Alison Davies alisondavies2007@gmail.com.

If you are not sure whether you need to do a safeguarding course for your role at Christ Church, please contact our Safeguarding Officer, Faith Benbough (faith@benbough.com), who will be able to advise you.

ST MARY MAGDALEN, THE CHURCH IN THE HIGH STREET

St Mary Magdalen Church (SMM) urgently needs a Deputy Church Warden. In addition, Sue Oakley is stepping down as Treasurer with effect from the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 18 May. Please prayerfully consider whether one of these roles is for you. If you want to know more about what's involved please speak to Christine Coe (chrisiecoe@icloud.com) or Sue Oakley (susanmoakley61@gmail.com).

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

- 5 Apr** Sunrise Service at Mill Meadows 6.30 a.m.
- 5 Apr** Easter Sunday Family Communion 10 a.m.
- 7 Apr** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 11 Apr** Nazareth Community Quiet Day, St Mary's Runwell. 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 pm.
- 13 Apr** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.
- 14 Apr** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 15 Apr** Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.
- 19 Apr** Bubble Church from 8.55 a.m. for breakfast
- 20 Apr** Christ Church DCC, 7.45 p.m.
- 21 Apr** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 22 Apr** MU, 'Honorie from Breathing Space', Emmanuel 1.30 p.m.
- 25 Apr** Quiz Night @ St John the Divine 7 p.m.
- 26 Apr** Christ Church ADCM after Communion
- 28 Apr** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 30 Apr** Safeguarding Course, St Andrew's Wickford 2.30 p.m.
- 4 May – 14 May** Stuart Gibbs and Margaret Fowler in Kenya
- 5 May** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 6 May** Pray Together in Church
- 7 May** Local Elections – Christ Church is a Polling Station
- 23 May** Bishop Adam Prayer Walk in Deanery

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Rev Margaret Fowler: Please pray for Margaret as she takes some days off in the two weeks following Easter. For any queries in Margaret's absence, please contact the Church Office.

For children and young people: Please pray for our Sunday School, 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: 3 May

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month.

BUBBLE CHURCH

Third Sunday of the month 9.10 a.m. (Breakfast from 8.55 a.m.) **Next service: 19 April**

PENSIONERS' PRAISE - 2.00 p.m.

First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next Service: 13 April**

MON**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

TUE**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: 15 April

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

Fortnightly 9.30 a.m. **Next meeting: 23 April**

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 April

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, LMDC (Clergy Support Charity)

Associate Priest: Rev Margaret Fowler

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Day off: Friday

Church Warden

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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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5 April 2026 - Easter Sunday

6.30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (see overleaf)

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Lead: Pete Fisher

Preside/Preach: Rev Margaret Fowler

Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

Worship Songs:

SOF 285 Jesus Christ is risen today

SOF 2249 Come people of the Risen King

SOF 244 There is a Redeemer

SOF 935 My Jesus, my Saviour

SOF 1988 Oh to see the Dawn

SOF 1121 Within the Veil

SCREEN Therefore we lift our hearts in praise

SOF 165 He is Lord

SOF 551 Thine be the Glory

Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

12 April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Lead/Preside: Rev Margaret Fowler

Preach: Rev Hugh Dibbens

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.