



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 February (Quinquagesima - The Sunday next before Lent)

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

Wed 10:00 am CW Said Eucharist (Ash Wednesday)

Fri 12:30 pm Funeral

Fri Vicar's Day of Rest

Sat 9:30 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Stations of the Cross Service

6:00 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 22nd February

(The First Sunday of Lent)

Sun 8:00 am BCP Said Communion with Homily

9:30 am Sung Eucharist – Common Worship

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.

Postcards along the way: Walking with Jesus

A Lent Course

This Lent we will be offering a joint course for both parishes on Thursday evenings in St Nicholas, Laindon, at 7.00pm.

Using Scripture, prayer, and gentle reflection, the course will journey with Jesus through the landscapes of the Bible, including gardens, mountains, seas, and the heavens, while keeping in mind his

time in the wilderness. Along the way, we will reflect on what shapes our lives and our faith today. This is a come as you are course. There is no pressure to speak, and no preparation required. Each session offers a time above all to find out what it means to follow Jesus through the changing circumstances of life. With a space to listen, reflect and pray. The course will be run by Sarah-Jane (Pastoral Assistant of Laindon)

The course begins on 26th February. All are very welcome.

- Fr Michael

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will be holding Stations of the Cross on Saturday mornings, alternating between our two churches. All are welcome to attend at either church. Please see the rota or weekly notices for dates and venues.

Sat 21st Feb - Great Burstead

Sat 28th Feb - Laindon

Sat 7th March - Great Burstead

Sat 14th March - Laindon

Sat 21st March - Great Burstead

Sat 28th March - Laindon

- Fr Michael

Offshoots Spring Concert - Wednesday 25 March 2026 - St John's Church at 2:30pm

Offshoots is an informal singing group based around Billericay. Offshoots started out in 2022. We came together from other groups that were no longer running, hence the name, Offshoots. We have grown in numbers as others have joined, not least as they enjoy the format of singing for pleasure in an informal setting.

We would like to invite you and any groups affiliated to you to our Spring Concert at St. John's Church, Outwood Common CM11 2LE, on Wednesday 25th March at 2:30pm. The theme is Spring Water, and there will be many well-known songs. Entry is by donation of £5 per person, which includes tea and cakes. There is plenty of free parking.

We should be delighted if you and others would be able to attend our Spring Concert. You may be assured of a very warm welcome. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on:- Doreen Knight - doreenknight53@hotmail.com; or Jane Leech - jane.leech114@btinternet.com.

Viva Italia

Billericay Choral Society are pleased to announce the Spring concert on 28th March next at 4.30 pm in the Methodist Church, Western Road. VIVA ITALIA featuring the popular classic "Gloria" by Vivaldi, with choruses by Rossini, Verdi and other Italians. Tickets are £10, available at the usual outlets, being advertised early as our last two concerts have sold out. (Poster in porch) We are hoping that the early start will be helpful. Thank you.

- Jeanne W.

Men's and Women's Lunch

Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay High Street on Friday 27th February 2026 at 12 noon. All are very welcome.

- Mary and Mark (01277 750201)