

# EMMANUEL

## CHURCH BILLERICAY

### LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

**21 NOVEMBER 2021**

CHRIST THE KING

**Theme: Journeys**

Speaker Sue Goldsmith

Bible Readings

Matthew 16:13-19 & Acts 12:1-11

**8.30 am Communion (Said)**

**10.30 am Morning Worship**

**10.00 am Messy Advent**

**6.00 pm Alpha Course**

#### **A PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in His service, whose kingdom has no end; for He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **AMEN.**

**28 NOVEMBER 2021**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**(HG232) The Lost Son**

Speaker Christine Williams

Bible Reading Luke 15:11-32

**8.30 am Morning Prayer (Said)**

**10.30 am Family Communion**

#### **A PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, as Your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet You in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

### **Emmanuel Church Text for 2021**

*“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,  
firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19*

**WELCOME** We give you a warm welcome to Emmanuel - especially if you are a visitor. We are a lively family church, which has a relaxed, informal and friendly feel with a range of activities to cater for all members of our church family. We take 'being Church' seriously - especially when it comes to God's word, the Bible - but we do enjoy having fun along the way. When visiting, please introduce yourself to Paul our Rector, Christine our churchwarden, or to one of our welcome team/stewards, so we can give you further information about Emmanuel.

**COVID 19** Please see our website for the latest COVID 19 guidelines agreed at the DCC on 22 September.

**MESSY ADVENT** For young families, will take place on **Sunday 21 November** at 10.00 am. Breakfast will be served from 9.30 am in a COVID friendly way. This will be the last Messy Church of 2021.

**PARISH PRAYERS** Take place on Zoom every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at 6.00 pm for 15 mins. Paul, Margaret and Rupert share the leading of these. Zoom details are available via weekly the email or WhatsApp group. Please join with us for one of these prayer events if you can.

**EMMANUEL LEADERSHIP TEAM** Meets on **Tuesday 23 November** at 1.30 pm. If you have anything you would like to be raised/discussed, please contact Paul or any of the following: Christine Coe, Shirley Jeffery, Bob Lewis, Alan Morgan, Sue Oakley, Pauline Randall, Pauline Woolnough or James Van Cleef.

**LOCKDOWN QUIZ #22** Our resident quizmasters John and Jacque Humphreys are hosting their **FINAL** Lockdown Quiz on **Tuesday 23 November** at 7.45 pm. A BIG thank you to J&J for the way they kept up our morale whilst we were in lockdown. More details on our website - but be sure to join in one final time!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Continues every **second and fourth Sunday** at our 10.30 am services with a programme for children of all ages. For more information, please see Anna Laughland.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** We are planning to decorate the Christmas Tree and church on **Saturday 4 December** from 10.00 am. Please come along and help prepare the church for our Christmas events.

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL** Please make a note of the events and services coming up in December - brief details opposite (and leaflets available in the lobby) and more on our website. We have limited numbers for all our Christmas services and ask that you register in advance. You can do so here <https://prayin.io/nys-xyj-dfs> Scroll down to find the event of your choice. Please be sure to use one entry per person - including children.

**ANNUAL TOY SERVICE** Takes place on **Sunday 5 December** as we welcome Zoe McKee from *Changing Pathways* to our 10.30 am service as we place our donated toys under the Christmas Tree. This is always a special event for many of us.

**THE BILLERICAY CHRISTMAS MARKET** Takes place on **Sunday 5 December**. Saint Mary's will be open from 11.00 am till about 4.00 pm. Can you help serve refreshments? Please contact Lorraine Harris (07910 811004) or Pauline Randall if you can. Donations of mince pies would be most welcome!

**CHURCH OFFICE** After many years of faithful service in the church office, Chris Comer standing down at the end of the year - if not sooner. If you have office skills, can use a PC and familiar with both Word and Publishing and would be willing to take on this role, please have a chat with Chris or Christine.

**VACANCY FOR A CHURCHWARDEN** Running one churchwarden short at Emmanuel places increasing pressure on Christine and Paul. Please, if you would be willing to serve the church family, and support Christine by serving as churchwarden, have a chat with Christine or Paul as a matter of urgency.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Unfortunately, there is no weekend 'shoebox extravaganza!' this year, nor will we be collecting items for shoeboxes as we have done in previous years. However, Christ Church are collecting and you can drop off a shoebox to them anytime before **Sunday 21 November**. There is still an opportunity for you to pack a shoebox online. The cost is £20 including postage. More details can be found here <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

**PRAYERS** Please remember in your prayers those members of our church family who are in need of our love and support at this time, whether we know them to be unwell, self-isolating or struggling in different ways. Do use the latest monthly prayer diary to guide your prayers.

**MIDWEEK COMMUNION** Takes place at Saint Mary's 'The church in the High Street' every Wednesday at 10.00 am. Preaching/presiding is shared between Paul, Margaret, Rupert and Christine. First Sunday is an MU service! Linda Wallace is also looking for volunteers to lock up Saint Mary's during the week.

**CORNERSTONE CAFÉ** At Christ Church, Perry Street will be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.45 am to 12.00 noon. **CAFÉ ON THE COMMON** The Saint John's Community Café is open every Thursday between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm. Good quality food and great value for money.

