



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 questions about our worship, please ask Fr Michael the Vicar, Karen White, our Associate Priest, or Nigel or Fola, our Churchwardens after the service.

SUNDAY 1st December (First Sunday of Advent)

8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sung Eucharist – Common Worship
 3:00 pm Baptism

UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT

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| Mon - Fri | 9:30 am | Morning Prayer |
| Mon | 11:30 am | Funeral |
| Mon - Fri | 5:00 pm | Evening Prayer |
| Wed | 10:00 am | Said Eucharist |
| Thu | 2:00 pm | MU Meeting |
| Sat | 9:30 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 5:00 pm | Evening Prayer |

SUNDAY 15th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

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| Sun | 8:00 am | Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 am | Sung Eucharist – Common Worship |
| | 6:30 pm | Carol Service |

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.

MU Carol Service - Thursday 12th December

The Mothers' Union would like to invite you to a Carol Service at the Vicarage at 2pm on Thursday 12th December. In addition to the carols and readings, there will be mince pies and a raffle. All monies raised will be donated to The Children's Society.

- Jo Hall

Christingle making - Monday 23rd December

We will be making the Christingles in church on Monday 23rd December at 10.30am and are looking for additional help. Please join us if you are able to assist. The more the merrier! Many thanks.

- Jo Hall

Christmas Services

Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.30 pm

Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm

Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4.15 pm

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion with Carols at 9.30 am

Christmas Day Dinner

Are you (and your partner) alone on Christmas Day? Churches Together in Billericay invite you to join them for Lunch at 1pm to 3.30pm at Emmanuel Church, 66 Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 9LD. There is no charge. Lifts will be provided for those who need it. Please book before 13 December. Please contact Billericayxmas@gmail.com or 0787 200 3677. See posters in our church porch.

Leaves Clearing

As the autumn leaves begin to fall, we're reaching out to ask for your help in keeping our church grounds looking their best. If you have some free time, we would be grateful if you could volunteer to rake leaves around the church grounds at your own convenience. Please place the cleared leaves with the piles at the bottom of the yard or take them home for mulch or compost. Thank you for your support.

Billericay Choral

Christmas concert . Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 8.00 pm at Emmanuel Church, Billericay.

Billericay Choral Society will be singing "Bethlehem" by J Maunder, not often performed but we are hoping this very melodic work will be enjoyed by all. You are invited to join us in some traditional Christmas carols. There is a poster in the Church porch giving more details. Tickets are available from me Jeanne W. or our website. £10 in advance; £12 on the door. Thank you.

- Jeanne

Men's and Women's lunch

Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay High Street on Friday 27th December at 12 noon. All are very welcome.

- Mary and Mark. 01277 750201

Do you shop online and want to raise money for the church?

There is an easy way for us all to fundraise for the church when we shop online. A small percentage is given by the retailer to the church.

First, register with www.Easyfundraising.org.uk and then search for your favourite shops and click on the link.

Then, log into the shop and either register and create an account or log in as usual and start shopping.

Each time you shop do it through

www.Easyfundraising.org.uk and you will be contributing to the church. M&S, Sainsbury's, Argos, Waitrose, Waterstones etc are all in there.

- Alison

QR code and online link for St Mary Magdalene, Great Burstead

Our mission and ministry can now be supported by people by using the QR code and online donation page for our church. Please use either the QR code or follow this link:

<https://givealittle.co/c/6xC5vQ1W6MqmIPRjAvrFS0>.

Thank you.





COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES 2025 APPLICATION FORM

The Introductory Day for all new students will be on **Saturday 2nd November, in the Chapter House/Diocesan Offices at 10.00am** and the course will start the week of **Monday 6th January 2024.**

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| <i>In the daytime at</i> | Pleshey | The Retreat House one Tuesday per <i>10.00am – 3.00pm Month</i> <i>(dates available on request)</i> |
| | Chelmsford | Diocesan Office Wednesday <i>10.00am – 12.00 noon</i> |

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| <i>In the evening at</i><br><i>7.30 - 9.30pm</i><br><i>Unless otherwise</i><br><i>Stated</i> | <b>Coggeshall</b> | <b>St Peter Ad Vincula</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
|                                                                                              | <b>Dagenham</b>   | <b>St George's</b>         | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
|                                                                                              | <b>Dovercourt</b> | <b>All Saints'</b>         | <b>Thursday</b>  |
|                                                                                              | <b>Rochford</b>   | <b>St Andrews</b>          | <b>Wednesday</b> |
|                                                                                              | <b>Zoom</b>       | <b>Online</b>              | <b>TBC</b>       |

Please indicate your first and second choices on the form below and return it, with your DPA form electronically to **Diane Hardy** [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org)

**FULL NAME: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr/Other).....**

**Email address .....**

Please complete the enclosed data protection form. Your data will be kept in accordance with the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance's data protection policy. Your data will be stored and maintained by the course administrator. Your contact information will be shared with your course tutor as they may need to contact you (for example – to notify you of a session cancellation). If you have any queries please contact Diane Hardy.

