

The Billericay & Little Burstead Team Ministry

Annual Memorial Service



Sunday 1 November 2020

at 3.00 pm

Emmanuel Church, Laindon Road

Welcome & Introduction: Revd Paul A. Carr
Service led by: Revd Margaret Fowler
Music: Beth Slater & Ben Carr

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 this afternoon.

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 Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

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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: The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me lie in pastures green.
 He leads me by the still, still waters,
 His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus *And I will trust in You alone.
 And I will trust in You alone,
 For Your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.*

 He guides my ways in righteousness,
 And He anoints my head with oil,
 And my cup, it overflows with joy,
 I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Bible Reading

Romans 8:31-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Address

Revd Paul A. Carr
'It Takes Courage To Remember'

The Tomb

Ann Lewin

*The place of remembering:
Whereas the work of grief is done,
Memory recovers its perspective.
Letting the dead one go, with aching sense of loss,
Opens the way to finding again.
A rounded person, gifts and faults,
Delights and irritations;
Makes it possible to share again
The jokes, the intimate glance,
Keep company unseen.*

HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Prayers

Revd Rupert Hankey

Act Of Remembrance

We encourage you, if you would like to do so, to light a candle and say a prayer (written below - prayer slips are also available) on behalf of your loved one, and place these on the table next to the flower arrangement, in the shape of a cross, on the table at the front of church.

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 in heaven, Hallowed be Your name; Your kingdom come, Your will be done; on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. AMEN.

HYMN: In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Dismissal

God our refuge and strength, close at hand in our distress; meet us in our sorrow and lift our eyes to the peace and light of Your constant care. Help us to hear Your words of grace that our fear will be dispelled by Your love, our loneliness eased by Your presence and our hope renewed by Your promises in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Blessing

God be your comfort and strength, God be your hope and support, God be your light and your way. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you, and remain with you, and all those you love and pray for, this day, this night and evermore. **AMEN.**

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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

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 10.00 am and has something for all ages. There is a wide range of midweek activities from Pensioners Praise, Drop-In for Seniors, Home Groups, Toddler Groups, Twins Club, Dambusters for Dads and Pre-school, and a Friday Youth Group. The Cornerstone Coffee Shop is open most mornings during the week.



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. There 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 is located at Outwood Common, to the east of Billericay. Morning Prayer or Holy Communion is celebrated on alternate Sundays at 10.00 am. 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. The Billericay Foodbank is located at Saint John's.



Saint Mary Magdalen The Church In The High Street

Christians 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. St Mary's was refurbished and reopened in 2007 as a Chapel of Ease. A service of Holy Communion takes place every Wednesday at 10.00 am. The building is used by community groups such as Churches Together, Community Choir, Scrabble Club and hosts a Coffee Morning on a Monday.



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, along with a Robed Choir. Holy Communion or Morning Prayer is celebrated on alternate Sundays at 10.30 am. Regular events, such as Coffee Mornings, take place in the Old School Hall located in the village.