



ST MARY MAGDALENE

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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 16th February (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

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

Mon - Fri 9:30 am Morning Prayer
Wed 10:00 am Said Eucharist
Sat 9:30 am Morning Prayer
6:00 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 23rd February (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

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.

Annual Lent Lecture 2025

This year's Annual Lent Lecture is going to be at Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road. The title of the lecture is: 'The Bible and People of Other Faiths: A Personal and Theological Journey' and will be given by Dr Elizabeth Harris, honorary Senior Research Fellow within the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, University of Birmingham, UK.

The Annual Lent Lecture aims to kickstart the journey of Lent by bringing people together from across Billericay, Wickford, Basildon and beyond to share an experience of learning together. It aims to make cutting-edge scholarship accessible to lay people by bridging academia

and church/faith and learning to inspire fresh thinking and enable the people of God to encounter afresh the transforming power of the cross of the living and active Jesus.

It would be grateful to see many people at the lecture.

Easter Concert

Billericay Choral Society is pleased to announce our Easter concert, a work which is familiar but seldom performed in its entirety in recent years. The Crucifixion by John Stainer on Sunday 6th April in the Billericay Methodist Church at 3.00 pm. The second half will consist of other sacred works suitable to the occasion.

Tickets are available directly on line, or contact Jeanne.
- *Jeanne Wiggins*

Jigsaw Exchange Scheme

We are starting Jigsaw Exchange Scheme at back of church, offering a wide variety of puzzles for all ages. Please feel free to bring in your own puzzles to share or come by to pick up a new one to enjoy. We hope this fosters community and provides a fun activity for everyone.

Mothers Union meeting - Thursday 20th February

The next Mothers Union meeting will be held in church on Thursday 20th February starting at 2pm. The Rev Margaret Fowler will be speaking about their link parish in Ciamanda, Embu County, Kenya. Non MU members are also welcome to attend.

- *Jo*

Men's and Women's lunch

Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay High Street on Friday 28th February 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*

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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.



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.