

#### **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 9th March (First Sunday in Lent)**

8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

9:30 am Sung Eucharist - Common Worship

#### **UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT**

Mon - Thu 9:30 am Morning Prayer
Tue 12:00 pm Funeral
Wed 10:00 am Said Eucharist
Sat 9:30 am Morning Prayer

6:00 pm Evening Prayer

## **SUNDAY 16th March** (Second Sunday in Lent)

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.

### Fete day - Saturday 5 July 2025

This year we are joining with South Green Village Council to offer the local community an activity and fete day in the grounds of the church instead of two separate events at South Green and at the church. Many of the favourite stalls, food and entertainment is planned along with new ideas and details will come out when finalised. We will need volunteers who can help with specific tasks eg car parking shifts as we are likely to have many more visitors.

- Alison

## Men's and Women's Lunch

Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay

High Street on Friday 28th March 2025 at 12 noon. All are very welcome.

- Mary and Mark. 01277 750201

#### Confirmation

If you are interested in becoming confirmed or attending a confirmation class to explore confirmation, please get in touch with Fr. Michael

#### From CTIB

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Churches Together will once again have a marquee at the Rotary Club Soapbox Derby at Sun Corer on Sunday 4th May, with set up on the Saturday. We will be looking for volunteers to help put up the marquees on Saturday and take them down at 5pm on Sunday, plus helpers on the Sunday - chatting to people who visit our space, help with the children's craft activities and generally support each other with this wonderful time of outreach to our community. If you would like more details or can help in any way please do contact me.

- Lorraine 07910 811004

#### **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 it's 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.

# 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.

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.