



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



Notices for 19th March 2023

A warm welcome to anyone who is visiting us today, or anyone who is here for the first time. We're delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. God invites us to worship as a community of Jesus. May you find the welcome of God here. Please do introduce yourself to us and join us for refreshment before (Friday) or after (Sunday) the service.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

QUEENS PARK

Friday, 11:45 am Ian Brown

WESTERN ROAD

Sunday, 10:30 am Revd Moses Agyam, Baptism and All-age Worship

Sunday, 6:00 pm Lent Reflection by Revd Moses Agyam

SET READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND (Lectionary)

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

PRAYER FOR TODAY (Lent 4)

Creator and Healer, root of all goodness, working your Sabbath will in the chaos of our life: teach us the insight that gives true judgement and praises you wherever you are found, making miracles from spit and mud; through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. **Amen.**

© Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church: Collects for Sundays Years A, B & C, for Festival and Seasonal Prayers (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2008)

METHODIST PRAYER CIRCLE (Day 19)

On this day are asked to pray for Christians and the Methodist Church in Malaysia and Singapore. District Bishops: T Jeyakumar (Malaysia) and Gordon Wong (Singapore).

Here in Britain, we are also asked to pray for the Manchester and Stockport District and the District Chair Revd Andrew Lunn.

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

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.



Theme for the Year – The Fruit of the Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. *Galatians 5:22-25 (NRSV)*

Prayer

Pray for those you know who are in need, asking God to meet their every need. We especially remember Elizabeth F, David G, Rex K, Jean K, Barbara K and Geoff P.

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

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



Weekly online prayer meetings: Every Thursday from 7:30pm to 8:00pm. If you have any questions, need the zoom link, trouble getting into the meeting, or ideas for community prayer and would like to lead prayer time, please send an email to moses.agyam@methodist.org.uk. Please see CWEO email for zoom details.

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Alec G Thanksgiving Service - Thanks

Thank you to the Reverends Kathleen and Moses, you are superb ministers. Thanks to everybody who attended the service, Alec would have been amazed! Special thanks to those who participated in the service also to the kitchen team, those who provided the delicious cakes and to Janet whose flowers were lovely. I am grateful to friends who sent over 70 cards and letters and those who made donations to the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal. *Love Catherine and family.*

Jean Galler's funeral will take place on Friday 24th March at Basildon and District Crematorium and Cemetery at 11.00am in the Riverview Chapel (smaller chapel - car park on right hand side of the main drive), Church Road, Bowers Gifford, Basildon, CM11 2LE. It will be conducted by Rev'd Moses Agyam. The Service will be followed by the Wake which will be held Anisha Grange Care Home. Anybody who would like to attend would be most welcome. *Mark and Scott G.*

Joyce Scott's Funeral: Joyce's funeral will take place on Tuesday, 28th March beginning with a Committal Service at Bentley Crematorium and Cemetery at 1.30pm. This will be followed by a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving at Western Road at 3.00pm. Everyone wishing to attend either Service is most welcome.

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Lent Reflections: Revd. Moses Agyam will lead the third of his Lent Reflections 'Jesus Prays in Anticipation of the End: **John 12:27-28**', at 6pm at Western Road on Sunday 19th March. Details of all the Reflections with links to recordings of those that have already taken place are [here](#).



Easter Food Parcels Appeal : Just two weeks to go to help us raise enough money for Rev. Sammy to supply up to 250 families living in poverty by the Mwakirunge dumpsite in Mombasa with basic cooking ingredients (e.g. maize flour, rice, cooking oil). Please can you help with a small donation? Money can be given directly into the church bank account- please reference your donation "Kenya food parcels", by cheque made out to Billericay Methodist church or as cash in an envelope placed in the offertory. Please clearly mark your gift. Thank you in anticipation. *The Kenya team*

GIFT AID - We have received £8097.91 from HMRC this week for our April to August 2022 gift aid claim. Thanks to all of you who currently gift aid your giving. If you would like to join us and you pay tax then please chat to one of us.

Lorraine & Maggie.

Churches Together at the Soapbox Derby on Sunday 30th April - I am looking for volunteers to transport items from Western Road to Sun Corner on Saturday morning 29th April and then put up 2 marquees ready for the next day. Also volunteers from 8:30am to 4:30pm on the Sunday. We will be offering free activities for the children to do and so need volunteers for crafts, face painting and also chatting in general to anyone who comes to our marquee area. Then from 5pm we can take down the marquees and transport everything back to WR. I know that as it is a Sunday it will clash with church but I see this as my giving to God that day and hope you will too! I look forward to hearing from you. *Lorraine*

Circuit Newsletter. A new venture giving information & news from the churches in our circuit and edited by our own Rev. Moses Agyam. A few hard copies are available for anyone who doesn't use email. Please ask a welcomer for a copy.

Billericay Choral Society's next concert together with Maldon and Whitham Choral Societies, is Mendelssohn's Elijah and will be held on Saturday 1 April at 7.30 pm in Christ Church, New London Road Chelmsford CM2 0AW. Tickets £12 in advance or £15 on the door are available from Maggie K, Slipped Discs 57-59 High St or online from our website billericaychoral.co.uk

Contemplation Corner

For the Love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Opportunities to worship together



Future Onsite Services

	Queens Park Friday 11:45am	Western Road Sunday 10:30 am
24th Mar	Geraldine Hanton	
26th Mar		Ian Brown
31st Mar	Steve Mayo	
2nd April		Revd Moses Agyam AAW P
7th Apr	Rev C McDonald	
9th Apr		Revd Moses Agyam S

S Communion	P Parade	WL Worship Leader	AAW All age Worship	B Baptism
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Online Services Archive

The Church website has an [archive](#) of online services from April 2020 to November 2022 plus [all-age materials](#) in addition to links to other [worship resources](#).

Ministry Team	Website and Social Media
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