

The word "WELCOME" is written in large, colorful, block letters. Each letter has a small icon of a person standing next to it. The colors of the letters are: W (blue), E (yellow), L (green), C (purple), O (orange), M (red), E (purple).

Billericay Methodist Church 
at Queens Park, Western Road
and St Andrew's, Herongate

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Connecting with each other

Dear Friends,

The context of the passage today (John 14 23-29) is that Jesus is comforting his disciples in preparation for his physical departure. He informs them that:-

A - that he will not be leaving them alone as he will give them his Holy Spirit.

B - his Holy Spirit will not be experienced by everybody

C - if anybody loves him, they will obey his teaching

To be in love with somebody is a wonderful experience.

It is the X factor that keeps our relationships with our loved ones in a vibrant state whilst we deal and cope with the pressures of life. But dealing with the pressures of life involves commitment which in turn involves the disciplines of sacrifice, forgiveness, sharing and serving. Disciplines that are an integral part of loving each other. The application of which reveal our love for the other.

Similar principles apply in our relationship with Jesus, although not exactly the same as we come under his authority. Unlike, our loved ones, Jesus is not our equal.

Commitment to Jesus involves obedience which in turn involves the implementation of the above outlined disciplines.

As outlined above, to be in love with somebody is a wonderful experience. But, to be in love with Jesus is a wonderful experience at a higher level. We enter the world of Jesus' Spirit. To understand the world of the Spirit we have to be of the Spirit. Jesus' Spirit teaches us all things. Teaching is not effective until obedience has begun

The Spirit and Jesus are closely related and therefore the Spirit increasingly makes us Jesus orientated. Via his Spirit he gives us his gift of peace. Jesus' peace is wholeness. The world cannot provide this peace. Real peace comes from faith in Jesus. Complete peace will come when Jesus returns at his second coming .

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Please visit the church website billericaymethodistchurch.org for further information.

Theme for the Year - Caring for God's World

We will actively engage with the Tearfund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continue to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's world. (Genesis 1: 27-28)



Statement of Mission:

Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in: worship and fellowship, evangelism and teaching, serving others and working for social justice.

Prayer

Please pray for the following people this week, asking God to meet their every need

Rex Kemp, Jean Kenway, Barbara Kite.



.... Breath of God gently whispering in our ears, remove the dust of apathy which clouds our vision. Energize us, that we may be a source of comfort for the sick, of solace for the bereaved. Holy Spirit of comfort and change, send us out in confidence and joy to keep the faith and share it. (*Seasons and Celebrations, 242*)



Praying together at 10am - a time each day when you can know that others are praying with you.

Prayer Chain Please contact Geraldine with any prayer chain requests that you have. Thank you.

Notices

Services on 29th May : There will be no service at either Herongate or Western Road on **29th May**. Instead worshippers are encouraged to attend morning service at **Emmanuel, Billericay, at 10am.**, details as below.:

TEAM COMMUNION SERVICE: We look forward to welcoming Andrew Cannon as our Guest Speaker at the Team Communion Service on Sunday 29 May at 10.00 am at Emmanuel. Andrew, who hails from Liverpool, is the lead speaker for the **Love Essex** event taking place on Sun Corner on Sunday 9 July. Andrew is sure to be a great encouragement to us as we look forward to all that July will bring. The offering will seek to cover Andrews expenses for his visit - any surplus will be given to the Love Essex event.

We have received a Grace Centre newsletter with a report & many lovely photos of the Easter food parcels distribution. There is also a photo of the bio-digester we funded for the bio-Intensive farm project. We'd love you to see them all, so please ask if you'd like Rev. Sammy's email forwarded to you. Some photos & the report are on the Kenya prayer board.

Thank you for your continued support. Geraldine, Maggie, Pam C. & Heather

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LOVE ESSEX is a Churches Together event at Sun Corner on **Saturday 9th July** from 2pm to 7:30pm. This is an outreach event for Christians to enjoy, but also for you to invite family, friends and colleagues to come along to. It is free, please bring along your own chair or blanket - stay as long or

short a time you want. There is a leaflet to be delivered to all homes in Billericay - we have been allocated the area bordered by Mountnessing Road, High Street, London Road and the railway line.

We are looking for volunteers to distribute a small number of leaflets the first week of June, Stewards on the day, hospitality/refreshments, housekeeping, security, set up (8-11am), tear down (8-11pm), face painting and litter picking - either contact me, or complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/eVbDVY5ihP>

Coffee Pot | **& Pause**
for Thought

The Pause for Thought service on May 20th will be an opportunity to give thanks and share our stories of when we have been helped by others. We will also share the gift of



Communion as Jesus set down for us and asked us to do memory of the gift of life we have been given. The service will be led by Janis Bissett and Rev Celia McDonald. All are welcome.

Encouragement

Psalm 13:5,6

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.



Gift of a beautiful home-grown rose to the garden at QP from Margaret C

Opportunities to worship together

Services at Western Road and Herongate have a scheduled **10:30am** start but please aim to arrive or join the online service at least 15 minutes before.



Onsite Services

	Queens Park Friday 11:45am	Western Road Sunday 10:30 am	Herongate Sunday 10:30 am
20 May	J Bisset		
22 May		I Brown*	
27 May	A Bray		
29 May		Service at 10am @ Emmanuel	Service at 10am @ Emmanuel
3 June			
5 June		G Hanton	Rev. C McDonald S

* Leading online worship	S Communion	LA Local arrangement	WL Worship Leader
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For those who are unable to attend onsite services and who are without internet access, printed copies of online services will continue to be provided, and DVDs can be requested by contacting David A.

Online Services

Our weekly **ONLINE Worship** continues each Sunday at 10.30am

A reminder for those with Internet Access that the Church website has an [archive](#) from the last year of services plus [all-age materials](#) in addition to links to other [worship resources](#).

Ministry Team	Website and Social Media
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