

SUN **BREAKFAST TOGETHER** - Join us for a buffet style breakfast with cereals, toast, croissants, coffee and tea every third Sunday in the month. Next Breakfast : **17 December 2017.**

COME TOGETHER - Informal evening worship. **5.00 p.m.** every 2nd Sunday in the Main Hall. Next Service: **14 January 2018**

MON **MORNING PRAYER** - **9.00 a.m.** in Church every Monday (except Bank Holidays).

PENSIONERS' PRAISE - All welcome! You don't have to be a pensioner. **Carol Service 4 December 2.00 p.m.**

TUE **TODDLERS** - From **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** in the hall every Tuesday in term time. Please contact the office if you would like a place.

COFFEE DROP-IN - Tea, coffee, cakes and chat every Tuesday morning from **10.00 a.m. to 12 noon** in the Atrium.

THU **LADIES ON THURSDAY** - A chance for ladies to explore and grow in the Christian faith, from **9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** in the Small Hall, in term time.

LADIES BOOK CLUB - **8.00 p.m.** in the Small Hall. Next Meeting: **18 January**

FRI **TODDLERS** - From **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** in the hall every Friday in term time. Please contact the office to join the waiting list.

YOUTH CLUB - Calling 11 - 16 year olds! Come and join the youth team for various fun activities in the Church Hall.

Every Friday in term time from 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

SAT **DAMBUSTERS** - Fun, games, coffee and bacon rolls for dads plus under 5s. Third Saturday of every month from **8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.** in the hall. Next meeting: **16 December**

CORNERSTONE COFFEE SHOP
Open weekday mornings 8.45 a.m. — 12 noon

Prayer Focus

If there is a prayer need that you would like sent around our prayer circle please contact the Church Office or Marigold Benbough 01277 624960.

Please pray for people on our Church Electoral Roll:

Please pray for the bereaved families of:

For those who are ill, or who have specific needs:

For our Mission Partners:

Street Pastors Billericay; Jeremy & Kate Ellis (WEC); St Francis Church Ciamanda & Ciamanda School, Kenya; Pappy Daniel (Light of Hope Mission, India); Schools Ministry Billericay; David and Amy Roche (CMS); Verity Butt

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Rest Day: Saturday

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Christ Church, Billericay

"To know Jesus better and to make Jesus better known"

3 December 2017
The First Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m. Service of The Word

Lead: Rev Margaret Fowler

Preach: Pete Fisher

Bible Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9

Small Print: 750 Large Print: 1161

Mark 13:24 -end

Small Print: 1019 Large Print: 1578

Songs:

SOF 835

It's rising up

SOF 921

Men of Faith

Let us adore

SOF 210

I give You all the honour

SOF 251

It came upon the midnight clear

A Prayer for this week:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Next Sunday 10 December 2017
The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Lead/Preside: Rev Margaret Fowler

Preach: Catherine Benbough

5.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service

With Buttsbury Junior School Choir

HEARING LOOP PROVIDED

CHRIST CHURCH

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & CELEBRATION FOR LILY KNIGHTBRIDGE

It is with sadness that we announce the death at the age of 93 of Lily Knightbridge who was a long-standing member of Christ Church. There will be a short Service of Committal at Bentley Crematorium for family only, but John and Sylvia Knightbridge invite all those who remember Lily to attend a Thanksgiving Service after at Christ Church at 12 noon on Monday 11 December. All are welcome to join the family afterwards for refreshments in the hall.

PENSIONERS' PRAISE CAROL SERVICE – 4 DECEMBER

Do come along at 2.00 p.m. tomorrow (Monday) for our first Carol Service of Christmas. Rev Dan Pierce will be speaking from Luke 1 on one of his favourite bible characters, Zechariah. We will also be joined by the delightful Buttsbury Infant School Choir. You don't have to be a pensioner - everybody is welcome.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - METHODIST CHURCH 1.00 P.M.

This is your invitation to enjoy good food with good company on **Christmas Day at 1.00 p.m.** There is no charge, and transport can be arranged. To book your place please call 01277 637174 no later than Monday, 18 December.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS – URGENT!

We need as much help as you can give us please to deliver the Christmas cards to our community. Please take whatever roads you can from the table in the lobby.

NEW CHRIST CHURCH A-Z

Copies of the new A-Z are now available in the Church lobby. Suggested donation is 50p.

USE OF CHURCH EQUIPMENT

If you want to borrow church equipment to take off-site could you kindly remember to ask a Church Warden or speak to the Church Office beforehand who will know if it is required for a service or event on site. Please ensure the item's prompt return.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES – HELP NEEDED!

We have 7 schools carol services on 14, 15, 19, and 20 December. If you can offer a couple of hours to welcome and usher people in, do let Val Sheppard or Catherine in the office know. Extra help will be needed in the Coffee Shop on those dates so if you are able to help please contact Maureen Mynard.

LIME TREES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Unfortunately, it has been discovered that one of the lime trees on the war memorial triangle has a fungus called 'Kretzschmaria Deusta'. This causes severe decay and means the tree is likely to fall down at any moment. Basildon Borough Council have given permission/notice for this tree to be felled as a matter of urgency. This should be in the next 7-10 days. Meanwhile (and sadly) the Christmas lights will be removed from the tree.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES – CHRISTMAS EVE

We are going to need lots of helpers at each of our Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. We need people to welcome and direct people, fire wardens, people to help with the refreshments, and spare pairs of hands to ensure the oranges and Christingle packs are replenished between the services. If you can help please let Sue Goldsmith or the office know.

CHRISTMAS TEA – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

Plans are going well for the Christmas Tea, and invitations are available if you know of anyone who would love to come. Please speak to Sue Potts if you can help on the day making sandwiches, and donations of cakes would be very welcome – a sign up list will be available in the lobby. If you are able to come on the day just to chat to people around the table we would be pleased to see you.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP -

BILLERICAY TEAM MINISTRY & CTB

- Mon: Morning Prayer at Christ Church at 9.00 a.m.
Tue: Morning Prayer at Emmanuel at 9.00 a.m.
Wed: Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalen "The Church in the High Street" at 10.00 a.m.
Shared between the Team Clergy
Thur: Morning Prayer at St Mary the Virgin at 9.00 a.m.
Fri: United in Prayer with CTB at St Mary Magdalen "The Church in the High Street" at 8.00 a.m.

KEY DATES IN CHRIST CHURCH DIARY

- 4 December Pensioners' Praise, 2 p.m.
10 December Advent Carol Service, 5.30 p.m.
11 December Thanksgiving Service for Lily Knightbridge, 12 noon
16 December Christmas Tea, 3 p.m.
17 December Celebration Nativity! 10. a.m.
24 December Christingle Services: 3, 4.15 & 5.30 p.m.
24 December Midnight Communion, 11.30 p.m.
25 December Family Communion Celebration, 10 a.m.
25 December Christmas Dinner, Methodist Church Western Road 1 p.m.
31 December Team Service, Christ Church
8 January 2018 Christ Church DCC

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Morning Prayer is held in the Church every Monday at 9.00 a.m. when we pray for the Church and the world.

For Rev Margaret Fowler: Please pray for Margaret who has three funerals in the next couple of weeks, and as she prepares for all the Christmas services..

For Liz Skudder Outreach Worker: Please pray for all the Christmas preparations going on.