

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026



Here for Christ – here for you

The Sunday next before Lent

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 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** with the Rev'd Maggie Diffey
(Collect and readings p.82)

10 am **Family Communion**
1st Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (Old Testament p.72)
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (New Testament p.234)
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 (New Testament p.17)
Anthem: *Be still for the presence* - David Evans arr.
Richard Shephard
Voluntary: *Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht (BWV 1096)* -
J S Bach
Organist: David Uden

6 pm **Evening Prayer** on Zoom and at the Vicarage

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This course will involve eight self-contained sessions on different aspects of prayer which will help us grow and deepen our prayer life. Each session will involve watching a 20-minute video and a ~10-minute discussion



Sundays 11.30 am after the service at Christ Church

The first three sessions: 22nd February - Why pray?
 8th March - Adoration
 19th April - Petition

Contact Geraldine Verschoor for more details (verschog@aol.com)

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Monday 16th

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

7.30 pm PCC meeting

Wednesday 18th *Ash Wednesday*

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion service with St Andrew's
(Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21)

Sunday 22nd

11.30 am Prayer Course: Why pray? Contact Geraldine Verschoor for more details (verschog@aol.com)

Monday 23rd

10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union. Lenten Reflection with the Rev'd Di Rowlandson. All welcome. *Ruth Vaughan (504849) NB this is at Christ Church and not at St Andrew's as stated in the parishes magazine.*

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Holy Communion at The Hawthorns, Unthank Road. All welcome

7.30 pm Group Council meet at 161 Newmarket Road

Tuesday 24th

7.30 pm Deanery Synod meeting at St Andrew's

Wednesday 25th

7.30 pm Lent Course: *Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent* at 161 Newmarket Road

Saturday 28th

10.00 am Choir Rehearsal

Charity of the Month: *Hope into Action UK* (hopeintoaction.org.uk) - empowering churches to respond to the homelessness crisis. For more information see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes. Alternatively, please visit their website.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Office Alarm

Do you know the code for the office alarm? Perhaps you needed it in the past but don't now. Either way, please contact me at the office to let me know. I'm doing a security audit of who knows it! Thank you. *Ruth Thorp*.

June Bishop

June's funeral will be at 11.30am on Wednesday 11th March at Earham Crematorium.

Christmas Tree Thanks

A big thank you to Ruth Vaughan, Alistair Bolt and Colin McLean for taking down the Christmas tree.

Quiz and Chips

Saturday 14th March, 7pm, at Eaton Park Community Centre, organised by *The Friends of Christ Church*. £15 per person. Please contact Carrie Phoenix or Roger Glenwright to book a place. Please bring your own drink, glasses and cutlery.

Befrienders Needed

Caring Together support unpaid carers of all ages in and around Norwich through a befriending service. If you might be interested in being a befriender, please email volunteers@caringtogether.org, call 0345 241 0954 or visit www.caringtogether.org

Foodbank - Lent Appeal

Please consider giving 1 item of food for each week in Lent = 6 items in all. Most needed: tinned fruit, long life juice, tinned meat, long life milk, tinned spaghetti, rice pudding, custard, shampoo, shower gel, deodorants, toothpaste. We will collect every Sunday during Lent. Thank you.

Keswick Hall Choir Concert

Brahm's *Requiem*, at St Andrew's Eaton, 7.30pm, Saturday, 21st February. Tickets: adults £16, students £7, children £5; on the door, or from keswickhallchoir.co.uk/concerts/

Christian Aid Changemakers Conference 2026

14th March, 10am-2pm. The conference will be live-streamed in the Weston Room, Norwich Cathedral. More information and to register visit caid.org.uk/conference

Attendance Figures

1st February:

8am:	13
10am:	68 adults, 2 U16s
6pm:	6

8th February:

8am:	11
10am:	62 adults, 5 U16s
6pm:	6

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

The First Sunday of Lent

8 am	BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.86)
10 am	Family Communion (Genesis 2:15-17; 3.1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11)
6 pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

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

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for the Lent lunches, the Joint Ash Wednesday Service, the Lent course and the Prayer course, asking that they may help us to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. We pray for all in our parish, particularly those living in Westgate Close, Uplands Court, Upton Close and Upton Road.

The World

Creator God, we give thanks for the extraordinary ordinary of the turning seasons: for the light from far flung stars; the sharp lemon sunlight that pierces winter's darkness and the promise of new life beneath the cold

ground. In this season of our growth, send down your Spirit to warm our hearts again with the light of Christ; so that knowing ourselves to be loved into life by your extraordinary grace and called each one by name; we may be ready to carry the light of your transforming love into a waiting world. *(from chooselife: Worship and Action for Creation)*

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, Angela, Bobs, Sheila Bootman, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, Simon Girling, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, John Ladd, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright.

The Departed

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

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should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,
notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on
Tuesday 17th February. *Thank you*

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