

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2026



The Fourth 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.139)

10 am **Family Communion** with activities for the young
1st Reading: Genesis 7 (Old Testament p.6)
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (New Testament p.231)
Gospel: John 10:1-10 (New Testament p.100)
Anthem: *Brother James' Air* - Bain arr. Archer
Voluntary: *Prelude on Hyfrydol* - R Vaughan Williams
Organist: David Uden

6 pm **BCP Evensong** in Church and on Zoom
1st Reading: Ezra 3:1-13 (Old Testament p.434)
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 (New Testament p.190)
Voluntary: *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* - J G Walther
Organist: David Uden

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LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!

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

Monday 27th April

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

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

Tuesday 28th April

2.30 pm Funeral of Marie Prendergast at Earlham Crematorium

Friday 1st May

11.00 am Funeral of Ian Alexander-Sinclair

Sunday 3rd May *Foodbank Collection*

Monday 4th May

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

Tuesday 5th May

7.30 pm Group Council meet at 28 Bluebell Road

Wednesday 6th May

11.00 am Funeral of Elizabeth Bencze at St Faith's crematorium

12 noon Deadline for the June Parishes Magazine. Please send contributions
via email to magazine@eatonchurches.org.uk or leave in the Parishes'
Office

2.30 pm Meeting of Old Eatonians at St Andrew's Church Hall. *Colourful
Ethiopia* - Philip and Pat Alker. *Ann Copsey (259257)*

Thursday 7th May

12noon Mothers' Union Festival service at Norwich Cathedral

Friday 8th May

2.00 pm Talks@2. *Norwich Shawls* - Helen Kennett Followed by an opportunity
for discussion over refreshments. *Bridget Archer and Julie Bolt*

Sunday 10th May

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



COME AND SING CHORAL EVENSONG

Join the Christ Church Choir for a *Come and Sing* Choral Evensong next
Sunday, 3rd May. Rehearsal at 4pm, bring and share tea for choir and
congregation at 5pm, service at 6pm. All welcome.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Thy Kingdom Come 2026: 14th-24th May

A free Novena and prayer diary for Thy Kingdom Come 2026, a global ecumenical prayer movement which runs from Ascension Day to Pentecost, will be available in Christ Church from 26th April. A different Bible story will be explored over 11 days.

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.

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*

The Right to Vote at the APCM Deadline: Today

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.

Spring Fair Thanks

A big thank you to all who supported the Spring Fair in aid of our Mission Partners, the Seeds and Mirna Paulo. £1049 was raised.

The Magdalene Group Request

We are presenting at the Bishop's House Open Gardens event on Sunday 31st May and are looking for donations of cakes and/or second hand books. Donations can either be brought to our office: 61 King Street, Norwich, NR1 1PH; Mon-Fri, 9-5, or, if it is easier, we can arrange collection, say on the Saturday. *Thank you, Vivienne Dennis*
vivienne@magdalenegroup.org

Attendance Figures

12 th April:	
8am:	15
10am:	56 adults, 3 U16s
6pm:	11
19 th April:	
8am:	15
10am:	69 adults, 6 U16s
6pm:	13

Notices for Sunday 3rd May

should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on Tuesday 28th April. *Thank you*

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SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 3rd MAY - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion with the Rev'd Colin Reed
(Collect and readings p.141)
- 10 am Christening of Orestes Broadly with all-age Communion (John 14:1-6)
- 6 pm *Come & Sing* Choral Evensong (Zechariah 4:1-10; Revelation 21:1-14)

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for our local nurseries, schools, colleges and universities, praying for all sitting exams this term. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in College Road, Colman Road, Daniels Road and Dover Street.

Discipleship

God of life and hope, we offer you all that we are and we place our lives in your hands. In Jesus you meet us at every turning of the road; you call our name in the garden; and you challenge us at the margins. As we are greeted between the life we know and the new future to which you call us, we hear your voice, asking us to change. You call us to be witnesses to a world made new. Give us courage to respond with our whole hearts, and walk with you into your promised new day. Amen.

(from chooselife: Worship and Action for Creation)

Mission Partners

We pray for our Church Mission Society Partners, Dick and Caroline Seed, in South Africa. We give thanks for the recent training course at Johannesburg Bible College when 16

Bible teachers completed their training and that the new Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education has started. We pray for the upcoming modules that Caroline and Dick will be teaching online. We pray for healing for Dick's foot and ask that their car will be repaired soon.

(These are some of the items for prayer in the latest email from the Seeds, copies of which are available at the back of church and in the Resources section of the church website)

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 Fraser, Penny Furze, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, Joanna, Muriel Jones, John Ladd, Nigel, Paul, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright. We give thanks that Margaret Elbro and Tony Sword are recovering well.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the families and friends of Ian Alexander-Sinclair, Elizabeth Bencze and Marie Prendergast. Help us comfort those who mourn.