**First choice of Centre.....**

**Second choice of Centre (allocated if first not available).....**

**Full details of venue addresses can be found on the website**

[Take the course in Christian Studies - CCS with the Diocese of Chelmsford \(anglican.org\)](https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/courses/ccs)

CCS fees for 2025 are £150 per annum or £50 per term (3 terms per year) and to make things more convenient the following payment options are available:

£150 Annually

£50 on registration then £50 in April and August

Please make payment via BACS if possible, quoting **CCS/1/(your surname)** to

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| Barclays Bank  |                                     |
| Sort Code      | 20-20-35                            |
| Account number | 60269603                            |
| Account Name   | Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance |

If you prefer to pay by card, please contact the Finance Department, indicating how much you wish to pay i.e. either £150 or £50. You can either email them at [finance@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:finance@chelmsford.anglican.org) or phone 01245 294400 (ask to be put through to the Finance Department). They will then send you a secure link by email or to your mobile phone to enable you to make payment.

If you cannot pay by BACS or card please send payment by cheque, made payable to Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance, to the CCS Administrator, Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford CM1 1AT.

Please note that in certain circumstances some parishes and local churches are willing to pay all or part of the fees.

Once your application and fee have been received, and we have sufficient applicants to make a venue viable, we will confirm which centre you have been registered with, details of the relevant venue and details about the Introductory Day.

Further information can be found at:

[Take the course in Christian Studies - CCS with the Diocese of Chelmsford \(anglican.org\)](https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/take-the-course-in-christian-studies-ccs-with-the-diocese-of-chelmsford).....

I wish to enrol for Year 1 and

I have made a bank transfer to the account details above on ..... (date)

I have phoned the Finance Department and paid on ..... (date)

- ☐ £150  
☐ £ 50 followed by £50 each term

Signed.....Dated.....

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM VIA EMAIL TO [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org)**



# Taster Evenings for CCS 2025

Would you like to share in a journey of discovery?

## The ***COURSE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES***

Is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith with others.

The course runs over two years, is open to anyone over the age of 16 and is based on weekly meetings in local groups or via an online learning platform.

You can find out more from students and tutors at these Taster events:

### Daytime Groups

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| <b>Chelmsford</b> | <b>Wed 6 Nov</b> (10.00am-12.00noon)                | <b>Diocesan Office</b>   |
| <b>Pleshey</b>    | <b>Tues 22 Oct or 5 Nov</b><br>(10.00am -12.00noon) | <b>The Retreat House</b> |

Please note if you wish to book a cooked lunch, you should contact the Tutor by email [sharonguest07@btinternet.com](mailto:sharonguest07@btinternet.com)

### Evening Groups

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| <b>Coggeshall</b> | <b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 24</b><br><b>7.30pm – 9.00pm</b> | <b>St Peter-Ad-Vincula</b> |
| <b>Dagenham</b>   | <b>Tues 5 Nov 24</b><br><b>7.00pm – 8.00pm</b>               | <b>St George's</b>         |
| <b>Dovercourt</b> | <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 24</b><br><b>7.30pm – 8.30pm</b> | <b>All Saints'</b>         |
| <b>Rochford</b>   | <b>TBC</b>                                                   | <b>St Andrew's</b>         |
| <b>Zoom</b>       | <b>TBC</b>                                                   | <b>Zoom</b>                |

**THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INFORMATION MORNING HELD IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE IN CHELMSFORD ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COURSE**

Please visit

<https://chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/discipleship/course-in-christian-studies>  
for more details.

For further information contact: Diane Hardy, Administrator, Course in Christian Studies,  
Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CMI 1AT  
Tel: 01245 294449 email: [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org)

# Course in Christian Studies 2025

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| Diocesan Office<br>53 New Street<br><b>Chelmsford CM1 1AT</b>                                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday mornings<br>10.00am – 12.00 noon | Taster morning<br>Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> November<br>10.00am – 12.00noon          |
| St Peter-Ad-Vincula Church<br>4 Church Green<br><b>Coggeshall CO6 1UD</b>                                                                                                                                        | Tuesday evenings<br>7.30pm – 9.30pm        | Taster evening<br>Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> October<br>7.30pm – 9.00pm             |
| St George's Church<br>86 Roger's Rd<br><b>Dagenham RM10 8JX</b>                                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday evenings<br>7.00pm – 9.00pm        | Taster evening<br>Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> November<br>7.00pm – 8.00pm             |
| All Saints' Church<br>Main Rd<br>Dovercourt<br><b>Harwich CO12 4LN</b>                                                                                                                                           | Thursday evenings<br>7.30pm 9.30pm         | Taster evening<br>Thurs 7th November<br>7.30pm – 8.30pm                        |
| The Diocesan House of Retreat<br>The Street<br><b>Pleshey CM3 1HA</b>                                                                                                                                            | one Tuesday per month<br>10.00am – 3.00pm  | Taster morning<br>Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> October<br>or 5 <sup>th</sup> November |
| <p><b><i>Please note: a cooked lunch can be booked at this venue,<br/>For more information contact the Tutor by email <a href="mailto:sharonquest07@btinternet.com">sharonquest07@btinternet.com</a></i></b></p> |                                            |                                                                                |
| St Andrews Church<br>Elizabethan Room<br>Hall Lane<br><b>Rochford</b>                                                                                                                                            | Wednesday evenings<br>7.00pm – 9.00pm      | Taster evening<br>TBC<br>7.00pm – 9.00pm                                       |
| <b>ZOOM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | TBC<br>7.30pm - 9.30pm                     | Taster evening<br>TBC                                                          |

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