



ST MARY MAGDALENE Great Burstead with Ramsden Crays

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WELCOME

It is good to welcome you to our church today. We hope that you enjoy the experience of worshipping with us.

If you are new to our service and find it difficult to follow, please ask the person next to you, who will be delighted to help. If you have any questions about our worship, please ask Fr Michael, Fr Peter or Thomas and Mary our Churchwardens after the service.

SUNDAY 8TH May 2022 (EASTER 4)

8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
10:00 am Sung Eucharist – Common Worship
3:00 pm Baptism

UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT

Wed 9:30 am Holy Communion Service
Thu 1:00 pm Funeral
Sat 4:30 pm Wedding

Sunday 15th May (Easter 5)

Sun 8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
10:00 am Sung Eucharist - Common Worship
10:00 am Service followed by APM and APCM

Each Friday is Fr. Michael's day of rest.

NOTICE AND SOCIAL EVENTS BOARD

Please do look at the notice board and the posters at the back of our Church and in the porch for events happening around the deanery and diocese and our local community which you may wish to attend for yourself, or as a representative on behalf of our parish.

Christian Aid Week is 15th - 21st May

There will be envelopes and buckets in church next week. Please give generously.
- Margaret Flack

Fete - Saturday 2 July

Grand Draw - we would like to put a hamper together as one of the prizes. If you would like to donate an item, please note this on the form in the coffee area. Please put items in the labelled bag in the vestry.

Cakes - are you able to kindly bake a cake for the refreshment stall or to sell complete? A list of suggested cakes is also in the coffee area.

Volunteer any time on the day? There are a variety of opportunities and it is fun! Thank you.
- Alison 07962 925560

Annual Parish Meeting

Our traditional Annual Parish Meeting will be held in church on Sunday 15th May, immediately following the 10.00am

service. You are warmly invited to attend and most of the relevant information, including the agenda and reports, is contained within the attachment sent with this Pew-sheet. You are welcome to 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' all this information, although we cannot accept claims for any indigestion! If you are able to come to the meeting, you may wish to print some, or all of the papers to bring with you. For those without access to digital communications or printers, there will be some paper copies available for distribution at the meeting.
- Peter Furness – Assistant Secretary

APCM Sunday 15 May at 11.30am

Please pray for people to come forward and fill the following posts

- 2 Churchwardens
- 5 members for the PCC

Forms are available at the back of church to nominate people to these posts.

The electoral roll has been revised and a copy of the new one is in the porch for inspection. Please check it for accuracy if you are not on it you cannot vote at the meeting.
- Mary Edwards

Garden Stall in Mill Road

The usual appeal for plants, garden tools, garden equipment and produce please, also 4" - 5" flower pots please. Thanks - we now need volunteers to make the jam and marmalade (ingredients and jam jars supplied). Thank you. Kathy and Martyn heald53mnk@btinternet.com 53 Mill Road, Great Burstead 0771 5562 492 / 01277 655085.
- Kathy

Hosting Ukrainian Families

I know many of you have been deeply disturbed with events in the Ukraine in recent times and feel powerless to do anything about it – apart from pray. Some of you have expressed an interest in doing something more practical. I've been looking around to see what Christian mission organisations are doing in response, and most, such as Samaritans Purse (OCC) are asking for funding and not facilitating the resettlement of Ukrainian nationals. However, Krish Kandiah, former principal of London School of Theology, and involved with Spring Harvest, has set up <https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/> to do just that. You may have seen him on BBC Breakfast this morning.

Once you sign up to express an interest, you can name the person you would like to host. Stephen Dray has contacts with church leaders in Ukraine of families who are seeking refuge. He tells me, if you are interested in support a family in this way, it would be good to know if you are looking to house a woman or a family or an elderly couple and how many you could accommodate. Stephen is in daily contact so this is something that could be resolved quite quickly and this will ensure you could host someone with a Christian faith. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please sign up with Sanctuary Foundation and then contact Stephen who can help you with names to put down on your form. Michael Gove has spoken about how mission organisations and church contacts have a significant role to play in welcoming refugees into the UK – so this is a government sanctioned approach to supporting Ukrainian refugees. Stephen's email address is stephenpauldray@yahoo.co.uk
- Fr. Michael

A prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.
- Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

We pray for all those in need, be it for sickness, bereavement, loneliness, depression, stress or anxiety. Remember if you need to talk contact your friends, or Fr Michael. Do not suffer alone.