# Lauren Housley & Band



## Emmanuel Church

Laindon Road, Billericay, Essex. CM12 9LD

**Sunday 19 December 2021 at 7.00 pm**

Tickets Adults £15 / Under 16's £8  
wegottickets.com/event/525209

laurenhousley.com

revPACman.wordpress.com



## At the heart of Christmas



*Sunday 5 December*  
Annual Toy Service  
10.30 am

*Sunday 12 December*  
Outdoor Family Carols  
10.30 am

*Sunday 19 December*  
Family 'Pop Up' Nativity  
10.30 am

Live at Emmanuel Lauren Housley  
7.00 pm

*Thursday 23 December*  
The Pantaloons Humbugged  
7.00 pm

*Christmas Eve*  
Christingle Services  
3.00 pm & 4.30 pm

Communion by Candlelight  
11.30 pm

*Christmas Day*  
Family Communion  
10.30 am

*"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19*

# HUMBUGGED A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The  
PANTALOONS  
PRESENT



**Thursday 23 December 2021**

EMMANUEL CHURCH BILLERICAY, CM12 9LD

Doors 18.30 / Performance 19.30

Adults £ 14.00 / Under 16's £8.50 & Fees

wegottickets.com/event/522127

revpacman.wordpress.com / thepantaloons.co.uk



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**CHRISTMAS...  
IT'S IN THE BAG!**

PLEASE  
GIFT A

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...FILLED WITH THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- \* Iced Christmas Cake
- \* Yule Log
- \* Mince Pies
- \* Tin / Box Chocolates
- \* Christmas Biscuits
- \* Christmas Pudding
- \* Nuts / Savouries
- \* Tins of Vegetables and Potatoes
- \* Non-alcoholic Drink
- \* Tins of Fruit and Custard
- \* Cat and Dog Food and treats
- \* Tinned Salmon
- \* Tinned Ham

As an alternative, if you wish to make a one-off or set up a regular donation our bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Billericay Foodbank Sort Code: 40-52-40  
A/C No: 00034363

If you can donate using Gift Aid please visit our website for details on how to contact us.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	<b>Weekly</b>	<i>Parish Prayers on Zoom on Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday at 6.00 pm</i>
21	<b>Nov</b>	Guest Speaker is Sue Goldsmith from Christ Church
21	<b>Nov</b>	Messy Advent at 10.00 am (with breakfast from 9.30 am)
23	<b>Nov</b>	Emmanuel Leadership Team meet at 1.30 pm
23	<b>Nov</b>	<b>FINAL</b> Lockdown Quiz #22 at 7.30 pm - see website for more details
4	<b>Dec</b>	Saint Luke's Hospice 'Light Service' at Saint Mary Magdalen
5	<b>Dec</b>	Annual Toy Service collecting for Changing Pathways
5	<b>Dec</b>	Christmas Market in the High Street - Saint Mary's open all day
12	<b>Dec</b>	Outdoor Family Carol Service on the overflow car park at 10.30 am
19	<b>Dec</b>	A fun 'Pop Up' Family Nativity for family members of all ages
19	<b>Dec</b>	Lauren Housley plays live at Emmanuel at 7.00 pm
23	<b>Dec</b>	The Pantaloons perform 'Humbled' at Emmanuel at 7.30 pm
24	<b>Dec</b>	Christingle Services at 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm
24	<b>Dec</b>	First Communion of Christmas by Candlelight at 11.30 pm
25	<b>Dec</b>	Christmas Day Family Communion at 10.30 am
26	<b>Dec</b>	No Service on Boxing Day - there is one at Christ Church at 10.00 am
16	<b>Jan</b>	Week of Christian Unity Service at URC with Andrew Cannon

**Please pass on any Prayer Requests to** Pauline Woolnough ☎ 01277 623082

✉ [pauline.woolnough@billericaychurches.org](mailto:pauline.woolnough@billericaychurches.org)

*Please be sure to read the latest monthly Prayer Update on our website.*

**Items to be included in Church Family News should be sent to:**

✉ [paul@billericaychurches.org](mailto:paul@billericaychurches.org) by the Tuesday before publication.

**PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE, AND DURING COMMUNION, IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED. THERE IS A PRAYER BOOK LOCATED IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH, SHOULD YOU WISH TO ADD A REQUEST. THE LATEST MONTHLY PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA** Many of you continue to take advantage of the news section of our website to keep up-to-date with church news - the news pages are updated regularly. There are always several interesting articles posted on Facebook and Twitter.

**SHOP ONLINE** Did you know that [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) is the easiest way to raise funds for Emmanuel - have you tried this yet? 51 people have raised **£838.23** so far. You can shop with over 2,700 retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to Emmanuel **at no cost to you**. Retailers include Cineworld, John Lewis, Tesco and many more. Please register and it will 'pop up' automatically on your web browser. You can also download the APP to your phone.

**WEEKLY EMAIL** If you would like to receive regular updates about church family news, events and prayer requests etc., please send an email to [paul@billericaychurches.org](mailto:paul@billericaychurches.org) and he will add your name to the list. You can also follow us on social media - details below.

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