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).

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD
Our Christ Church Christmas cards are now ready for delivery, so we need your help please! If you can only deliver a few, it will all help. The cards are on the table at the back of Church, so please take bundles for any roads you can, and deliver before Advent Sunday (29 November) if possible. We have so many people coming to Christ Church each year who say they know about a particular Christmas Service or event because they received a card. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN
At the time of publishing, we do not yet know when the shoeboxes will be collected by Operation Christmas Child. Thank you so much for all your donations of items, and for making up so many lovely shoeboxes for children who would otherwise receive no gifts at Christmas. Please bring your shoeboxes in this weekend (15 November) if you can, but there may be a few days leeway before the boxes are actually collected, so do check with the Church office if you still have shoeboxes after the weekend.

CONFIRMATION OF JAMIE WARREN AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL
Jamie will be Confirmed by Bishop Guli of Chelmsford at the Cathedral, on Sunday, 22 November at 3.30 p.m. It would be lovely if as many of you as are able can attend the Service to support Jamie and his family on this very special occasion. There is no limit to the number of people who may attend, so please do join us if you can.

CHRIST CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT - 21 NOVEMBER, 7 P.M.
We are holding a Quiz Night in aid of Christ Church building repair funds on Saturday, 21 November. You can make up a team of 8 people (no more please), or ask to join a team. Tickets are £8 each, and you can bring along your own drinks and nibbles. If you have any raffle prizes, they would be warmly welcomed! The quizmaster will once again be the lovely Rachel Orford from St Mary the Virgin, and she will be ably assisted by her husband. The Quiz Night earlier this year was great fun, so do join us if you can. We aim to finish by 9 p.m. so it's not a late evening! Please let the office know if you have a team or would like to join one.

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!

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - 29 NOVEMBER AT 5 P.M.
We have something new for this Advent Sunday 29 November at 5 p.m. We are holding a Carol Service/Nativity outside on the atrium entrance - the car park will be the auditorium. Buttsbury Junior Choir will be coming to sing for us and we have a real donkey (well two actually!) to accompany Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Seating will be provided for those who cannot stand for too long. This is an exciting opportunity to reach out to local families in a different way this year, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE! We need stewards to welcome and point guests in the right direction, and helpers to prepare refreshments in the hall please. We would also appreciate any donations of biscuits, mince pies, mulled wine, soft drinks, etc. Please let Margaret or the office know if you can help.

CTB PRAYER WALK THANKSGIVING SERVICE - FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 7.30 p.m.
Churches Together in Billericay invites you to a Thanksgiving Service at the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Laindon Road to thank God for all of those who have taken part in the Billericay Prayer Walk initiative. After the Service there will be refreshments served in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to attend.

ISING POP PRAISE PARTY FOR 7 - 12 YR OLDS - SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER
An afternoon of fun for 7 - 12 yr olds followed by an iSingPOP praise team performance including the children, at Western Road Methodist Church, Billericay, 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.. For enquiries: billericaymcevents@gmail.com or see flier on welcome table.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
The Christmas Day Lunch for those on their own (and partners) will be hosted at Emmanuel Church again this year. If you would like to book (or you know someone who will be on their own on Christmas Day), please email:- billericayxmas@gmail.com or phone 07795 217217.
The closing date for bookings is 13 December.

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.

EASYFUNDRAISING
When buying Christmas presents online, do remember to buy in support of Christ Church via EasyFundraising. You can sign up now at:
http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christchurchbillericay

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 Nov	PCC & reconvened APCM, Christ Church 7.30 p.m.
17 Nov	Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m
17 Nov	Deanery Synod, St Chad's Vange, 7.30 p.m.
18 Nov	Parish Prayers, St Mary Magdalen, High St, 7.30 p.m.
20 Nov	CTB Prayer Walk Thanksgiving Service Holy Redeemer, 7.30 p.m.
21 Nov	High St Market, St Mary Magdalen, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
21 Nov	Ising Pop at Methodist Church 1.30 p.m.
21 Nov	Christ Church Quiz Night with Rachel Orford, 7 p.m.
22 Nov	Confirmation at Cathedral of Jamie Warren 3.30 p.m.
24 Nov	Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
29 Nov	Advent Sunday Team Service, Emmanuel 10.30 a.m.
29 Nov	Advent Carol/Nativity Service (outside!) with Buttsbury Primary Choir 5 p.m.
1 Dec	Anna's Place, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2 Dec	Pray Together in Church 7.45 p.m.
6 Dec	Billericay Christmas Market
6 Dec	Christmas Messy Church 10 a.m.
7 Dec	Pensioners' Praise Carol Service 2 p.m.
8 Dec	Anna's Place Table Decorations, 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SPECIAL PRAYERS
For Rev Margaret Fowler: Please pray for Margaret as she prepares for Advent and Christmas 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 December

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Next Meeting 22 November

BUBBLE CHURCH
Third Sunday of the month 9.10 a.m. (Breakfast from 8.55 a.m.) **Next Service: 15 November**

MON

PENSIONERS' PRAISE - **2.00 p.m**.
First Monday of the month. All welcome. You don't have to be retired! **Next Service: 7 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: 18 November

THU

LADIES ON THURSDAY (LOTS)
Fortnightly 9.30 a.m. **Next Meeting: 19 November**

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: 21 November

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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Christ Church, Billericay

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

15 November 2026
Second Sunday before Advent

9.10 a.m. **Bubble Church (8.55 a.m. for Breakfast)**
10.00 a.m. **Celebration Sunday**
Lead: Rev Margaret Fowler
Preach: Paul Hunt
Bible Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30
Worship Songs:
What a Faithful God Have I
My Lighthouse
Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me
Faithful One, so Unchanging
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

22 November 2026
Christ the King

10.00 a.m. **Family Communion**
Lead: Pete Fisher
Preside/Preach: Rev Margaret Fowler

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.