

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2024



The First Sunday of Advent

Here for Christ – here for you

A very warm welcome if you are joining us today.

Our services are in Church and on Zoom. We usually record 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 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. Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service.

8 am **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect and readings p.47)

10 am **Family Communion** with activities for the young
1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Old Testament p.749)
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (New Testament p.201)
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 (New Testament p.82)
Voluntary: *Veni Emmanuel* - Noel Rawsthorne

6 pm **Candlelit Advent Carol Service** in church and on Zoom

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

Charity of the Month: *Norwich Youth for Christ* (norwichyfc.co.uk) -
Seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus. Please donate at the back of
church or online

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NEWS AND NOTICES

Christmas Hostel Gifts

Gifts for those living in our local hostels (Leeway, YMCA My Place, Norwich Archway and St Martin's Housing Trust) may be left in the boxes at the back of church on 1st and 8th December or taken to the parishes' office during opening hours in the week of 2nd December. Gifts must be **UNWRAPPED**. Suggestions include: toiletries, mugs, t-shirts, jumpers, tights, socks, gloves, slippers, scarves, jewellery, games, tins of biscuits and chocolates, sweets and arts and crafts material, wrapping paper and tags, clothes and small toys for infants and children up to 11 years old, dog treats, new leads and dog toys. Please contact Vivien Humber (507855) for more information.

Calling Musicians

We need instrumentalists and singers to help lead the music at the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve, 3.30pm. If you can help please contact Matt Wright. *Thank you*

Christmas Memorial Service

Patrick leads this at Earlham Crematorium Chapel at 3pm on Wednesday 11th December, followed by refreshments. All welcome

Charity of the Month Updates

The total sum collected for Tearfund in October was £1,000. It brings the total (for the two churches) for the year to £5,676. Thank you to all who have given so generously.

Mission Geeks in Zambia have written a letter of thanks for receipt of £662 donated by our congregations. The full letter, which includes details on how the money was spent, is displayed at the back of Church.

Carol Singers Wanted

For services at Chiswick House, 2.30pm on Monday 9th and at the Hawthorns Care Home, Unthank Road on Monday 23rd December at 2.30pm. No exceptional skills needed! Please see John Harrison for more information

Please Help Decorate for Christmas

We shall be decorating Christ Church from 9am on Saturday 21st December. Seasonal foliage and flowers welcome. Donations for flowers will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Carrie Phoenix (07780676837)*

Ros Wright's Curacy

I have accepted an offer to serve as associate curate at the Gaywood benefice (near King's Lynn), following my ordination as deacon next Petertide. I am looking forward to this next adventure within my vocation journey, but it will be a massive emotional wrench to leave Eaton, where I have lived for 19 years, and Christ Church, where I have worshipped for over 9 years, and I will miss everyone greatly. Thank you for all your support, prayers, and interest in the story so far. God-willing, I will be ordained as deacon at Norwich Cathedral at 10.30am on Sunday June 29th, 2025. *Ros Wright*

Attendance Figures

17th November:

8am: 13
10am: 67 adults, 4 U16s
6pm: 7

24th November:

8am: 15
10am: 76 adults, 4 U16s
6pm: 6

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.49)
10 am Family Communion
(Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6)
3.30 pm Memorial Service for the Departed in Church and on Zoom
6 pm *No Evening Prayer*

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 1st *Foodbank Collection*

Monday 2nd

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

Tuesday 3rd

2.30 pm Funeral of Beryl Watkins

7.30 pm Group Council meet at 28 Bluebell Road

Wednesday 4th

2.30 pm Meeting of Old Eatonians at St Andrew's Church Hall. *Seasonal Music - The Cringleford Singers. Ann Copsey (259257)*

7.30 pm Advent Course - *Science and Faith: the Big Questions* at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

Thursday 5th

2.15 pm Town Close Pre-Prep Advent Service

Friday 6th

6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

Sunday 8th *LAST Foodbank Collection before Christmas*

Monday 9th

10.00 am The Clare School Christingle service

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa* - free drinks and refreshments. All welcome

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

7.30 pm PCC meeting

Wednesday 11th

3.00 pm Christmas Memorial Service at Earlham Crematorium. *See notices*

7.30 pm Advent Course - *Science and Faith: the Big Questions* with Patrick Richmond and Ros Wright at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

Friday 13th

6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

Notices for Sundays 8th and 15th December should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on Tuesday 3rd December. *Thank you*

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Christ Church



PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Morning Prayer is said on Zoom at 9am, Mondays-Fridays

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The World

We pray for a lasting ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, and for peace across the Middle East. We pray all affected by war and conflict, those seeking to bring them aid and for peacekeepers and leaders.

A Prayer for Refugees

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for all who attend and lead our Sunday school and young people's group. We pray for Patrick

as he takes assemblies and leads services for our local schools this month. We pray for the Christingle Workshop of 21st December. We pray for the distribution of our Christmas cards and that we would invite people to come to our services and events this Advent and Christmas, and that people would come to Christ. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Coach House Court, Caroline Court and Christchurch Road.

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 Bobs, Evangeline Fischer-Harrison, Penny Furze, Susan Gillard, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris and Don Hobbs, Vivien Humber, Paul James, Geoff Morgan, Phil, Dick and Val Rout, Neil Rout, Jonathan Spelman, and Joan Wheatley.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the families and friends of Roger Siggee (David Watkins' son-in-law) and Beryl Watkins. Help us comfort those who mourn.