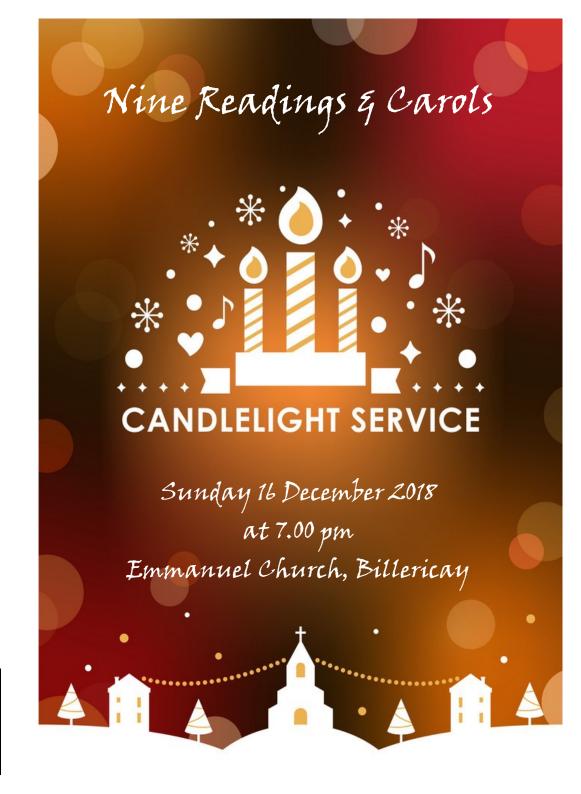


For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, who is Christ the Lord Luke 2:11

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We give you a very warm welcome to Emmanuel Church this evening for our Community Carol Service of Nine Readings and Carols. We especially welcome those members of our community who are reading the Bible passages which tell the Christmas story. We are grateful to our Musicians for leading our worship this evening.

Once our Carol Service has been introduced, the service will continue unannounced. Please stand to sing the carols, when the lights will be switched on, and sit for the Bible readings and other items.

Please don't feel as though you have to rush away at the end of our service, we give you a warm invitation to stay behind and share with us in a glass of Sherry and a Mince Pie. We also give you, and your families, an invitation to join with us for some of our other Christmas services - further details can be found on pages 6.

We hope you enjoy your time with us and that it helps you prepare for the Christmas season.

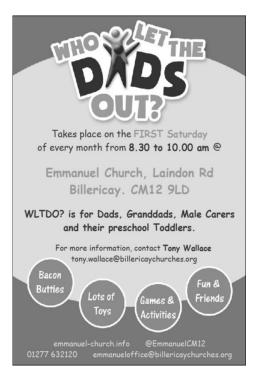
May God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith. The warmth of Christmas, which is love. The radiance of Christmas, which is purity. The right-eousness of Christmas, which is justice. The belief in Christmas, which is truth. The all of Christmas, which is Christ.

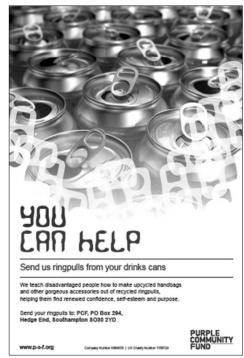
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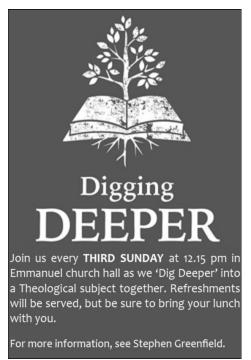
Offerings from our Christmas services will be shared between the following organisations, both of whom are working with vulnerable children:

Operation Christmas Child Distributing shoeboxes in Eastern Europe & Africa **Philippine Community Fund** Supporting children in Asia through social enterprise









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Wednesday 19 December

Lunchtime Carol Service

12.30 pm

at Saint Mary Magdalen The Church in the High Street

A service designed with busy shoppers and sales staff in mind - although everyone is invited! Guaranteed to last 45 mins. Share in a festive buffet lunch before, or after, you enjoy your favourite Carols.

Sunday 23 December Family 'Pop Up' Nativity 10.00 am

A 'spontaneous' Family Nativity for children of all ages. Organised chaos at times, but always great fun!

Christmas Eve Christingle Service 4.00 pm

An opportunity for the whole family to spend time together before the excitement of Christmas night.

This service always has a lovely atmosphere.

Communion by Candlelight 11.15 pm

After the busyness of a hectic festive season, enjoy the quiet of the first Communion of Christmas. (Followed by Sherry and Mince Pies)

Christmas Day Family Communion

10.00 am

A relaxed and fun Christmas celebration for family members of all ages. Be sure to bring a Christmas present with you to 'show and tell!'

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Welcome & Introduction

Revd Paul A. Carr Team Rector

Carol BCS12: O Come All Ye Faithful (3 verses only)

Kings College Bidding Prayer

Alan Morgan

Churchwarden, Emmanuel Church

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation:

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. AMEN.

Duet 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'

Robert Coe & James Hide

Reading 1 The Fall

Genesis 3:8-14 Paul Donley

President, Billericay 41 Club

Reading 2 The Promise To Abraham

Genesis 22:1-19 Les Sheppard

President, Rotary Club of Billericay

Carol BCS19: Once In Royal David's City

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Reading 3 The Prophecy Of The Messiah's Birth Simon Taylor, Officer Commanding Isaiah 9:2, 6&7

2393 Squadron (Billericay) Royal Air Force Air Cadets

Reading 4 The Prophecy Of The Messiah's Kingdom Of Peace

Isaiah 11:1-9 Cllr, Jim Devlin

Chairman, Billericay Town Council

Reading 5 The Coming Of The Glory Of The Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19 Julie Nye

Leader, 2nd Chantry Guides.

BCS11: Joy To The World Carol

Reading 6 The Birth Of Jesus Matthew De Grove Luke 2:1-7

Scout Leader, 8th Billericay Scout Troop

Reading 7 The Shepherds Go To the Manger

Cllr Danny Lawrence BEM Luke 2:8-16

Deputy Mayor, Basildon Borough Council

Carol **BCS5: The First Nowell**

Reading 8 The Magi Are Led By The Star To Jesus

Matthew 2:1-11 Phil Norton

Billericay Street Pastors

Reading 9 The Word Of Life

John 1:1-14 Merrill Knight

Mother's Union Branch Leader

Carol BCS13: Silent Night

Talk 'Tired Of Waiting'

> Revd Paul A. Carr Team Rector

O Little Town Of Bethlehem Solo

Richard Shipton

Prayers

Canon Shirley Jeffery **Emmanuel Church**

Response

Maranatha: Leader:

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

At the end of our prayers we all say:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake ΑII

of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

BCS10: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Carol

(An offering will be taken during this carol - see page 2)

Offertory Prayer Closing Prayer

ΑII God our Father, whose Word has come among us

In the Holy Child of Bethlehem:

May the light of faith illumine our hearts

And shine in our words and deeds

This Christmas season:

Through him who is Christ the Lord. AMEN.

Blessing

Revd Paul A. Carr: Team Rector, Emmanuel Church