

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).

PROCESS FOR APPOINTING NEW TEAM RECTOR

There was a further meeting of the Church reps with the Archdeacon and Rev Andy Griffiths on Tuesday, 9 June and we have made significant progress on the wording of each of the Church summaries for the Parish Profile. There is still a way to go, but we are working towards signing off the Parish Profile and appointing Parish reps for the interview process before 1 August.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are not just the Church of tomorrow - they are the Church of today! We are trying to grow our children's ministry, particularly the Sunday School, but we do need more helpers - just one Sunday a month would be great. If you feel this ministry is for you, in the first instance, please speak to the Church office.

CHRIST CHURCH ORGAN

We have had a further visit this week from the Diocesan organ adviser together with the Churchwarden of St Mary the Virgin at Ashfield-cum-Thorpe in Suffolk, and an organ builder who partly dismantled the organ to inspect its condition. Although there are some problems with the organ, the outcome of the inspection is that St Mary's would love to have it, and it will be used for worship in their Church regularly. The next stage is for their PCC to confirm this to us in writing and then we can start the process of obtaining a Faculty for its removal. St Mary's will pay for the organ to be dismantled and delivered to their Church, so there is no cost to us. It will be a bit sad to see it go, but we have to be realistic as it is rarely used and we could use the space it takes up for other activities. If you have any questions, do speak to Rev Margaret Fowler.

ECO CHURCH GOLD AWARD ASSESSMENT

We have had confirmation that the assessment for the A Rocha Eco Church Gold Award will be on Tuesday, 16 July when the Christ Church Eco Church Team will be meeting with the assessors and they will be looking around the church, halls and grounds to see whether we have achieved the standard for the Gold Award. The Gold Award is much harder to achieve than the Bronze and Silver awards, which we already have, but we know we have made significant improvements since receiving those awards. Please continue to use the re-cycling bins and save energy by switching off lights and heaters when the different areas of our Church are not in use.

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!

"ANNA'S PLACE" NEEDS MORE HELP PLEASE

Anna's Place is now very busy every week and our visitors love it. However, we are victims of our own success, and are now regularly providing for over 30 people each week to have lunch and refreshments. This means we need more assistance both in the kitchen and people to circulate among the guests. If you feel you would like to be involved with Anna's Place, can provide biscuits, or are able to make soup or cakes for us, it would be warmly welcomed. Please speak to Rev Margaret Fowler.

BRADWELL ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 4th JULY

The Annual Pilgrimage at Bradwell-on-Sea is a great day of walking together, worship, prayer and fellowship in the historic setting of St Peter's Chapel founded in 654AD. The day starts at 10.30 a.m. with a short service outside St Thomas Church and then we walk to St Peter's Chapel which is 1.9 miles. There are 15 stalls, activities for children, tea/coffee and cakes. You need to bring your own picnic and a rug to sit on. There are toilets on site, why not join a group of us on the day. We'd love to see you there.

FUNDRAISING 'BUTTERFLY DRIVE' FOR ST MARY THE VIRGIN, LITTLE BURSTEAD

You are invited to join St Mary the Virgin for a Butterfly Drive (their version of a Beetle Drive!) at Emmanuel Church on 11 July at 7 p.m. Tickets £5 adult; £3 children under 13. There will be a raffle, and light refreshments can be purchased during the break. Proceeds will go towards the cost of refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen area at St Mary's. Payment can be made in advance or on the door. Contact Mari Flack on 01277 624571 for your tickets or further information.

KEY DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Due to the success of the August Bank Holiday Monday Family Fun Day and Afternoon Tea in 2025, the DCC have decided to hold the event again this year both as an outreach event and as a fundraiser for the Church. 'The Five Ukeleles' have been booked to play for us during the afternoon, and the bouncy castles have also been booked! If you have any ideas for fund raising at the event, do speak to Margaret. Note the date in your diaries and remember to invite family and friends for a great Summer afternoon of family fun.

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-billerica.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 kept in the Church Office.

PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES

From 25 May to 20 June, the 'Everyday Faith' app is sharing a series entitled 'Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives'. The readings and reflections explore eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England, and the stories of the saints who lived there. Each day includes a bible reading, prayer, a short reflection, and a suggested action or reflective question. Authors include Archbishop Sarah Mullally and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, and accompanying resources are available. If you need any help downloading the 'Everyday Faith' app, do ask one of our techies, Julian, Pete or Les.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15 Jun** PCC Christ Church 7.30 p.m.
- 16 Jun** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 16 Jun** Eco Church Assessment
- 17 Jun** Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.
- 19 Jun** Estates Network Conference 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford
- 21 Jun** Fathers' Day
- 21 Jun** Bubble Church 9.10 a.m. (Breakfast from 8.55 a.m.)
- 23 Jun** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 24 Jun** Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea, 2-4 p.m.
- 27 Jun** High St Market at St Mary Magdalen
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 30 Jun** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 1 Jul** Funeral of Jean Bush, 2.30 p.m. Bentley
Crematorium
- 4 Jul** Bradwell Pilgrimage from 10.30 a.m.
- 6 Jul** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Rev Margaret Fowler: Please pray for Margaret who is busy with a number of meetings, and a wedding and two funerals to prepare for. Margaret is also finalising work on the latest Pilgrim magazine.

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: 5 July

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: 21 June**

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

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

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 June

THU**LADIES ON THURSDAY (LOTS)**

Fortnightly 9.30 a.m. **Next Meeting: 18 June**

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 June

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)

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Christ Church, Billericay

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

14 June 2026 - Second Sunday after Trinity

**10.00 a.m. Family Communion
with Sunday School**

Lead/Preside: Rev Margaret Fowler

Preach: Pete Fisher

Bible Readings: Psalm 100

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Worship Songs:

I will Enter His Gates

Hosanna Rock

Faithful One, So Unchanging

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Because of You

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

21 June 2026 – Third Sunday after Trinity**Fathers' Day**

9.10 a.m. Bubble Church
(Breakfast from 8.55 a.m.)

10.00 Celebration Sunday

Lead: Rev Margaret Fowler

Preach: Paul Hunt

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.