

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026



### The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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.71)

**10 am**      **Family Communion** with activities for the young  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 (Old Testament p.647)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (New Testament p.162)  
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 (New Testament p.3)  
Anthem: *In a world where people walk in darkness* -  
arr. John Harper  
Voluntary: *Movements from 'Variations sur Kelvingrove'* -  
Denis Bédard

**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**

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## LENT

### *Lent Course*

***Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent***  
Wednesdays 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>,  
18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm at the  
Vicarage, 161 Newmarket Road,  
NR4 6SY. Please let Patrick know if you  
are interested

***Joint Ash Wednesday Communion***  
7.30pm, 18<sup>th</sup> February at Christ Church

### *Lent Lunches on Mondays*

12.30pm-1.45pm on Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> March at Christ  
Church and on Mondays 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
30<sup>th</sup> March at St Andrew's Church  
Hall.

If you might be able to help one  
Monday from 12noon-1.45pm please  
talk to Vivien Humber

## EVENTS

***Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated***

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

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

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

2.30pm Youth and children's committee meet (venue TBC)

### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

10.00 am Choir rehearsal

10.30 am Creative workshop (booking required - see notices)

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February *Foodbank collection***

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

12 noon Deadline for March Parishes Magazine. Please send contributions  
via email to [magazine@eatonchurches.org.uk](mailto:magazine@eatonchurches.org.uk) or leave in the Parishes'  
Office

2.30 pm Meeting of Old Eatonians at St Andrew's Church Hall. *Tales from  
recording a Burial Ground* - Marilyn Evans. Ann Copsey (259257)

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

### **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas**

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.205)

10 am Family Communion with candles and procession  
(Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40)

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

## LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!

**Charity of the Month: Wycliffe Bible Translators** ([wycliffe.org.uk](http://wycliffe.org.uk)) -  
helping everyone have access to a Bible in their own language. For more  
information see the display at the back of church, where you will also  
find donation envelopes. Alternatively, please visit their website.

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

First sessions: 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Help Nominate 2026 Charities!

The Parishes' Donations Team would like nominations for the *Charities of the Month* for the second half of this year, one for each month. We are looking for a mixture of international, national and local charities, all Christian-based. Could you set out your reasons for suggesting a charity and email it to [vivienaldred@norwich.cloud](mailto:vivienaldred@norwich.cloud) or hand it into the Parishes' Office, marked *Donations, 2026*. The Donations Team will then consider the nominations and the PCC will approve the final list.

### Creative Workshop

10.30am-12.00pm, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Design and create your own prayer beads. Short introduction and discussion about prayer. Guidance and materials including beads and thread will be provided. You are welcome to bring along any beads you wish to use. Please book a place by contacting: Julie Bolt ([ja.bolt@ntlworld.com](mailto:ja.bolt@ntlworld.com)), Bridget Archer ([davidarcher66@btinternet.com](mailto:davidarcher66@btinternet.com)) or adding your name to the list on the noticeboard at Christ Church. Places are limited. Additional workshops will be arranged as necessary.

### Special *Chat Over a Cuppa*

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. A Special Winter Tea with sandwiches, cakes and plenty more. Please bring friends and come and join us.

### Monthly Charity Collections, November and December

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to the charities of the month for November and December. In November £330 was raised for Star Throwers, a local cancer support charity based in Wymondham, and in December £442.50 for 4Cs, a face to face and online counselling service for people living in Norfolk which is staffed by Christian volunteers.

### Time for Parish Review Reports!

If you usually write a report for the Parish Review, please email it to [office@eatonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@eatonchurches.org.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Thank you, *Ruth Thorp*

### Attendance Figures

11<sup>th</sup> January:

8am:	13
10am:	65 adults, 6 U16s
6pm:	7

18<sup>th</sup> January:

8am:	11
10am:	67 adults, 4 U16s
6pm:	6

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

### **Collect**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup> January)**

Eternal God, we come before You to remember the victims of the Holocaust. We lament the loss of six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of all genocides. As we remember and lament all those whose lives have been lost, help us to work for a better future today. We pray for a day when all shall be free to live in peace, unity and love.

Amen. *(Council of Christians and Jews)*

### **Environment**

O God, may we learn to see and to seek the light in our own lives; may our lives and our work bring healing and light to others and bring healing and light to the task of tending creation; may the light of your love show us the best way to live on the earth. *(from chooselife: Worship and Action for Creation)*

### **Prayer for Growth**

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your

Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk)*

### **Church and Local Concerns**

We pray for the Creative Workshop this Saturday and for the upcoming Prayer Course, praying for those who will attend and giving thanks for those organising them. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Spelman Road, Statham Close and The Mews.

### **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, Evangeline Fischer-Harrison, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, Simon Girling, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, John Ladd, Caroline Richmond, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright. We give thanks that Carrie is making a good recovery.

**Notices for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, [notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk)) by 10am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. *Thank you*

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