

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026



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### The Third Sunday of Lent Covid-19 Day of Reflection

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.89)

**10 am**      **Family Communion** with activities for children  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (Old Testament p.66)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:1-11 (New Testament p.151)  
Gospel: John 4:5-42 (New Testament p.91)  
Anthem: *Jesu lover of my soul* - Wilson arr. Barnard  
Voluntary: *Elegy* - George Thalben-Ball

**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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**Charity of the Month: *Norwich Diocese Mothers' Union Refugee Resettlement Project*** - buying suitable bedding for all vulnerable families coming to Norfolk through the Home Office scheme. For more information, please see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes.

## EVENTS

*Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated*

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>      *Foodbank Collection***

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

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

12.30 pm Lent Lunch. All welcome

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

2.00 pm Mission Focus meet to pray for our Mission Partners. All welcome

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

7.30 pm PCC meeting

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

11.30 am Funeral of June Bishop at Earlham Crematorium

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

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm Posy making (see notices)

7.00 pm Quiz and Chips at Eaton Park Community Centre

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>      *Foodbank Collection***

3.00 pm Eaton Concert Series at St Andrew's. Elodie Chousmer-Howelles (violin) and Julian Chan (piano) will perform a programme of French music, including sonatas by Saint-Saens, Poulenc and Tailleferre  
Tickets: £15, students £7.50, children free. More information:  
[eatonconcertseries.co.uk/events](http://eatonconcertseries.co.uk/events)

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

12.30 pm Lent Lunch at St Andrew's Church Hall. All welcome

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union meet to share a favourite poem or hymn.  
*Ruth Vaughan (504849)*

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

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### **The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday**

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.91)

10 am All Age Service for Mothering Sunday (Colossians 3:12-17)

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Calling All Gardeners

Please consider planting a few more seeds and taking an extra cutting or two for the Plant Stall at the Mission Support Spring fair on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Please Help with Posies

Please join us on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm, in Christ Church to prepare the posies for Mothering Sunday. Offerings of greenery would be very welcome - please leave at the back of Church. *Ruth Vaughan (504849)*

*Ruth wants to step back from organising the posy making. Please talk to her if you might help.*

### Help Nominate 2026 Charities!

The Parishes' Donations Team would like nominations for the *Charities of the Month* for the second half of this year. We are looking for a mixture of international, national and local charities, all Christian-based. Please give 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. Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> March

### Wanted: Instrumentalists

to play at the Mothering Sunday service (10am, March 15<sup>th</sup>, short rehearsal 9.15am). If you might like to play, please let Matt Wright know

### Taizé Pilgrimage

Bishop Graham is taking a group of young adults (18-35s) on a subsidised trip to Taizé for a week in July. More information is at [dofn.org/taize](http://dofn.org/taize) or, if you'd like to find out what the trip is like, speak to William Visick who has been 3 times and hopes to go again this year.

### talk@two: Advance Notice

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

### Attendance Figures

22<sup>nd</sup> February:

8am:	14
10am:	61 adults, 0 U16s
6pm:	8

1<sup>st</sup> March:

8am:	12
10am:	71 adults, 4 U16s
6pm:	7

### Notices for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, [notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk)) by 10am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. *Thank you*

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## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

### Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer for Iran**

Ever-loving God, who hears us in our anguish and distress, and longs for us to be free. We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East, at this time of fear and uncertainty. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering. Guide those with the power to make decisions, and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation: that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation. Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places, in praying for peace with justice, through him who is the prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*churchofengland.org*)

## **Prayer for Covid Anniversary**

Has it really been 6 years Lord? 6 years since lockdown, fear, heroic NHS staff, and a daily death toll on the news? 6 years since panic, uncertainty, and incompetence mixed with dedication, unity, and scientific ingenuity? 6 years since law breaking was contrasted so strongly with law keeping? It feels so much further away than just 6 years. We've seen several different prime ministers and a different monarch; there again we've got the same US president back! The homeless have been returned to the streets - seems it was too expensive to keep on supporting them after all, politicians are busy rewriting history, seeking to influence which lessons are to be learnt...and we live with the trauma. So, we remember before you Lord those who have died, those whose lives are still wounded with grief and long Covid and those who gave their lives through caring. We give thanks for doctors and scientists who found a vaccine so quickly, for advisors and planners who got the vaccine delivered so well, and for those who devised treatments to relieve suffering. But Lord, we're left with the pandemic's legacy - unanswered questions, unresolved grief, and unaddressed anger which sit alongside our gratitude and admiration. We wonder, Lord, what we can learn from the pandemic, whether we're ready to hold to account those who failed to plan, those who could not lead with integrity, those who profited from suffering, and those who evaded justice. We're left wondering how to deal with both the trauma and the memories, and, most of all, Lord we wonder if we're any better prepared for the next one. So give us your wisdom, Lord, that we can navigate these times, and our memories, with honesty, grace, and the ability to bring change, Amen. (*devotions.urc.org.uk - adapted*)

## **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, Simon Girling, 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, David Uden 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.