

The Billericay & Little Burstead Team Ministry

Annual Memorial Service



Sunday 3 November 2019

at 3.00 pm

Christ Church, Perry Street

Welcome and Introduction: Revd Paul A. Carr
Service led by: Revd Margaret Fowler

Opening Prayer

We have come together at this Memorial Service, to remember our many loved ones, to thank God for their lives, to reflect on all they have meant to us and to draw comfort from the precious memories we have of them. Christians believe that there is hope, and new life, to be found in Jesus, through death as well as in life, and so we ask God to strengthen our faith and trust in Him.

Heavenly Father, in Your Son Jesus Christ, You have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and in the resurrection to eternal life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN:

**ABIDE WITH ME, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.**

**Reveal Thyself before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

W.H.Monk

In Memoriam

Merciful Father and Lord of all life. We praise You that men and women are made in Your image and reflect Your truth and light. We thank You for the lives of the many loved ones we remember today. For the love and mercy they received from You and showed among us. We thank You for every memory of them. For the lessons they have taught us, the example they have been and for the love they have shared.

***The names of all those we are remembering today will be read out
as we sit in silence with our thoughts and memories***

(Names will be read out as they have been received rather than in alphabetical order)

A Special Prayer For All Saints Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

HYMN: **BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

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Bible Readings

2 Samuel 1:1-4; 11-12; & John 11:32 - 36

Read by Sue Oakley

¹After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days. ²On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honour. ³'Where have you come from?' David asked him. He answered, 'I have escaped from the Israelite camp.' ⁴'What happened?' David asked. 'Tell me.' 'The men fled from the battle,' he replied. 'Many of them fell and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead.' ¹¹Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them. ¹²They mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and for the nation of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Address

Rev'd Paul A. Carr
'A Grief Shared'

**HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit!
O what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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Prayers

Led by Linda Russ

Act Of Remembrance

The cross flower arrangement, from all the flowers brought along this afternoon, will be placed on the table at the front of church. We encourage you, if you would like to do so, to light a candle and say a prayer (written below - prayer cards are also available) on behalf of your loved one, and place this on the table. Please light your candle from the large Pascal candle, which reminds us that Jesus brings the light of hope into all of our lives.

A Prayer For Lighting A Candle

Heavenly Father,
I light this candle in memory of ...
May they be a memory that forever shines in my heart.
May they be a memory that is never extinguished.
May they be a memory that never fades.
Heavenly Father, Be my light in times of darkness.
Be my shield in times of vulnerability.
Be my companion in times of loneliness.
I pray these things in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Once our candles have been lit, and everyone is seated, we will gather all of our prayers and memories into one, and pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. AMEN.

**HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee!
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place;
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Dismissal

Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your disciples when you were going to die: now set our troubled hearts at rest and banish our fears. You are the way to the Father: help us to follow you. You are the truth: bring us to know you. You are the life: give us that life, to live with you now and forever. AMEN.

Blessing

May Jesus the Good Shepherd, enfold you with His love and fill you with His comfort and peace; His light and his joy, in this world and the world to come; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, and those whom you love, this day and always.
AMEN.

Please don't feel that you have to rush away after our service today. You are welcome to remain in church for as long as you wish. Refreshments are served afterwards in the church hall - we would love for you to stay, if you are able. If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please come to the front in your own time, when members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available. If you would like to receive a visit from one of the ministers, or a pastoral assistant from one of our team churches, please do not hesitate to ask before you leave this afternoon or make contact with us at any time in the future if we can be of any assistance.

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The Billericay & Little Burstead Team Ministry consists of five churches spread across our town and, whilst offering different styles of worship, we are united in our vision to serve God and the wider community in which we live and love.

With every blessing in Jesus' precious name

Paul Carr

Revd Paul A. Carr (Team Rector)



Christ Church

Christ Church worships every Sunday in Perry Street, near to the Buttsbury schools. The main morning worship service is at 10 a.m. and has something for all ages. There is a wide range of midweek activities for all ages from Drop-In for seniors, home groups, toddler groups, Twins Club, Dambusters for dads and pre-school, and a Friday youth group.



Emmanuel

Situated in Laindon Road, Emmanuel has an informal and relaxed style. They take church seriously, but enjoy having fun along the way! They offer a place for people of all ages in our Sunday services at 8.30 and 10.30 am with Creche, Kindergarten, Heroes & Trinity Tribe. They is a wide variety of weekly activities ranging from: Uniformed Groups; Mums & Tots; Home Groups; Who Let The Dads Out? Messy Church and much more!



Saint John the Divine

Saint John's has recently undertaken an extension to its kitchen and hall and is located at Outwood Common, to the east of Billericay. Morning Prayer or Holy Communion is celebrated on alternate Sundays. Activities throughout the week include 'Small Wonders' on Tuesday mornings for pre-school children and their parents; 'Café on the Common' on Thursdays and an over 60's 'Midweek Break' group on Wednesdays.



Saint Mary Magdalen 'The Church In The High Street'

Christian's have been worshipping on this site for over 600 years. The latest phase of the church's life began in 1992 when Emmanuel was opened. A period of refurbishment followed and St Mary's was reopened in 2007 as a Chapel of Ease. The building is used by groups such as: Street Pastors; Community Choir; and hosts a Coffee Mornings on a Monday. A service of Holy Communion takes place every Wednesday at 10.00 am.



Saint Mary the Virgin

This late Norman church at Little Burstead stands on a hilltop in open countryside surrounded by a well kept churchyard. It is a popular choice for weddings and there is a committed, regular congregation, with a Robed Choir. Holy Communion or Morning Prayer is celebrated on alternate Sundays. Regular events, such as Coffee Mornings, take place in the Old School in the village.