

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).

SUMMER FUN AFTERNOON - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to so many of you for the amazing contribution you made to make the Fun Afternoon happen on Bank Holiday Monday. Thank you to those who baked cakes, those who turned up to set up and clear away, for the sound, music, and The Ukeles, the Food Bank who ran the BBQ, the craft tables, refreshments, raffle, etc. Our aim for this event was not especially to raise funds, but more that it should be an outreach by the church to the community, and so many did turn up from the community who had never been to Christ Church before, so that was lovely. After the bouncy castle and BBQ expenses were paid, we did in fact raise almost £360. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated, or were involved in any way. Margaret

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN

It's that time again! Shoeboxes for you to fill are now available, and if you can make any donations of items to fill the shoeboxes, such as small toys, pens, pencils, rubbers, small rulers, tennis balls, yoyos, hair slides, combs, brushes, flannels, etc, we would be grateful. Now that the children are back at school, some school items are on sale, so do look out for them in the supermarkets. There are leaflets to paste on top of the boxes to identify whether your box is for a boy or girl and the age of the child you intend it for. A small donation is requested to cover the cost of transport and this can be paid online or placed in the box. All our shoeboxes are collected by Operation Christmas Child who give us a receipt for them. For those who pay online, you will receive an email in the New Year indicating where your box was sent.

TEAM RECTOR VACANCY

The Archdeacon has now drawn up a timeline for advertising the role and the interview process. The closing date for applications is Thursday, 10 September and shortlisting on Friday, 11 September. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 20 October at 1 p.m.

COFFEE AFTER SERVICE ON A FIRST SUNDAY ONLY

We are looking for someone who could help Sue Piper with preparing/serving/clearing up refreshments after the Service on a first Sunday only. If you can possibly help, do let Catherine in the office know.

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!

FUN WALK 2026

Your sponsorship for those who took part in the Fun Walk last year raised the most amount ever for Christ Church! Will we beat it this year? How can you support Christ Church? Either, take a sponsorship form from the welcome table and sign up to do a sponsored walk at any time during September, or sponsor anyone who is doing the walk. This is the event which raises the largest sum for Christ Church each year because whatever you raise receives a bonus of around 30% extra from the Fun Walk Bonus Pot, so if you make a £10 donation which is eligible for Gift Aid, your donation is increased to £16.50! So please, please sponsor our walkers if you can this year, or do a walk yourself and ask your friends and family to sponsor you. Thank you!

PENSIONERS' PRAISE – MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 2 P.M.

Join us tomorrow, when Rev Jim Rose continues our 2026 theme 'To know Jesus better and to make Jesus better known.' Refreshments afterwards. All welcome!

'YOUR BILLERICAY' - PRE-PARADE SERVICE IN ST MARY MAGDALEN, HIGH ST

There will be a pre-parade Service in St Mary's at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 13 September and all are welcome to go along. If anyone can help with refreshments which will be served throughout the day, please let Pauline Randall (pauline.randall@billericaychurches.org) know.

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.

JEAN MISKIN

For those who remember Jean Miskin, Margaret will be taking her Burial of Ashes Service at Herongate Wood on Wednesday, 23 September at 12.30 p.m. Sara, Jean & Geoff's daughter, has said anyone who remembers Jean is welcome to come along. It will only be a short graveside service.

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 kept in the Church Office.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7 Sep** Pensioners' Praise 2 p.m.
- 8 Sep** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 8 Sep** Parish Prayers at Emmanuel 7.30 p.m.
- 9 Sep** Church Leaders Meeting 12 noon
- 10 Sep** Team Rector application closing date
- 11 Sep** Team Rector shortlisting
- 13 Sep** 'Your Billericay' High Street, from 10 a.m.
- 13 Sep** Harvest Service at Anisha Grange 3 p.m.
- 14 Sep** Worship COG via Zoom 7.30 p.m.
- 15 Sep** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 16 Sep** Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.
- 17 Sep** Deanery Synod, Great Burstead 7.30 p.m.
- 18 Sep** Meeting with Mustard Seed Team Leader 2 p.m.
- 20 Sep** Bubble Church 9.10 a.m. (Breakfast from 8.55)
- 20 Sep** Baptism of Jesse Wright 10 a.m.
- 21 Sep** PCC Emmanuel 7.30 p.m.
- 22 Sep** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 22 Sep** IKnow Pilot Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 29 Sep** Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 29 Sep** Parish Prayers at St John the Divine 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.

Next Service 6 September

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Meeting

BUBBLE CHURCH

Third Sunday of the month 9.10 a.m. (Breakfast from 8.55 a.m.) **Next Service: 20 September**

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: 16 September

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: 19 September

CORNERSTONE COFFEE-SHOP

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
8.45 a.m. - 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

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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6 September 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m.

Messy Church (Hall)

'Jesus meets..The Roman Centurion'

10.00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Lead:

Pete Fisher

Preach:

Catherine Benbough

Bible Readings:

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

Matthew 18: 15-20

Worship Songs:

Our God Saves

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

God Forgave My Sin

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

13 September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m.

Family Communion

& Sunday School

Lead/Preside:

Rev Margaret Fowler

Preach:

Pete Fisher

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.