



## 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 26th April (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

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  
**Fri Vicar's Day of Rest**  
Sat 9:30 am Morning Prayer  
6:00 pm Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 3rd May (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Sun 8:00 am BCP Said Communion with Homily  
9:30 am Sung Eucharist – Common Worship  
3:00pm Baptism

### 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 Meeting

At the end of next month (on 31st May – Trinity Sunday - to be precise) it is planned that we will hold our annual meetings immediately following our 9.30am service on that day. At these meetings we will be needing to elect two Churchwardens, two Deanery Synod Representatives and two people to fill two vacancies on our Parochial Church Council (PCC). Each person seeking to be elected to any one of these vacancies will need to complete and submit a form of application. Forms are available at the back

of church, but if unable to find, or if you should need any help and guidance, please speak with one of our sides-persons who had welcomed you as you arrived and had provided you with books and leaflets for the service.

- Peter Furness - PCC Secretary

### Men's and Women's Lunch

Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay High Street on Friday 29th May 2026 at 12 noon. All are very welcome.

- Mary and Mark (01277 750201)

### Confirmation Classes – You're Invited!

Thinking about Confirmation? Curious about faith? You are very welcome to come along. Classes begin at the Vicarage on Saturday 2 May at 11.00am, and will run every fortnight. We'll be using Faith Confirmed by Peter Jackson as a guide, with plenty of space for questions, conversation, and exploration. If you'd like to attend but can't make this time, please let the Vicar know so that other arrangements can be made. Otherwise... just come along – it would be lovely to see you there.

- Fr Michael

### SMB Ploughmans Lunch

Come and join us for lunch and drinks at Billericay Baptist Church, Perry Street, CM12 0NS on Thursday 7th May 2026 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Suggested donation - £5.00.

### 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](http://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](http://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.*