



**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 15th December**  
**(Third Sunday of Advent)**

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

**UPCOMING WEEK’S SERVICES AND EVENT**

- Mon - Fri 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- Mon 12:00 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
- 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

**SUNDAY 22nd December**  
**(Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

- Sun 8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
- 9:30 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.

**A Commedia Christmas Carol**

Accompany Scrooge as he rediscovers the true meaning of Christmas! Join the Complete Commedia Company at their festive seasonal event, retelling Dickens' favourite Christmas Tale. See poster for details.

**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

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Note for pew sheet: [Pewsheets@greatburstead-church.co.uk](mailto:Pewsheets@greatburstead-church.co.uk)

**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 contact [Billericayxmas@gmail.com](mailto:Billericayxmas@gmail.com) or 0787 200 3677. See posters in our church porch.

**New Year's Eve at the Vicarage**

If you would like some extra company on New Year's Eve, please join us at the Vicarage from 7pm onwards. We would welcome some food and drink contributions for the buffet. There is a list at the back of church for you to indicate what you plan to bring (and also to see what's already being offered).

- Fr Michael and Jo

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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.



**Baptismal Team**

Could you spare a couple of hours a month to join the baptismal team? It will involve greeting the parents/guests and helping to get the church ready for the baptism.

No heavy lifting involved!

There seems to be a lot of baptisms at the moment which is wonderful news so the more volunteers we have on the team

the more the work load could be shared. If you feel you are able to help, please speak to Father Michael or contact Mary Edwards or myself.

- Carol Simons

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Fr. Michael Hall (Vicar) The Vicarage, 111 Church Street, Great, Burstead, CM11 2TR

# DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD

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### PERSONAL DATA COLLECTION FORM

In order that we may process your personal data in connection with the Course in Christian Studies you are asked to complete this form, date it, and return it to the Course Administrator. To find out more about how the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance (CDBF) processes personal data please read our General Privacy Notice. This can be downloaded from the diocesan website <http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/data-protection-and-privacy>. It is also available in hard copy, upon request to the course administrator. Specific information in respect of how your data is used whilst involved with the CCS can be found below.

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<b>Why do we need this information and what do we do with it?</b>	
<p>We need this information in order to communicate about the Course in Christian Studies. Your personal data will be stored on the course administrator's database and will be held securely in line with the CDBF's Data Protection Policy.</p> <p>Your data will be shared with the relevant course tutor in order for them to communicate with you for the duration of the course. Otherwise your data will not be shared with third parties without your consent. Personal data which is regarded as 'sensitive' (e.g. health conditions) is collected where relevant to ensure all needs are catered for whilst on the CCS.</p> <p>If you complete the course your personal data will be retained for a period of 5 years in case you wish to take part in further vocational training offered through the CDBF. During this time you will have the option to act as a parish contact which would involve receiving material about future CCSs in order to share and promote the course with other Church members. You are given the option to opt in to do this at the end of your first year with CCS. If you agreed to do this, you can withdraw from this at any time by contacting the course administrator.</p>	
* Denotes minimum required information	

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by email (or scan to [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org))  
Diane Hardy, Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CMI IAT**

Consent may be withdrawn, at any time by contacting Diane Hardy: [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org), Tel 01245 294449  
Please note that withdrawal of consent will mean that you will no longer be able to take part in CCS.

May 2025



# 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

<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> (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

<b>Coggeshall</b>	<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 24</b> <b>7.30pm – 9.00pm</b>	<b>St Peter-Ad-Vincula</b>
<b>Dagenham</b>	<b>Tues 5 Nov 24</b> <b>7.00pm – 8.00pm</b>	<b>St George's</b>
<b>Dovercourt</b>	<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 24</b> <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,  
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Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm  
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Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm  
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# Course in Christian Studies 2025

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

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