

Baptisms

You can book a baptism by contacting Fr Michael after any service or contacting him direct

Weddings

For wedding enquiries and bookings please contact the Weddings Administrator - Jo Hall 01277 632060
weddings@greatburstead-church.co.uk

Churchyard Enquires

Our churchyard is closed, meaning that the upkeep and maintenance is the responsibility of Basildon Council.
Equally if you are looking to research burial records you need to contact the Essex Records Office to obtain records.
[Tel:- 03330-132500](tel:03330-132500)
[Email:-ero.searchroom@essex.gov.uk](mailto:ero.searchroom@essex.gov.uk)

Locally we keep a plan of the headstones
Email churchwarden@greatburstead-church.co.uk

Memorial Garden

We now have a memorial garden where you can sit peacefully and remember your loved ones, especially if you do not know exactly where they are buried as they have not got a headstone.

Welcome

Come and visit this beautiful church and see the medieval wall paintings and the modern Mayflower stained glass window.

You are welcome at any of our services.
If you would like our church to pray for you or for anyone you care about, please add your request to the Prayer Board in Church or via our website

Regular Services

Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist
(followed by refreshments)

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

Look out for posters for any changes

Social media

www.greatburstead-church.co.uk
Twitter: www.twitter.com/gtburstead
Facebook.com /stmarymagdalenegb

St. Mary Magdalene, Great Burstead

with Ramsden Crays

(inc South Green, Noak Bridge & Steeple View)



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Summer 2023 News & Events

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Message from Michael

Dear Friends,

At this time of year, some people are on holiday, others are looking forward to going away, or having friends come and visit. Others are preparing to settle down for a quiet time at home.

How we refresh ourselves, by going out or by staying at home, we all need space for ourselves to restore and recover from the daily tasks which fill our days.

Jesus was clear that He needed space for himself, and He spent this time in prayer with God, his Father. He would go away from his close friends, frequently to secluded places, to find that space when He could talk with and listen to God. He could also rest his body after the long days of walking, and He used this time to restore himself after giving out so much spiritually and emotionally to the many people He helped and healed. Often, He would spend whole nights in prayer.

When God created us, He designed us to function through having rest. After all, most of us feel somewhat restored after a night's sleep. We all expect to spend some time at least in bed every night. So, what is it that stops us from recognising that God also designed us to take one day a week resting from our usual routine, and spending at least some of that day focussed on Him, in prayer, worship, or just 'being' in His presence? We know that in the Ten Commandments, we are told to 'keep the Sabbath holy', in other words, to spend 24 hours every week set apart from earthly concerns. But do we?

This summer let us reclaim this idea of Sabbath. Let us take the time to spend with God, rejoice in his creation, pray, look to the needs of our neighbour, and do our best to relax our minds and our bodies.

When we were children, we didn't need much instruction on how, or encouragement to play and rest. These activities came to us naturally and spontaneously. Let us not be so adult and serious that we forget the joy of play or the need to rest. May I suggest that coming to our church fete this year would be a great start.

God Bless
Fr Michael

Come along & enjoy our Traditional Summer Fete

on Saturday 8th July

11am - 4pm

In the church grounds
Lots to do for all the family:

A great variety of stalls
entertainment, Grand Draw,
refreshments, cake, steam engine,
bikers and more!

The arena events

11o/c Opening of Fete
11.10 Fusion Performer Dance and
Drama School
11.40 Wakarishin Ju-Jitsu
12.05 Fusion Performer Dance and
Drama School
12.40 Wakarishin Ju-Jitsu
13.00 Broke'n' biscuits Ukelele band
14.00 Strollercise cont

14.45 RAF Cadet Drill
15.00 Draw of Grand Draw and
other prizes
(all subject to change)

**Free Parking & Entry
Cash only
Toilets in the church hall**

Draw prizes donated by the businesses at
South Green.

Support from 2393 (Billericay) Squadron RAF
Air Cadets.

Other stalls: Woodcarvers, 5th Burstead
Brownie, Young Ones Out of School
Care, Billericay Community Archive, Gt
Burstead & South Green Village Council, Essex
Libraries, RAF and Dengie & South Essex Bikers.

PARISH Contacts

Choir

Our choir rehearse on a Thursday evening
8.15- 9.15pm. We are always looking for
enthusiastic members to join. Our resident
choir master and organist is Emma Griffin
who can be contacted on
organist@greatburstead-church.co.uk

Mothers Union

Meets n the 1st Thursday of each month
contact:- Margaret Flack 01277-651865
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