

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).

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CIAMANDA EDUCATION STUDENTS

Since last Sunday, wonderful support has come in to enable poor students in Ciamanda, Kenya to continue their education. Without your help these bright young people would be unable to fulfil their dreams. Thank you for your wonderful generosity, and thanks be to God.

COFFEE SHOP CLOSURE DURING THE SUMMER, BUT....

The coffee shop volunteers always have a break during school holidays, but there will be coffee/tea/cold drinks (maybe biscuits) available on Wednesday mornings only so you can come in and help yourself to a drink, and meet friends for a chat if you want to. If anyone is able to help prepare the drink flasks on a Wednesday morning, offers would be most welcome - speak to Catherine if you can help.

OUR COFFEE SHOP NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

During our Summer Series we have been looking at how we can reach out to show love to our community. Helping in the coffee shop just one morning a week or on an occasional basis is one way that perhaps you could do that. When the coffee shop re-opens in September, it would be good to know that we are fully staffed and don't have to worry about illness or holidays because there are sufficient volunteers. If you can help, do speak to Catherine in the office who can pass on a message to Maria Mannas, who runs the coffee shop for us.

"ANNA'S PLACE" - HOLIDAY AT HOME

We will be having our Holiday at Home on 18 August this year. If the weather is fine, we have activities and crafts in a marquee in the car park, and some puzzles and games will be inside the hall. If you would like to join us and even if you attend only occasionally, you are welcome to join us for a lunch of fish and chips, sausage & chips, chicken & chips, or veggie burger. This will be followed by an ice cream cone, so a real feel of the seaside! There is a booking form to complete and the cost is £5 per person. Forms are available from the Church office or from Anna's Place on Tuesday.

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!

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT FUND-RAISING

Angela Wood's annual fund-raising event for Macmillan will be on Friday, 26 August at 1.30 p.m. at 2 Broome Road, Billericay, CM11 1ES. All welcome for a cuppa and cake!

TEAM SERVICE - 150 YEARS OF MOTHERS' UNION

The next Team Service will be held at Christ Church on 30 August at 10 a.m. when Lucy Bubb, Faith & Church Engagement Manager for Mothers Union in Chelmsford Diocese, will be speaking, as we join in the worldwide celebration and thanksgiving for 150 years of Mothers' Union. Do join us for this wonderful occasion.

FAMILY FUN DAY – 31 AUGUST

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 Ukeles' 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.

PARISH TEAM PRAYER DATES

Across the Team we meet for an hour or so once a fortnight at one of the Team Churches to pray for the new Team Rector appointment. The next two prayer evenings are Tuesday, 8 September at Emmanuel at 7.30 p.m. and Tuesday, 29 September at St John the Divine at 7.30 p.m. Please feel welcome to come along, and a lift may be available if you have no transport.

BAPTISM OF JESSE WRIGHT

Helen (nee Sheppard) & Adrian Wright invite you to celebrate with them the Baptism of little Jesse on Sunday, 20 September during the 10 a.m. Celebration Sunday Service. Do note the date in your diaries!

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.

EASYFUNDRAISING If you shop online, do remember to buy in support of Christ Church via EasyFundraising. You can sign up now at: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christchurchbillerica>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11 Aug** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 15 Aug** Dambusters 8.30 a.m.
- 16 Aug** Bubble Church 9.10 a.m. (8.55 for Breakfast)
- 16 Aug** Summer Series (4) 10 a.m.
- 18 Aug** Anna's Place 'Holiday at Home'
- 19 Aug** Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.
- 23 Aug** Summer Series (5)
- 24 Aug** DCC 7.45 p.m.
- 25 Aug** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 26 Aug** Macmillan Afternoon Tea 1.30 p.m.
- 27 Aug** Meeting of Coffee Shop Volunteers 2.30 p.m.
- 30 Aug** Team Service at Christ Church 10 a.m.
MU 150 Years Celebration
- 31 Aug** Summer Fun Afternoon 2 - 5 p.m.
- 1 Sep** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 2 Sep** Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.
- 6 Sep** Messy Church 10 a.m.
- 7 Sep** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.
- 8 Sep** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 8 Sep** Parish Prayers Emmanuel 7.30 p.m.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Rev Margaret Fowler: Please pray for Margaret as she prepares for the Autumn schedule of services.

For children/young people ministry: Please pray for more helpers to come forward for our Sunday School, and also for the initiatives for 18-30s. Give thanks for Bubble Church and Messy Church and pray for more young families to come along.

SUN**MESSY CHURCH**

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

Join us for the Summer Series in Church

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: 16 August**

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

First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next Service: 7 September**

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: 19 August

THU**LADIES ON THURSDAY (LOTS)**

Fortnightly 9.30 a.m. **Next Meeting: 10 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: 15 August

CORNERSTONE COFFEE-SHOP

Closed for the School Summer Holiday

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"

9 August 2026 - Summer Series (3)

Staycation: Mission Where We Are

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Lead: Catherine Benbough

Preach/Preside: Rev Margaret Fowler

Bible Reading: Genesis 1: 29-30

Worship Songs:

SCREEN Across the Lands

SOF 290 Jesus is Lord

SOF 664 Beauty for Brokenness

SCREEN These are the Days of Elijah

SOF 147 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Collect for Summer Series

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

16 August 2026 - Summer Series (4)

Staycation: Mission Where We Are

9.10 a.m. Bubble Church

(Breakfast from 8.55)

10.00 a.m. Celebration Sunday

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.