



## 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 Mary our Churchwardens after the service.

### SUNDAY 3rd December (Advent 1)

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

### UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT

Mon - Thu	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
Mon - Thu	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tue	11:00 am	Funeral
Wed	9:30 am	Said Eucharist
Sat	9:30 am	Morning Prayer
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 10th December (Advent 2)

Sun 8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion  
10:00 am Sung Eucharist – Common Worship

### Friday - Vicar'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.

#### Decorate the church for Christmas

We will put the Christmas tree up at 1:30pm on Sat 16th Dec so it is ready for the carol service. All welcome to come and help.

#### Christingles

We will be making 100 Christingles on Friday 22nd December at 1:30pm. All welcome to come and help.

#### Communal Christmas Card

There will be a large Christmas Card for all to sign in church from this Sunday.

#### Gift Aid declaration form

Sorry if you cannot open your attachment to the email. There are hard copies of the form, available in church.

- MJE

#### Billericay Choral Society

Tickets are now available for the Christmas Oratorio by Chilcott with soloists, on Tuesday, December 12th at 8.00pm in Emmanuel Church, Billericay. See Jeanne or Pat (choir) or go online to our website. £10 tickets in advance. (£12 at door).

- Jeanne

#### Mothers Union

Mothers Union is supporting the United Nation's 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence between 25th November and 10th December. This highlights the fact that 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience abuse in their lifetime and calls for No More 1 in 3.

MU's new campaign, RISE UP against Domestic Abuse, is to teach us how to respond. The letters stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. We ask you to pray for victims of abuse and that their situations will change. For more information, contact Margaret Flack. Our Carols and Readings in support of The Children's Society will be on Thursday 7 December at 2.30 at the Vicarage. All are welcome.

- Margaret

#### Parochial Meeting

Just to explain the insertion in the programme for this Sunday: The Parochial Meeting that is due to take place at 11.30am will be the completion of our Annual Meeting that had to be adjourned earlier this year. The meeting will be an opportunity to present the Financial Statements and Accounts for 2022 and for the appointment of an Independent Examiner to audit our figures for this year.

- Peter Furness – PCC Secretary.

#### Christmas Choir

As Christmas approaches we are welcoming singers to come and join us over the festive period and for the Carol Service. If you are interested or would like to know more please come and speak to Emma our organist or any member of the choir. You would be more than welcome.

#### CTB Christmas Day Lunch

This year will be held at Western Road Methodist Church - if you would like to help in any way, admin and leg-work beforehand, prep on Christmas Eve, helping on the day with lifts to and from church, welcoming, hosting a table, helping with the food or clearing up afterwards - please do contact one of us. We are also hoping to give everyone a piece of homemade Christmas cake to take home, so if you can offer to make one for us (tray-bake style would be easier for us to cut up) then again let us know. The invitations will soon be going out to those who came last year, if you know of anyone you would like to invite or who speaks to you about it, please do pass on their details to us. Lorraine 07910 811004 and Sue 07772 278063.

#### Volunteers required

Can you help? We are looking for some more help with the cleaning, sides people, and servers. Please pray for some more volunteers to come forward to help with these important jobs. The more we have the less often you will be on the rota.

- Mary Edwards

#### 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