



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 15TH May 2022 (EASTER 5)

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

UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT

Tue 7:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal in Church
Wed 9:30 am Holy Communion Service
Thu 1:00 pm Funeral in Church
2:15 pm MU Meeting
7:30 pm Deanery Synod in St Andrew's Wickford
(Instillation of new Rector of Wickford)

Sunday 22nd May (Easter 6)

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

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.

Annual Parish Meeting

Last chance to fire up your printers and to copy off any information that you may require to bring with you for this meeting that will follow immediately after our 10.00am service today. All the material is contained within the attachment sent with this Pew-sheet with the exception of the financial information which will be circulated separately. As previously mentioned, there will be some complete paper copies available at the meeting for those without digital or printer technology.

- Peter Furness – Assistant Secretary.

Fete - Saturday 2 July - 11am to 4pm

The fete will be CASH ONLY this year.

Grand Draw - if you would like to donate an item to a hamper prize, please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Please put items in the labelled bag in the vestry by the 19 June. Tickets for the Grand Draw will be sold on fete day.

Cakes - there has been a great response to the request for

cakes so far and we need more for this popular area. If you can help, please add your name and cake to the list at the back of the church. This year, please give me a written list of ingredients only as this will be available if we have queries from visitors.

Volunteers - always needed, let me know if you have some time to offer, for set up, on the day or clear up. Thank you for your support.

- Alison 07962 925560

Access to church

Sorry there will be no access to church on week days between Monday 30 May and Friday 24 June due to the men working on the organ. Although evening activities can still go ahead just be careful. This means the Wednesday morning mass will be cancelled for these 3 weeks. If the dates change I will let you know.

Benches

My grateful thanks to all those that contributed towards the benches and to Gavin and his friend who installed them. I think you will all agree they improve the look of our churchyard.

Ascension Day 26th May

There will be an evening communion service at 7:30 pm in church

- Mary Edwards

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May

This year Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of numerous countries in the world which face droughts, which have become more intense and more common because of climate change. Please donate generously in the envelope provided and gift aid if you can by putting the completed form in the envelope and placing in the bucket. They will also be available next week in case you did not have money with you. Thank you.

- Margaret Flack

Garden Stall in Mill Road

Thanks - we now have enough jam jars and flower pots but welcome plants and garden hardware. Total raised so far is £797.62. This stall will continue until Saturday 25 June and then recommence after the Fete. 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

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.