

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026



### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Here for Christ – here for you

A very warm welcome if you are joining us today. Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service.

Our services are in Church and on Zoom. We usually video the 8am sermon and 10am service and upload them on Facebook later. If you would like to join any of our services on Zoom, please ring 01603 250844 or email Catherine Richmond on [services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) for the details.

If you would like a visit from Patrick the Vicar, or more information, please fill in one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pews and hand it to Patrick, a warden or a sidesperson.

**8 am**      **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect and readings p.142)

**10 am**      **Family Communion** with activities for children

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 8:20-9:17 (Old Testament p.7)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 17:22-31 (New Testament p.134)

Gospel: John 14:15-21 (New Testament p.105)

Anthem: *Love Divine* - Malcolm Archer

Voluntary: *Saraband (for the Morning of Easter)* - Herbert Howells

**6 pm**      **BCP Evensong** in church and on Zoom

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zechariah 8:1-13 (Old Testament p.897)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21:22 - 22:5 (New Testament p.258)

Voluntary: *Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ (O Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ)* (BWV 1102) - J S Bach

Organist: David Uden

**Christ Church is usually open for Private Prayer from 10.30am to 4pm  
each day**

**Charity of the Month: *Christian Aid* ([christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk))** working in 29 countries, with people of all faiths and none. They seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes and help in practical ways to end it. Please see the display at the back of Church or their website for more information or to donate

## PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

11.30am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

The APCM elects PCC members and others, receives the annual accounts and reports, and invites your views. Please speak to Patrick or the wardens if you might like to be on the PCC, Deanery Synod or Group Council. We need replacements for those retiring from PCC and Group Council. The agenda, annual report, accounts and last year's draft minutes are available online at [christchurch-eaton.org.uk/whats-on/](http://christchurch-eaton.org.uk/whats-on/) (there are some hard copies at the back of church)

### EVENTS

*Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated*

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

11.30 am Prayer Course: Intercession. Contact Geraldine Verschoor for more details ([verschog@aol.com](mailto:verschog@aol.com))

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> *Patrick away for Diocesan Clergy Chairs' Conference  
Returns late Wednesday*

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Mission Focus meet to pray for our Mission Partners. All welcome.  
*Please note later start time*

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome.

7.30 pm *NO PCC meeting*

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> *Ascension Day*

11.00 am Office opens until 1pm

7.30 pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

2.30 pm Youth and children's committee meet at 7, Coach House Court TBC

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am The Clare School visit to learn about special buildings

10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union visit St Julian's Church. Please contact Ruth Vaughan (504849) for full details.

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.146)

10 am Family Communion  
(Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11)

6 pm BCP Evensong  
(2 Samuel 23:1-5; Ephesians 1:15-23)

**Notices for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,  
notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. *Thank you*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Administrator Holiday**

Ruth will be on holiday for 3 weeks  
from 11<sup>th</sup> May, returning on 1<sup>st</sup> June.  
If you need to email the office in  
that time, please email Kyla  
(finance@eatonchurches.org.uk)  
*Thank you*

### **Office Opening on 14<sup>th</sup> May**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May the office will  
be open from 11am-1pm.

### **Haltern Visit**

Please sign a card for our German  
friends in Haltern. Members of Christ  
Church will be visiting later this  
month.

### **Thank You**

Our thanks to Leisa Devlin, Caroline  
Gibbs and Richard Middleton who are  
standing down as PCC members.

### **How would Christ Park?**

Please do not block driveways when  
parking near the church and please  
park on the same side of the road as  
others to avoid a slalom. When  
driving or cycling around the church  
please follow the one-way system.  
*Thank you*

### **An Update from Robin**

I will be taking a sabbatical from  
Christ Church from 1<sup>st</sup> May for three  
months. During that time I will have  
the opportunity to visit other  
churches in Norwich and reflect on  
the next stage of my spiritual  
journey. *Robin Quine*

### **Thy Kingdom Come 2026: 14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May**

A free Novena and prayer diary for  
Thy Kingdom Come 2026, a global  
ecumenical prayer movement which  
runs from Ascension Day to  
Pentecost, is available at the back of  
Church.

### **Attendance Figures**

26<sup>th</sup> April:

8am: 18  
10am: 69 adults, 6 U16s  
6pm: 15

3<sup>rd</sup> May:

8am: 16  
10am: 59 adults, 6 U16s  
6pm: 27 adults, 1 U16

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## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

*Join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am, Mondays-Fridays*

### **Collect**

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Christian Aid Week (10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May)**

*Some prayers taken from Faithful Action, a daily devotional for Christian Aid week*

*(caw.christianaid.org.uk)*

God of all, we pray for those whose voices are not being heard. Give us ears to hear the cries of communities calling for justice. Amen.

Lord, you have promised to hear us when we call on you. Bless those who are battling hunger and hardship.

Open our eyes to the challenges our global neighbours face each day.

Amen.

Loving God, we rejoice in your presence alongside us as we seek to walk in your ways. Help us to remember that you are with us always and that nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

Jesus, you tell us the kingdom is like a seed. Plant that seed in our hearts today, water and feed it with your Spirit, as we seek to serve you through service to others. Amen.

### **THY KINGDOM COME - 14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. In 2026 the theme is 'God with Us' we are invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not yet responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Over

the course of these next days, think of five people who are on your heart and who you can be praying for.

14<sup>th</sup>: Let us pray that we may recognise the power of the Holy Spirit within us, and, no matter how much God may leave unknown, use that power to share the good news with our Five.

15<sup>th</sup>: Let us pray that, if any of our Five find themselves in darkness, we may be present with them through it, sharing the presence of the Holy Spirit

16<sup>th</sup>: Let us pray that the Spirit of grace would show us - even when (or especially when) it's difficult - how to be graceful to our Five, how to commit ourselves to their wellbeing, and bear witness to God's unconditional love for us all.

*(thykingdomcome.global)*

### **The Sick and Suffering**

We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, including Amelia, Bobs, Sheila Bootman, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Joanna, Muriel Jones, John Ladd, Paul, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Judith, Roger, and Ros Wright. We give thanks that Angela, Caroline, Jessica, Nigel, and Rory are doing well.

### **The Departed**

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the family and friends of Elizabeth Bencze. Help us comfort those who mourn.