



Billericay Methodist Church
At Queens Park and Western Road



Notices for 17th September 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's) or after (Sunday's) services.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

QUEENS PARK

Friday, 11:45 am Catherine Benbough

WESTERN ROAD

Sunday, 10.30 am Revd Moses Agyam — Baptism service

SET READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND (Lectionary)

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of debts forgiven, you call to account our hunger for power;
you disturb hierarchies which crush the weak:
break the vicious cycles of revenge and domination
that we might look to him whose mercy never ends, Jesus Christ our redeemer.
Amen.

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

METHODIST PRAYER CIRCLE (Day 17)

On this day are asked to pray for Christians in India and the church of North India and the the church of South India. The Moderators Prem Chand Singh (North India) and A Dharmaraj Rasalam (South India).

Here in Britain, we are also asked to pray for the Lincolnshire District and the District Chair Bruce Thompson.

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.

A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE
The calling of the Methodist Church
is to respond to the gospel of God's
love in Christ



Worship



Learning and Caring



Service



Evangelism

The Methodist Church

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Theme for the Year – A Methodist way of Life:
Growing deeper in our faith and church
community through: Worship, Learning and
Caring, Service, and Evangelism.

Prayer

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

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 Notices email for zoom details.

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Baptism Service: We welcome Ollie David Keith W and his family to Western Road to celebrate Ollie's Baptism on Sunday, 17th September, at 10:30am. Baptism is always a joyful occasion, and we are very excited to welcome Ollie by baptism into Christ's family.

Quiet Space: A new opportunity open to all; 1st & 3rd Saturdays in the month from 10:00am to noon starting on **16th September**.
10:30am coffee time & focus / Personal space / 11:45am Optional sharing
Venue Julie and Bob C's address. An open invitation.

Church Directory Reminder : As you will know Tim Almond has kindly agreed to take on the production of the next Church Directory which will be issued towards the end of October/early November. Please could send him or me any amendments or deletions for inclusion by **September 21st** at the latest. Many thanks. *Lyn*

Coffee and chat - MacMillan Cancer Support - all are welcome on **Thursday 21st September, 10 am - 12 noon**, at Western Road for coffee, chat or a quiet time to read the paper. Donations to MacMillan Cancer Support. (If you can donate a cake/muffins, they would be most welcome!). Thank you, *Gill and Dave*

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Book Reading Group : Some of you will know of the online book reading group made up of people from other churches and across the circuit who meet to read and discuss books. This is a fun place to read, talk, share, discuss and learn together. If you're a book lover and would like to join, then get in touch. The next book we're reading after the Summer break is a novel by Claire Keegan *Small Things Like These*, and we meet on **Monday, 18th September, at 7:30 pm** to discuss it together.

*Please do read the book before you join so you can contribute.

Exploring Digital : A day online exploring the digital world for Methodist Churches and communities. Join together with Methodists from all over Britain for a special digital gathering. Learn from key individuals who've mastered the digital world on how to connect and share the Gospel online. The event will feature insightful key-notes, group discussions and an expert panel. Don't miss this chance to enhance your church's online presence and explore faith in the digital era!

When: **Saturday 30 September, 10am to 3:30pm.**

Where: Online, so you can join wherever you are.

Cost: We are providing this day free of charge.

[Register for your free place now](#) to avoid missing out and join us on

[A useful starting point is here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/GettingStartedOnline/>]

Keynotes on the day are:

- AI, Everywhere, All At Once: Understanding the theology of artificial intelligence
- Online and Onsite Church - presence, accessibility, inclusion, belonging...
- From Bulletin Board to Engaged Community: how to transform your Churches
Social Media Presence

For more details contact David A.

Saturday 16th September - there will be a craft market in St Mary's in the High Street, lunch served between 11:30 and 2pm.

Upcoming Mulberry House events:

Monday 18th September 7pm: [Dealing with anxiety](#) in challenging days with Patrick Regan from Kintsugi Hope, suitable for non-churched friends, family etc.

Friday 6th October 8:45am-10:30am [Men's Breakfast](#) with Phil Knox from the Evangelical Alliance.

Contemplation Corner

If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14v8 NRSV

Opportunities to worship together



Future Onsite Services

	Queens Park Friday 11:45am	Western Road Sunday 10:30 am
22nd Sept	Julie Cristin	
24th Sept		Revd Celia McDonald
29 Sept	Ian Brown	
1st Oct		Steve Burton
6th Oct	Revd Celia McDonald S	
8th Oct		Boyd/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
<p>Minister: Revd. Moses Agyam 01277 623085 moses.agyam@methodist.org.uk (Please note the Minister's day off is Monday).</p> <p>Pastoral Secretary: Mrs Lyn Bowditch 01277 659530</p>	<p>web: billericaymethodistchurch.org</p> <p> @BillericayMethodistChurch</p> <p> @Methodistbcay</p>
	<p>Notices</p> <p>The next edition will be issued on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 22nd September 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">items for inclusion by 8pm Tuesday to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">notices@billericaymethodistchurch.org</p>