

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 services and find it difficult to follow, please ask the person next to you, who will be delighted to help. If you have any questions about our worship, please ask Fr Michael the Vicar, Karen White our Associate Priest, Nigel our Churchwarden at Mary Magdalene, or Susan & Cliff at St Nicholas, after the service.

St Mary Magdalene Church (SMM)

SUNDAY 22nd Nov
(Christ the King, BCP - Sunday next before Advent)

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

St Nicholas Laidon Church (SN)

11:15 am	CW Eucharist with Sermon

UPCOMING WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Mon - Thu	9:30 am	Morning Prayer (SMM)
Mon - Thu	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (SMM)
Tue	7:00 pm	Memorial Service (SN)
Wed	10:00 am	CW Said Eucharist (SMM)
Thu	7:30 pm	Chapter Meeting, St Gabriel's, Pitsea
Fri	11:00 am	Funeral (SMM)
Fri	12:00 pm	Lunch at the Blue Boar
Sat	9:30 am	Morning Prayer (SMM)
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer (SMM)

SUNDAY 29th Nov
(The First Sunday of Advent)

Sun	8:00am	BCP Said Holy Communion (SMM)
	9:30 am	CW Sung Eucharist with Sermon (SMM)
	11:15 am	CW Eucharist with Sermon (SN)
	4:00 pm	Civic Service (SN)

ST MARY'S 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.

December Opening at St Nicholas: St. Nicholas will be open from the 1st week in December on Thursday mornings for a Eucharist service at 10.00 am followed by refreshments and fellowship or quiet prayer.

Pew Sheet Notice: Please submit all entries by Monday evening to allow printing on Wednesday. Thank you for your cooperation.

Memorial Service for Father Graham Laut: A service of thanksgiving and remembrance for Father Graham Laut will be held on Saturday 21st November at 12.30 pm. The service will take place at: St Martin of Tours Church, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1DX

All who knew Father Graham are warmly invited to come together to remember his life, his ministry, and the lasting impact he made on those around him.

Please feel free to wear something colourful rather than black, as we come together to celebrate and give thanks for Father Graham's life.
- *Carol Simons*

Billericay Choral Society: Billericay Choral Society present "On Christmas Night", by Bob Chilcott on Saturday 12th December at 4.00pm at Methodist Church, Western Road, CM12 9DT carols for choir and audience. Tickets £10 available on website or from Jeanne.
- *Jeanne*

Please donate any unwanted tools: We are collecting unwanted (but not broken) tools, garden tools, sewing machines and haberdashery for TWAM (Tools with a Mission). Please see the leaflets in church for what can and cannot be donated. Items can be dropped off at the Vicarage, or I can collect from you. I'm hoping to send off the first batch of items mid-December. More information about this charity can be found at www.twam.uk. Many thanks.
- *Jo Hall*

Men's and Women's Lunch: Please join us for Lunch at the Blue Boar in Billericay High Street on Friday 27th November 2026 at 12 noon. All are very welcome.
- *Mary and Mark (01277 750201)*

Advent Course: Revd Karen is planning to run an Advent Course for members of both our parishes as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. If you would be interested in attending, please let either Revd Karen or Fr Michael know, indicating which days and times would be most convenient for you. We hope this will be a valuable opportunity to come together for reflection, discussion and fellowship during the season of Advent.

Course in Christian Studies (CCS): If you are interested in exploring and deepening your Christian faith, you may wish to consider joining the Course in Christian Studies (CCS) next year. Please speak to Revd Karen directly or see attached leaflet for additional information.
- *Fr Michael*

Parish Giving Scheme Notice: We would like to encourage members of our congregation to consider supporting the church through the Parish Giving Scheme. At present, the church receives about £720 per month, plus Gift Aid from regular donations made through the Parish Giving website. This regular giving helps us plan ahead, meet ongoing costs, and continue the work and mission of our church. Signing up is simple and can be done online using the link below: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-burstead-st-mary-billericay

Every regular gift, no matter the amount, makes a real difference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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, Fr Michael or Rev. Karen. Do not suffer alone.

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