

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 29th December (First Sunday after Advent)

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

UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT

Mon - Fri 9:30 am Morning Prayer
Mon - Fri 5:00 pm No Evening Prayer
Tue 7:00 pm New Year's Eve at the Vicarage from 7pm onwards
Wed 10:00 am No Said Eucharist
Sat 9:30 am Morning Prayer
6:00 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 5th January (Second Sunday after 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.

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

Men's and Women's lunch

Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay High Street on Friday 31st January 2025 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.



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

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.

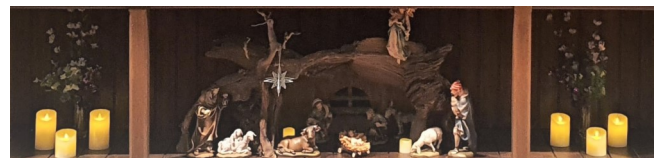
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

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

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.



Merry Christmas