

The Billericay & Little Burstead Team Ministry

# Annual Memorial Service



Sunday 5 November 2023

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.

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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:**     **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 Reading

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- <sup>1</sup>There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
<sup>2</sup>a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
<sup>3</sup>a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
<sup>4</sup>a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
<sup>5</sup>a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
<sup>6</sup>a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
<sup>7</sup>a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
<sup>8</sup>a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

This is the Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Address

Revd Paul A. Carr  
*'A Time For Everything'*

**HYMN:**     **LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS,** Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy;  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe;  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace;  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## Prayers

Led by Revd Rupert Hankey

## 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

**Heavenly Father, 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 is 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.**

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 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.

**PAUL'S FAREWELL SERVICE** Paul is leaving Billericay to take up the post of Chaplain to the Anglican Church in Paphos, Cyprus in January 2024. His last service takes place at Emmanuel, Laindon Road, on **Sunday 26 November** at 3.00 pm - you are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE** This is a service for those who struggle to celebrate at Christmas and takes place at Emmanuel Church, Laindon Road on **Thursday 21 December** at 8.00 pm. This service may be especially helpful for those who are coping with bereavement or facing difficult life circumstances.

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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, Anna's Place, 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 and Sunday School for children of all ages. 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.



### 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. 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 hosts a Coffee Morning on a Monday from 11.00 and is used by several community groups.



### 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.