

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2026



The Third 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 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.137)

10 am **Family Communion** with activities for the young
1st Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41 (New Testament p.115)
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (New Testament p.230)
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 (New Testament p.86)
Anthem: *Most glorious Lord of life* - William Harris
Voluntary: *Choral Song* - S S Wesley
(Wesley died on this day in 1876)

6 pm **BCP Evensong** in Church and on Zoom
1st Reading: Haggai 1:13 - 2:9 (Old Testament p.892)
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 (New Testament p.163)
Voluntary: *Alle Menschen müssen sterbe* (BWV 1117) - J S Bach
Organist: David Uden

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Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/ChristChurchEaton

Charity of the Month for April: *Christians Against Poverty (capuk.org)*
working with churches to tackle the causes of poverty by providing free debt help and community groups

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

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 19th

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

Monday 20th

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

Monday 27th

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

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

Tuesday 28th

2.30 pm Funeral of Marie Prendergast at Earlham Crematorium

GROUPS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN

Various groups meet regularly at Christ Church:

- ❖ A group meets for Morning Prayer on Zoom on weekdays at 9.00am
- ❖ *Chat over a Cuppa* is a chance to meet over a cup of tea or coffee on Monday afternoons, 2pm to 3.30pm at Church
- ❖ The Christ Church Chosen Group watches episodes of *The Chosen* (an award-winning series dramatizing the life of Christ) at home and then meets regularly after the 10am service in the Sunday School room to discuss the previous episodes. Contact Geraldine Verschoor (Verschog@aol.com) for more information
- ❖ The Friday afternoon Bible Study Group meets on Zoom and in person, fortnightly during school term time, from 1.30pm to 3pm. For more information contact Tanya Page (fieldingtanya@hotmail.com)
- ❖ Praying for Growth. If you might be interested in joining the prayer group to pray for growth at Christ Church, please contact Geraldine Verschoor (VerschoG@aol.com)
- ❖ The Men's Group meets fortnightly on Saturdays at 10am for discourse on theology, politics and any other topic that interests us, from the light-hearted to the serious. For more information contact John Ladd (john.ladd@ntlworld.com)
- ❖ The Eaton Branch of the Mothers' Union meets regularly throughout the year. Contact Ruth Vaughan (504849) for more information
- ❖ Mission Focus meets on the second Monday of the month, from 2-3pm, to pray for our Mission Partners, Dick and Caroline Seed and Mirna Paulo. For more information telephone 455031

NEWS AND NOTICES

Spring Fair Thanks

A big thank you to all who supported the Spring Fair in aid of our Mission Partners

Lent Charities Thanks

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Foodbank Lent Appeal. We donated 17 bags of food, which go directly to the people who need them. Our next collection is on Sunday, 3rd May. Any donations put into the Foodbank box on other Sundays are also very welcome. *Many thanks*

The six Lent Lunches, held at Christchurch and St Andrews, raised £1131 to be shared between the Bishop's Lent Appeal for clergy children at the Martyrs School in Papua New Guinea (£432) and Tearfund's Democratic Republic of The Congo appeal (£699). Thank you all for your generous support. *Vivien, Ruth, Jane and all their helpers*

talk@two: Advance Notice

The first talks of 2026 will be at 2pm on Friday 8th May, *Norwich Shawls by Helen Kennett*, and Friday 19th June, *D.J. Taylor on Orwell and God*. All welcome. Talks are followed by discussion and refreshments. *Bridget Archer and Julie Bolt*

Away Day

Our next Away Day, on the theme of being a disciple today, will be on Saturday, 31st October 2026 at St John's Cathedral Narthex. The day will be led by the Rev'd Madeline Light. *Please book the date!*

Evensong Help Needed

If you might like to be a sidesperson or reader for our 6pm Evensongs please speak to Patrick or Vivien

Patrick's Weekly Emails

Patrick is using new software to send out his weekly emails. Please check your spam folders in case his latest one has ended up there! *Thank you*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

11.15am on Sunday 31st 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. The annual report and accounts will be available in May.

The Right to Vote at the APCM

The electoral roll for Christ Church is being updated ahead of the APCM in May. If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll but consider yourself a member of Christ Church or you are on the roll already and your contact details have changed then please would you take and fill in a simple form, available on the table at the back of the church, complete it, sign and return to either David Archer (the electoral roll officer) or one of the church wardens. More details in the April magazine.

Deadline: April 26th

Attendance Figures

5th April:

8am: 19

10am: 151 adults, 15 U16s

6pm: 16

12th April:

8am: 15

10am: 56 adults, 3 U16s

6pm: 11

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 26th APRIL - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 am	BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.139)
10 am	Family Communion (Genesis 7; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10)
6 pm	BCP Evensong in church and on Zoom (Ezra 3:1-13; Ephesians 2:11-22)

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for growth in discipleship and the various groups that meet at Christ Church - for those that lead and organise them and for those that attend. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Coach House Court, Caroline Court and Christchurch Road.

The World

Here are some prayer points for Iran taken from the Open Doors website (opendoorsuk.org)

Pray for the children of Iran. Pray for protection from violence, from fear and from being used in any way that puts them in harm's path.

Pray for protection over Christians in detention, especially in places like Evin Prison and other facilities where conditions are worsening. Ask God to protect them physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and courage for believers facing fear, displacement and uncertainty in their daily life.

Pray for healing for the nation, for an end to violence and for lasting peace.

Pray for the country's leadership. May God raise just, compassionate leaders and protect the country from further harm and bloodshed, along with the entire Middle East region. Pray that the light of Christ would shine through the darkness, bringing hope and transformation to Iranian communities.

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, Caroline, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Margaret Elbro, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, Joanna, John Ladd, Nigel, Paul, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Tony Sword, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright. We give thanks that Muriel Jones has made a good recovery.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the family and friends of Marie Prendergast. 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 20th April. *Thank you*

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