



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 7th December (The Second Sunday of Advent)

8:00 am BCP Said Communion with Homily
9:30 am CW Sung Eucharist with Sermon

UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENT

Mon - Thu 9:30 am Morning Prayer
Mon - Thu 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Tue 7:30 pm Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 10:00 am CW Said Eucharist

Friday - Vicar's Day of Rest

Sat 9:30 am Morning Prayer
6:00 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 14th December (The Third Sunday in Advent)

Sun 8:00 am BCP Said Communion with Homily
9:30 am Sung Eucharist – Common Worship
6:30 pm Carol Service

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.

Christmas tree decoration

Please come and help decorate the Christmas tree on Saturday 13th December at 10.30am. Join us as we trim the tree and enjoy festive treats, including mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone is welcome we'd love to see you there!
- Carol

Churches together Billericay

This is a plea for help and support at St. Mary Magdalen, the Church in Billericay High Street, on Sunday 7th December between 11-5pm, during the Mayflower Rotary Christmas Market. If you can help at this important Community outreach to the town then please email me: paulinerandall@aol.com.

Roles include helping with refreshments and for welcomers to hand out leaflets with details of all local church services over Christmas. Help also needed particularly with putting everything back where it needs to be afterwards at 5PM please.

There are groups from six of the churches coming to lead the Carol singing and also a choir from Buttsbury school coming at 11.30am at the start. It is very much a privilege to serve and chat to people at this annual community event. We know that people would be very disappointed if the church doors were shut. Thank you so much.

- Pauline (Chaplain St. Mary Magdalen)

Christmas Concert

Billericay Choral will give a concert of Words and Music on Tuesday, 16th December at 8.00 pm at the Methodist Church in Western Road. Tickets £5.

Christmas Day Lunch

For those who are on their own, and your partner. Book by 15th December 2025 at Emmanuel Church, Billericay, CM12 9LD. Email: CTBChristmas1@gmail.com or telephone: 07795 217217. See poster for more details.

MU Carol Service - Thursday 11th December

The Mothers' Union would like to invite you to a Carol Service at the Vicarage at 2pm on Thursday 11th 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 - Tuesday 23rd December

We will be making the Christingles in church on Tuesday 23rd December at 11am and are looking for additional help. Please join us if you are able to assist. The more the merrier! Many thanks,
- Jo Hall

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.

A prayer for world peace

God of peace and justice, we pray for world peace 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.

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.